

TRINITY RIVER CORRIDOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION

**March 22, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Council Briefing Room, 6ES
1500 Marilla
Dallas, TX 75201**

Board Members Present:

Pat Priest
Linda Owen
Vincent T. Parker
Dr. Andrew Quicksall

Board Members Absent:

Stacey Doré
Sophia Johnson
Wendy Lopez

1. Welcome

Called the meeting to order – 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of the February 22, 2019 Trinity River Corridor Local Government Corporation Board Meeting

A motion to approve the February 22, 2019 Board Minutes was made by Linda Owen. Seconded by Vincent T. Parker. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. Update on meeting with US Army Corps of Engineers Regarding Review Status of Harold Simmons Park

Dr. Andrew Quicksall provided a synopsis of meeting hosted by Trinity Park Conservancy (TPC) and attended by LGC board, TPC design team, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the City of Dallas. At the meeting TPC provided an update on the 10% park design and timeline of the Harold Simmons Park. The US Army Corps of Engineers provided feedback regarding the park design presented. Discussions were held on next steps.

4. Update of Phase 1, Harold Simmons Park: design, funding and community and economic development updates

Brent Brown reported that TPC stands strongly united with the LGC and the City to advancing the Balance Vision Plan and achieving a great park within the ROD issued in 2015. The Harold Simmons Park represents 10% of the area within the modified floodway area.

TPC will deliver a park design and park that complies with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regulations. The design team is working on it. At this point the schedule will not change for the 35% park design. It is a work in progress that is achievable. We are the beginning of a lot of hard work. Coordination with the LGC, City of Dallas and USACE is ongoing.

The public presentations on HSP are to help the public to better understand the location, activities, interests and access to HSP. TPC is putting together the fundraising pieces and looks forward to raising more than \$100M and is confident that TPC will meet this challenge. TPC is working with Marts & Lundy on fundraising strategy; pushing online giving portal at trinityparkconservancy.org, ongoing donor identification, major gift solicitation and conservancy capacity building.

Community Development Forum held on 3/21 related to community engagement and design. Design Reveal, set for Thursday, April 25th, will focus on design process and influence of community engagement on design. 2019 Corporate Day of Service schedule for April 5th, this a partnership between TPC and the City of Dallas.

Brittani Carter-Durant reported that Community Engagement has major ongoing efforts include cultivating relationships, citywide events, collaborative initiatives and park programming. Ten to twenty major events held last year that reached over a thousand people.

Elissa Izmallyan, Director of Community & Economic Development reported the focus of community development work is to ensure that HSP delivers benefits equitably to the neighboring communities and the City as a whole. Currently developing policies and programs outside of the levees but related to park investment that support great outcomes for everyone in the City. We will report back in the fall with a more detailed plan on how we will work together to advance partner implementation with the City, stakeholders, communities of an equitable development plan and community development framework.

Three community development studies were launched on December 2018; including equitable development (focused on policies and programs that can support inclusive economic development around HSP); urban design and mobility (focused on physical connections between neighboring communities and HSP); and economic, social and environmental impact (Study to understand impacts citywide and neighborhood by neighborhood to deliver equitable benefits to everyone). TPC hosted a Community Development Forum with a focus on sharing vision and ideas in open dialogue with the community about HSP.

Isaac Cohen, Studio Outside, reported on his research on the physical connectivity to the HSP and what it means to build a park in the heart of the City. The park must connect to a network of civic and recreational amenities and be a linkage between these amenities. The team is looking outside the levees and looking at data analysis, planning review, observation and experiences as users of the HSP and public engagement. As a regional destination, how are people going to get to the park and not disturb single family neighborhoods. Access points focusing on overlooks, gateways and trailheads. Identifying key civic assets, neighborhood amenities and iconic locations.

Andrea Batista Schlesinger, HRNA Advisors, reported on her company's role in implementing the project regarding racial and economic justice. Her company works with visionary urban leaders to turn their interests into racial and economic justice and equity into implementable ideas and reality. Her company is charged with addressing Dallas' structural inequities and the equitable distribution of benefits as it related to HSP.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

APPROVED BY:



Pat Priest, Chair
Trinity River Corridor
Local Government Corporation

ATTEST:



Stacey Doré, Secretary
Trinity River Corridor
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