

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 9, 2013

TO Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members: Vonciel Jones Hill (Chair)
Linda Koop (Vice Chair), Monica Alonzo, Scott Griggs, Angela Hunt, and Delia Jasso

SUBJECT **Texas Horse Park Construction Award (FYI)**

The City of Dallas has been working towards development of an equestrian facility located in the Great Trinity Forest beginning with the 1997 Great Trinity Forest Master Plan. As part of these efforts, the 1998 and 2006 Bond Programs included funding to plan, design and construct components of the Texas Horse Park. In addition to the City funding, the Hillcrest Foundation will be providing a grant in the amount of \$200,000 towards construction of the therapeutic and community improvements at the site.

The project includes the creation of a facility to serve therapeutic riding needs in Dallas and develop an area that can serve camps, special events and daily horseback riding. An Oncor transmission tower will also be relocated as a separate item that will require future action by the Council. This project does not include the area surrounding the natural spring located on other City property in the area. However, as part of our ongoing efforts to preserve existing features in the Great Trinity Forest, a fence will be installed around the perimeter this month and interpretive signage will be developed to mark this unique asset.

The project was bid for construction in March 2013 through a request for competitive sealed bids. Staff is finalizing negotiations with the best value bidder. We anticipate conclusion of these negotiations early to mid-next week. At this time, staff is confident that the Texas Horse Park can be constructed as designed. Attached are the renderings that depict what the improvements will look like once the construction is completed.

Staff will be requesting, on the May 22, 2013 Addendum, authorization to:

- Accept \$200,000 in grant funds from the Hillcrest Foundation
- Award a construction contract not to exceed \$10,883,100 with SEDALCO/MetalMan, A Joint Venture, to construct amenities at the Texas Horse Park including barns, indoor and outdoor arenas, administrative buildings and seating areas; equipment and hay storage, a compost building, parking and other site improvements.
- Award a contract not to exceed \$136,220 for the fabrication and installation of a site-specific artwork located near the entrance at 811 Pemberton Hill Road with artist Curtis R. Patterson.

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Construction activities will begin in June and the project will be complete in May 2014. The City entered agreements with EQUEST and River Ranch Educational Charities on the December 12, 2012 City Council Agenda. As part of these agreements, our partners are responsible for the operations and maintenance of the Texas Horse Park. They have been integral during the design and eagerly await completion of the construction activities so that they may begin providing services to residents and visitors.

Please contact me if you have questions.



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Attachment

Cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
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Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
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Liz Fernandez, Director, Trinity Watershed Management
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