



## MEETING NOTES

**Date:** May 22, 2001      **Subject:** Trinity River Vision  
**Time:** 7:00 PM      **West Fork East Meeting**  
**Location:** Fort Worth East Regional Library      **Project No:** 143.00

**Attendees:** Becky Haskin, Frank Moss, Stewart Rennie, Judy Barton, Phyllis Snider, John Fain, Victor Puente, Sarah Walker, Terrie Harris, Bruce Benner, Frank Pentikis, Wesley Cleveland, John Promise, George Frost, Gary Kutilek, Wayne Owen, Charles Dreyfus, Wendy Shaby, James Toal, Tom Beech, Elaine Petrus, Tim Petrus, Adelaide Leavens, Randle Harwood

### *"WHAT DOES THE RIVER MEAN TO YOU?"*

#### *Comments:*

- The river ties together all cities in the metroplex
- Quality of life

### *"WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR ITS FUTURE?"*

#### *Comments:*

- Put a tongue on the low water dam in order to get canoes down this stretch of river
- Connect trails to Arlington; currently the trails go east through Arlington and end just short of Hwy 360. City not sure exactly how to go under 360 and connect to Grand Prairie.
- The trails through Arlington end to the west at River Legacy; could connect the trails to Fort Worth by crossing over the river at that point and run along the north side of the river or could continue along the south side of the river
- Leave the river in a natural state
- Keep it clean
- Manage water flow to allow the river to be deep enough to boat in at all times
- Connect trails throughout this stretch
- Move junk car lots along Elliott Reeder/ Haltom Rd. to a different location
- More playing fields that are not so close to the river unless there is a natural buffer in between; do not want chemicals from grass, trash, beverages, etc. running into the river
- ISTE grant is funded to build 12.9 miles of trails:
  - First Phase - Sycamore Creek
  - Second Phase - Beach St. towards Quanah Park
- Grant is being held up by inter-local agreements with the railroads
- River Bend neighborhood has private property that comes up to the levee; there is some concern that new trails on the levee would bring people into private property
- Consider volunteer help at certain places similar to the volunteers at RV Parks that

- maintain camp grounds
- Need "zoning" of the parks and river to accommodate all kinds of users (runners, bmx biking, roller blade, soccer, etc.); some of these uses together are unsafe
- Explore the possibility of Parks & Wildlife, Streams & Valleys, Cities of Arlington & Fort Worth, and other local entities to work together and apply for grants
- Canoe shoots
- Maintain water levels in far east area and study flow & quality of streams connecting into the Trinity
- Lighting on play fields a concern for neighborhoods; make sure that fields are down lighted to limit light pollution
- Look at future development along the river and zoning of areas that abut the river; there are some neighborhoods that at this time don't necessarily want to be connected to trails and we need to address future neighborhoods and the connection between them
- Area east of Loop 820 being assembled right now and must take into account what is being planned today for areas that abut the river
- More flexibility of trails; develop dirt trails now to see if they work, then later can replace with permanent trails
- Future proposed impoundment at Beach Street will be good and put flow back into the old oxbow
- Consider a tie in with the Trinity Railway Express; would be great to some day be able to ride or walk the trails while parking and riding back on the TRE
- Develop Gateway Park much like River Legacy and connect all the neighborhoods and parks by trails and to the Arlington

Notes prepared by Wendy Shabay. Please advise the writer of any discrepancies or deletions noted.



## MEETING NOTES

**Date:** June 6, 2001

**Subject:** Trinity River Vision  
Trail Users Meeting

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Project No:** 143.00

**Location:** Botanic Garden - Iris Room

**Attendees:** Lee Smith, Frank Diaz, Gwen Perez, David Perez, Kathi O'Riordan, Mark Carter, Michael Polansky, Barbara Polansky, Jacqueline Bender, Tim Erdman, Judy Barton, Lowery Bryan, Norm Tremblay, Kelly Warren, Bob Scully, Hal Jennings, Craig Kautsch, Kathy Cash, Cynthia Kimble, Jarrett Michel, Janice Michel, Cal Campbell, Ernest Johnson, Johnny Walker, Nancy Patriarco, Cheryl Fawell, Jo Alice Davis, Katherine Rhodes, Phil Snipes, Malcolm Fleet, Martha Dodson, Marcia Hackett, Charles Dreyfus, Paul Sabalis, Gale Cupp, Ken Garlington, Tom Beech, Dee Gullede, Adelaide Leavens, Wesley Cleveland, Darrell Beason, J.D. Granger, Wendy Davis, Randle Harwood, Elaine Petrus, Wendy Shabay, Trent Williams

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### **Groups Represented:**

Walkers, Runners, Bicyclists, Rowers, Fly Fishing, Bird Watchers, Kayakers, Naturalists, Canoers, Educators, Neighborhoods, and Interested Citizens

