



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brad Reid, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: August 23, 2016

Reference: Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Irving for the development of the Campion Trail Connection, and authorizing the Mayor to sign

2030: Community Wellness and Enrichment Strategy: Multi-Use Trail System Connecting the City

Introduction:

A primary objective of the Coppell Trail System Implementation Plan of 2009 is making connections to adjacent communities via Coppell's trail system. A major component of this effort for making connections is the idea of accessing the Irving Campion Trail and opening up areas to the south for Coppell resident's access to recreation and commerce. The City of Irving, Dallas County and the developers of Cypress Waters share in this vision of making these trail connections to serve the citizens of the region.

The Campion Trail system is Irving's marquee recreational amenity, comprised of concrete, fully accessible trail, bringing access to the Elm Fork and the West Fork of the Trinity River, with connections beyond Irving. Bringing easy access of this major amenity to Coppell residents will be an enhancement to the quality of life for all trail users.

Analysis:

The Coppell Trail System Master Plan effort included ideas for eventually tying into the Campion Trail system. However, the Campion currently ends in Valley Ranch at a location well south of where Coppell could reach it. With the Cypress Waters development in the planning and construction phases, the developer desired to have access to the Campion Trail and the Coppell Trail system, and set out to determine how this connection might be designed and funded. Dallas County came through with \$2,500,000 in funding to extend the trail north through Valley Ranch, west along Grapevine Creek and Beltline Road, eventually coming through areas in Coppell. At this time the trail will likely stop at Beltline and Mockingbird Lane in Coppell as it is projected the funding will run out at that location. This does, however, bring the trail close enough to the streets, sidewalks and proposed trails of Coppell to allow adequate access for Coppell residents.

The design of the trail extension is early in the planning process and Coppell staff will be working with the designers at the City of Irving to ensure the trail through Coppell meets the minimum standards established for our trail system. The proposed agreement under consideration will authorize the City of Irving to design and cause the construction of the trail within the boundaries of Coppell, with funding by Dallas County.

Legal Review:

Legal Counsel reviewed and approved the proposed agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact of this Agenda item.

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends approval of this item.