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Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board Meeting



June 21, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Dallas County Records Building
Innovation Training Room, 7th Floor
500 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202

Members Present: Ed Koppman, William Freeman, Rick Kopf, Javier Vilchis, Amy Martin, Kiphani Allen, Andrew Albert Jones, James Curl,

Members Absent: Rinkesh Desai, Philip Hiatt Haigh, Fred Washington

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ed Koppman at 10:37 am.

2. Welcome/Introductions

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment given at the meeting.

4. Dallas County Open Space Plan Visioning Session

TAPP Board members will discuss their views on the future direction of the Dallas County Parks and Open Space Program.

- a. TAPP Board members considered issues and opportunities at the preserves. They also discussed ways to raise awareness of the Parks and Open Space Program and the four draft goals of the Open Space Plan. Some common themes during discussion were:

i. Issues

1. Signage for location (road), orientation, and wayfinding.
2. Availability and consistency of information about the preserves.
3. Amenities that are appropriate to individual preserves.
4. Additional soft-surface trails, especially over four miles that would attract visitors from outside the preserve's neighborhood.

ii. Opportunities

1. Using preserves to promote public health and being active.

2. Educational programming.
 3. Partnerships with organizations with similar goals.
 4. Marketing.
- iii. Goals
1. Emphasizing enhancing and connecting preserves.
 2. Emphasizing preserve stewardship.
 3. Balancing preservation with preserve enhancements.

5. Adjourn

Mr. Koppman adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.