### **Comments:**

- Consider White Water Rodeo near Sycamore Creek or Downtown
- Get kids off of the bike paths and down to the water
- Prohibit jet skis and motor boats; would be very dangerous to the habitat of the river
- Must change the mind set of the people to make them think that the river is NOT dangerous
- In order for canoeing to work, must have a "destination" area at the other end; consider an inlet by White Settlement continuing through downtown
- Certain areas are not feasible to canoe, for example, there are 13 low water dams from Benbrook to downtown
- Keep areas natural for fish to live
- Currently TRWD stocks Trout in the downtown area, but that is not a good place to fly fish; suggest stocking the area of the Clear Fork from Hulen to 183 and designate a Fly Fishing area
- Most people don't eat the fish because they're not sure what pollutants go in the water from the golf courses
- Need public awareness on the condition of the water and the fish
- Would like to see an additional marathon in Fort Worth besides the Cowtown; Dallas holds a marathon near White Rock Lake; would love to host an "Ultra" marathon (minimum distance is 30 miles)
- Be careful about development; keep continuous trails throughout and don't ruin existing trails by development
- Consider building higher bridges instead of low water dams (can't get across low water dams when water is being let out of Benbrook)

- Consider trails on both sides with cross overs
- More restrooms! More water fountains!
- Pedestrian bridge across Clear Fork at Zoo
- Restrooms that are "break free", stainless steel, locked at night
- Security phones in certain places - contact telephone vendors and see about getting them put in
- ADA accessibility of trails and openings (Crestwood Park cross bar is too low and cannot get a wheelchair through)
- Parallel "soft trails" in downtown area
- Solar lighting along trails
- Remove posts from bridges
- Concern for the proposed Southwest Parkway; build high with light and no piers into river, consider building trails as part of construction of Parkway
- Gateway Park is a great park but there is no place to put in a canoe or kayak; consider inlet at this location
- Want trails from Riverside neighborhood; need trails on east side of the river and from Oakhurst neighborhood
- Quiet expansion joints in bridges that are not such a nuisance to cross
- "Trail Store" - different clubs could use, containing offices, grill, and juice bar located by Trinity Park or downtown
- Development in the downtown are only; keep the rest of the river natural
- Health of the water is extremely important - preserve natural areas, wetlands, filtration of what is going into the water
- Most of the pollution is from run-off of the streets
- Build easements into any future titles of land to protect the intent of the river master plan
- Need overlay districts to protect zoning
- Extend the Fort Worth Heritage with the river's potential
- Retail along the river
- Collect Christmas trees and put them in the river... to help promote river/ marine life
- Create a city wide event to promote the Trinity River
- More bridges and cross walks
- Murals on the sides of the bridges to soften/ enhance the view of the heavy cement
- Better access to the trails in more places

***Additional Items:***

- COE study is a Flood Control AND Ecosystem Restoration study
- Call 871-PARK for specific concerns regarding the river or parks

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## MEETING NOTES

**Date:** January 14, 2002  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** East Regional Library

**Subject:** Trinity River Vision  
 West Fork East & Sycamore  
 Creek Meeting

**Project No:** 143.00

### Attendees:

Mary Lynn Holder, Horace Butts, Don Boren, Wanda Conlin, Stewart Rennie, Ina Blake, Dick Blake, Keith Macedo, Jerre P. Westfall, David Taylor, Cecile Bostick, Walter Bostick, Eugene Bostick, Rick Herring, Lynn Shelton, Jamie Michel, Lon Burnam, Jarrett Michel, Charles Allen, Melody Mitchell, Harry Ledbetter, Jerry Barton, Marcia Hackett, Christine Houghton, Gunner Jones, Jan Miller, Ann Goby March, Tommie Gray, David Morgan, Carol Hale, Raymond Jones, Bill Colbert, Josehp Shepard, Charles Dreyfus, Owen Collins, John Maddux, Katherine Rhodes, John Ball, Bruce Carr, Glenn Forbes, Jim Patterson, Mr. And Mrs. Randal Howard, James Toal, Wendy Shabay, George Shannon, Becky Haskin, J.D. Granger, Wayne Owen

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### "WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR ITS FUTURE?"

#### Comments:

- Need to make recommendations and zoning recommendations for properties that abut the river – will cooperate with city and comprehensive plan – design land use and design guidelines that address properties
- Precinct Line Road & Cooks Lane – add canoe launch in this area and trail head (will be a major intersection)
- Provide parking lot at River Bend Estates (TH)
- Rick Herring from Oakhurst – add Riverside Park area to slides – want Oakhurst / Riverside on both maps
- How is it funded? State, federal and local – must work with others particularly on this stretch – TRWD technically ends at Beach Street so they don't have maintenance funding – can't fund "capital improvements" – so must work with mid-cities
- What is the design development process? Neighborhoods will need to come together, hope to have bond issue of significant magnitude
- Half of Cobb Park is under utilized – this needs to be addressed
- Preserve the trees!
- Big pollution problem near Sycamore Creek – report to Environmental Dept.
- Equestrian trails wanted on east side as well – facilities for horses and connection to equestrian trail on east side
- Must address design guidelines that encourage businesses to front the river
- Create maintenance easements
- Coordinate with TxDOT on 820 & Randol Mill Road – TxDOT has new requirement that must consider alternate modes of transportation
- Take this to the next level of transportation (road, hike, bike, rail, equestrian)
- Canoe on the West Fork east - when specifically aligning trails, take into account vegetation and meandering trails

- Low-water crossing possibly retrofit 4<sup>th</sup> Street Dam
- Westbound East Lancaster connection?

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