

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/25/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0276

LOG NAME: 80FOREST PARK RDWY PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY - CHAPTER 26

SUBJECT

(CD 3 and CD 9) Conduct Public Hearing and Authorize the Use of Approximately 12.955 Acres of Forest Park, that being Portions of Colonial Parkway, Kensington Court, McCart Avenue, Park Hill Drive, Rockridge Terrace, Rogers Road, S. University Drive, E. Winton Terrace, and W. Winton Terrace, for Dedicated Public Right-of-Way

(**PUBLIC HEARING** - a. Report of City Staff: Lori Gordon; b. Public Comment; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing under the guidelines set forth by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26, Protection of Public Parks and Recreational Lands;
 2. Find that no feasible or prudent alternative exists for the use of the identified portions of Forest Park, consisting of portions of Colonial Parkway, Kensington Court, McCart Avenue, Park Hill Drive, Rockridge Terrace, Rogers Road, S. University Drive, E. Winton Terrace, and W. Winton Terrace;
 3. Find that the proposed use includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland; and
 4. Close the public hearing and authorize the use of approximately 12.955 acres of dedicated parkland at Forest Park as dedicated public right-of-way.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the City of Fort Worth Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) the use of approximately 12.955 acres of Forest Park for portions of Colonial Parkway, Kensington Court, McCart Avenue, Park Hill Drive, Rockridge Terrace, Rogers Road, S. University Drive, E. Winton Terrace, and W. Winton Terrace for public right-of-way (ROW).

TPW has identified that portions of Colonial Parkway, Kensington Court, McCart Avenue, Park Hill Drive, Rockridge Terrace, Rogers Road, S. University Drive, E. Winton Terrace, and W. Winton Terrace pass through parkland with no official documentation of public ROW, and where ROW does exist, it is narrower than current City standards. The purpose of this Texas Parks and Wildlife – Chapter 26 parkland conversion process is to officially document proper public ROW through Forest Park.

The official public right-of-way documentation requires a use of portions of Forest Park as follows:

- Colonial Parkway request for ROW use is approximately 185,827 square feet, which equates to 4.266 acres;
- Kensington Court request for ROW use is approximately 7,013 square feet, which equates to 0.161 acres;
- McCart Avenue request for ROW use is approximately 20,125 square feet, which equates to 0.462 acres;
- Park Hill Drive request for ROW use is approximately 40,903 square feet, which equates to 0.939 acres.
- Rockridge Terrace request for ROW use is approximately 31,799 square feet, which equates to 0.730 acres;
- Rogers Road request for ROW use is approximately 7,100 square feet, which equates to 0.163 acres;
- S. University Drive request for ROW use is approximately 202,554 square feet, which equates to 4.650 acres;
- Winton Terrace E. request for ROW use is approximately 57,456 square feet, which equates to 1.319 acres; and
- Winton Terrace W. request for ROW use is approximately 11,543 square feet, which equates to 0.265 acres.

The City Forester has determined that no park trees are impacted under this dedication of public ROW.

In accordance with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26, the City of Fort Worth seeks to use portions of Forest Park as dedicated public ROW.

In accordance with state law, the parkland conversion will be advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *Dallas Morning News* on March 2, 2025, March 9, 2025, and March 16, 2025.

An email announcing the proposed change of use was sent to registered Neighborhood Associations within one and one-half miles of the park before February 21, 2025 and posted on the City's Web page.

Forest Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 3 and 9, south of interstate Highway 30, west of Forest Park Boulevard, north of McPherson Avenue, and east of Rogers Road.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City Funds.

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