



MINUTES

Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board Meeting



June 11, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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

Members Present: Amy Martin, Javier Vilchis, William Freeman, Fernando Rojas, Kiphani Allen, and Shahzad Chaudhry

Members Absent: Ed Koppman, Andy Jones, Philip Hiatt Haigh, Rinkesh Desai, and Corey Carrasco

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mia Whitham at 9:39am

2. Welcome/Introductions

Commissioner Garcia's interns, Mary Jane and Layla, were introduced to the group.

3. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comment.

4. Review and Approval of the April 9, 2026, Minutes

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, and Ms. Martin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Status of Trails

Andrew Hooker from Public Works provided the status of trails update.

Cypress Waters Trail

Construction on the Cypress Waters Trail originally began on June 2, 2025, and the trail is now 100% complete.

Chalk Hill Trail

Chalk Hill Trail Phase I is about to start construction on a 12' Wide Concrete Trail with four access points to community neighborhoods. The award was given on April 21st, the pre-construction meeting was held on June 5th.

Chalk Hill Trail Phase II has received a 60% design, and it is being reviewed by TxDot. When comments are returned, the project can move into advanced funding agreement execution.

Heritage Trail

As announced in the April meeting, the trail is open to the public. The county is just waiting for the final invoice.

Campion Trail

Plans for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Campion Trail Project are at 100% design. They are pending approval from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The city is in the process of acquiring Right-Of-Way (ROW) Permit.

Southeast Trail

No further updates on the Southeast Trail since the April meeting. The county is still waiting to receive the 60% design.

6. Status of County Preserves

Dallas County Parks and Open Space Administrator, Mia Whitham, provided the county preserves updates.

Dallas County Parks and Open Space (DCPOS) staff met with a contractor for the Goat Island East gravel pit compliance project. The estimate has not yet been received.

The bid for the Post Oak Preserve paved trail rehabilitation was awarded to Meca Construction on May 5th. The contractor is waiting for permits from the City of Seagoville and will start construction quickly thereafter.

Kimley-Horn has completed the environmental and drainage assessments in Spring Creek Preserve. As part of their remediation for the damage to the preserve, they started the debris dispersal project. They also plan to attend the August TAPP Board meeting to provide an overview of the environmental report and recommendations for remediation.

Mia provided an introduction of the new Park Ranger, Zane Boldt. There will be an in-person introduction at the August meeting.

7. Presentation: Goat Island Preserve/Goat Island East Preserve Development Concepts from Halff Associates

Mr. Will Liu from Halff Associates presented 3 concept designs and budgets for Goat Island Preserve and Goat Island East Preserve (referenced as Parson's Slough). The group discussed the pros and cons of each design to guide future iterations.

8. Update on The Loop Dallas Trail Projects from Philip Hiatt Haigh

Mr. Haigh could not make it to the meeting; there was no update on The Loop Dallas Trail Projects.

9. Proposal of Future Agenda Items

The group discussed meeting locations for the August meeting, since the Records Building is booked.

10. Upcoming Events/Board Meetings

a. Next TAPP Board Regular Meeting: August 13, 2026

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47am.