

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 04/12/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0293

**LOG NAME:** 80TRAIL DRIVERS-LEBOW RESTORATION

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 2) Conduct Public Hearing and Authorize the Use of a Portion of Trail Drivers Park Located at 1700 NE 28th Street for a Lebow Channel Permanent Drainage Maintenance Area of 0.36 Acres

(**PUBLIC HEARING** - a. Report of City Staff: Richard Zavala; b. Citizen Presentations; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

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## **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 Trail Drivers Park for the installation of a permanent drainage maintenance area;
  3. Find that the proposed permanent drainage maintenance area includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland, including that all infrastructure and equipment will be constructed in Trail Drivers Park as specified on the attached exhibits and as noted in the discussion below; and
  4. Close the public hearing and authorize the use of approximately 0.36 acres of dedicated parkland at Trail Drivers Park for the proposed permanent drainage maintenance area.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the use of a portion of parkland at Trail Drivers Park for the installation of a permanent drainage maintenance area.

The Park & Recreation Department (PAR) has been approached by the City of Fort Worth Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW Department) requesting the use of a portion of Trail Drivers Park for construction of Lebow Channel drainage improvements.

TPW Department identified this project in its Hazardous Road Overtopping Mitigation (HROM) Program to protect people and property from harmful stormwater runoff. The Lebow Channel improvements through Trail Drivers Park are necessary to reduce flood risk and erosion.

The proposed channel improvements and permanent drainage maintenance area will be located along the northern end of the park, south of NE 28th Street and east of Decatur Avenue. The proposed channel improvements require a 20 to 34-foot-wide by approximately 590 linear foot permanent drainage maintenance area. The proposed permanent drainage maintenance area equates to approximately 15,890 square feet or 0.36 acres. The temporary construction workspace is approximately 18,690 square feet or 0.43 acres. The park will be restored to previous condition or better upon completion.

The project on parkland includes realignment of the existing drainage channel to include bank armoring, the planting of 35 trees, both shade and small trees, as mitigation for the removed trees, native grasses and wildflowers in accordance with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mitigation requirements.

On December 15, 2021, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed staff's recommendation to the City Council to authorize the use of a portion of Trail Drivers Park for a permanent drainage maintenance area.

In accordance with State law, public notice of the hearing was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on March 22, March 29, and April 5, 2022. An exhibit map was available for public review on the Park & Recreation Department website.

Signage was posted at the site noting the proposed use and providing instructions for directing comments to the department. An email announcing the proposed conversion was sent to the presidents of the Diamond Hill Jarvis NAC, Far Greater Northside Historical Neighborhood Association and Inter-District 2 Alliance on March 10, 2022. Staff will note any public comment received during the public hearing report of City staff.

Trail Drivers Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

Trail Drivers Park - located at 1700 NE 28th Street, east of Decatur Avenue, south of NE 28th Street, west of Cold Springs Road and north of E Northside Drive.

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

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**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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