

TRINITY RIVER CORRIDOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION
May 29, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Virtual WebEx Meeting

Board Members Present:

Vincent T. Parker
Rene V. Martinez
Dr. Andrew Quicksall
Pat Priest
Anita M. Childress
Gary Kutac
Diane Butler

Board Members Absent:

Jim Knight – Ex-Officio

1. Welcome

Called the meeting to order – 10:02 a.m.

2. Open Microphone Speakers on Minutes

No speakers on items.

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 13, 2020 Trinity River Corridor Local Government Corporation Board Meeting

A motion to approve the March 13, 2020, Board Minutes was made by Dr. Andrew Quicksall. Seconded by Anita M. Childress. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. Introduction of newly appointed Trinity River Corridor LGC board members

Pat Priest introduced Anita M. Childress, a graduate of Southern Methodist University who received her J.D. from University of Pennsylvania Law School. Childress served as chair of Dallas Civil Service Board for six years. Rene Martinez was also introduced. Mr. Martinez grew up in Dallas and received his Latin American Studies degree from Southern Methodist University. Mr. Martinez has been involved in public education and civic issues for many years. He has served on over 50 boards and commissions including; LULAC, United Way, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas Concilio, Dallas Planning and Zoning Commission and Dallas Parks and Recreation Board.

5. Trinity Park Conservancy (TPC) Management Changes and Introduction of Staff

Pat Priest informed the board that Walter Ecock, will be serving as the Interim President and CEO of the Trinity Park Conservancy (TPC) after the departure of Brent Brown in March. Mr. Ecock has served on the board of the TPC for many years.

**6. Quarterly Update on Harold Simmons Park (HSP) Focus Areas
Design and Construction**

Gary Kutac informed the board that the overall status of the project is progressing toward the 408 submission with the U.S. Corps of Engineers by the end of the year for the west overlook. Coordinating with appropriate City departments to ensure we have permits needed. The LGC and TPC work closely on design and construction and meet monthly and hold quarterly design advocacy design meetings.

Communications and Community Outreach

Vincent T. Parker informed the board that the Community Engagement & Inclusiveness Neighborhood Committee chaired by Darren James met on May 13, 2020. Topics discussed were communication and recent press stories. The LGC will increase advocacy with City Council on progress of the HSP. The committee is scheduled to meet monthly. The board recommended to include the topic of the Harold Simmons Park Equitable Development Toolkit study for discussion at the next board retreat.

Finance

Diane Butler reported to the board that the LGC has initiated a quarterly review of the HSP finances. The first meeting was held on April 16, 2020. Meeting participants included Pat Priest, Anita Childress, Diane Butler, Dede Rose, Jack Matthews, Walter Ecock, Sarah Fletcher and Sandy Holbrook. As of March 31, 2020, net assets were \$27,700,000; with a budget of \$21 million; and end of the year budget of \$68 million. The TPC was is the process of reviewing a December 2019 year-end audit conducted by Clifton, Larson and Allen. The audit has been approved. The audit has been submitted to the LGC. Regarding the LGC financials, as required, a bank account was established with BVA Banking. Statement of activities reflects a \$2,500 deposit with the only expenses being bank fees.

Funding

Pat Priest provided a funding update to the board. The main sponsors initial gift of \$50 million was given in 2016, by Annette Simmons; the term was extended to the end of 2021. There are other substantial donors; however due to current health pandemic, are giving some time before moving forward. Donors continue to work thru their philanthropic commitments as well.

7. **Upcoming Activities – Pat Priest**

Master Development Agreement Revisions

The Trinity River Corridor LGC board discussed the need to make modifications to the Master Development Agreement and the development schedule during the November 15, 2019 meeting. The board will work the with City Attorney’s Office on options to address modifications.

Monthly Engagement Plan with City of Dallas/Trinity Park Conservancy/ Trinity River Corridor LGC

The monthly meetings with the Trinity River Corridor LGC, TPC and City of Dallas staff was called by the City liaison Assistant City Manager Majed Al-Ghafry. Have held one working session and will continue to hold the monthly meetings at the request of the City.

Project discussions on properties within one-quarter mile outside of centerline of the levees

There are several developers who are working on projects within one-quarter mile of the levees, which the area of the LGC footprint. Two developers have requested meetings to communicate their plans. No action is necessary at this point.

Board Retreat

The board retreat will be scheduled as soon as it can be held in person.

8. **Open Microphone Speakers**

No speakers

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED BY:

Pat Priest

Pat Priest, Chair
Trinity River Corridor LGC

ATTEST:

Gary Kutac

Gary Kutac, Secretary
Trinity River Corridor LGC