



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: John Elias, Park Projects Manager
Via: Brad Reid, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: January 26, 2021

Reference: Discussion regarding the Magnolia Park Trail Section

2040: **Implement Innovative Transportation Networks**

Introduction:

City Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$84,000 to Halff & Associates on January 8, 2019 for the design of elevated trail sections for Magnolia Park, Moore Road Park and the Asbury Manor trail intersection. The Coppell Recreation and Development Corporation (CRDC) authorized the funding of the contract on March 7, 2019. Halff presented the City with a preliminary findings report in July of 2019 that provided detailed trail/boardwalk alignment (Design Alternative A). In November of 2019, an updated report was presented to Park Board. This report included the northern shoreline alignment for Magnolia Park (Design Alternative B), as well as preliminary cost estimates. The estimate for Design Alternative A is \$984,186 and the estimate for Design Alternative B is \$370,902. On December 3, 2019 City staff hosted a Public Input Meeting with the Magnolia Park HOA to review the two trail alignment options. The Magnolia Park Trail Section Project is currently on hold and is being presented to obtain direction from the Council to move forward with the design and construction documents.

Analysis:

The Magnolia Park Trail section is a critical gap in the City of Coppell Hike & Bike Trail System. This section of trail would provide a direct route to Denton Creek Elementary & Coppell Middle School North for the Westhaven and Eastlake subdivisions. The Magnolia Park Trail project has been a high priority on the Park Board project priority list since 2017. Direction is needed regarding which Trail Alignment to move forward with. The Work Session discussion tonight will review both trail alignment design alternatives.

After reviewing CRDC revenues for the first quarter of the fiscal year, it is projected that the CRDC will have available funds of \$6,000,000 which can be applied to projects. The available project balance is determined by deducting the annual debt service payments (approximately \$3,331,393.76) and the General Fund transfers (35% of the annual sales tax collected) which are funds allocated to the maintenance of the original 1998 CRDC projects (Aquatics and Recreation Center, Ballfields, Trails).

Legal Review:

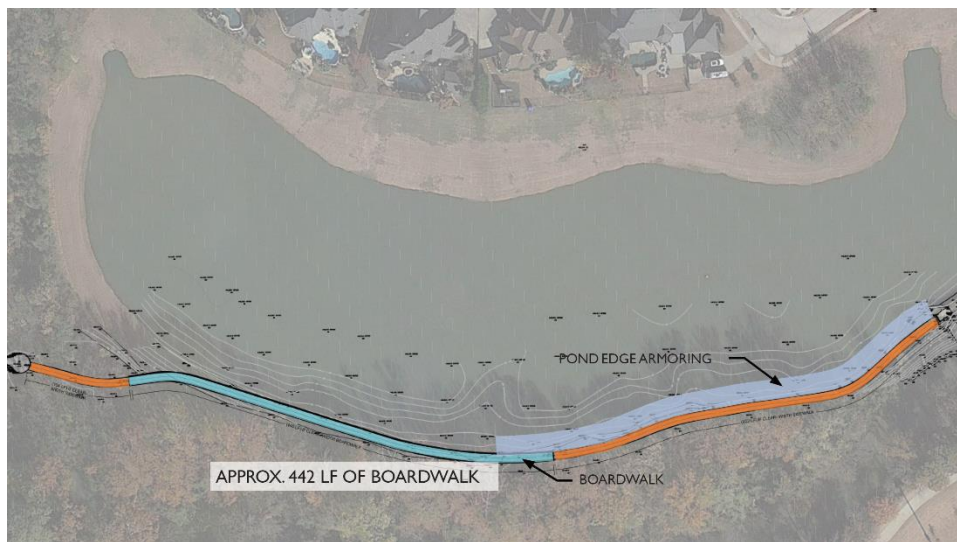
Legal Review is not required at this time.

Fiscal Impact:

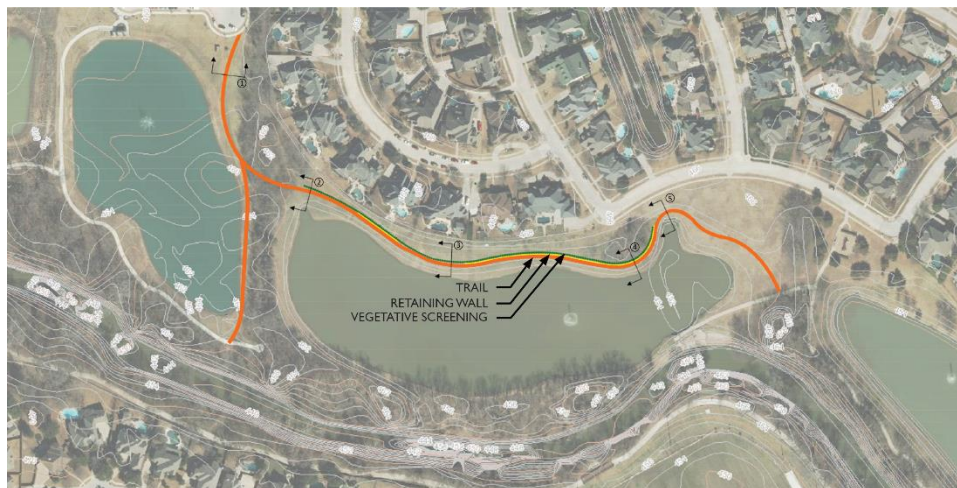
Sales tax for the current fiscal year was budgeted at a 45% reduction from the fiscal year 2019-20 Adopted Budget. To date, the City has not experienced the anticipated decline. Excluding recoveries, sales tax for CRDC is currently 16.36% (approximately \$405,940) more than the prior year for the first quarter of fiscal year 2020-21. CRDC recoveries from the sales tax audit that is being performed are \$464,806. It is expected that fiscal year 2020-21 CRDC budgeted revenues will be amended to \$8,442,364 which will be an approximate \$4,224,444 increase for the fiscal year.

Recommendation:

This item is presented for discussion only.



Magnolia Park Trail – Design Alternative A (\$984,186)



Magnolia Park Trail – Design Alternative B (\$370,902)