



AGENDA

Parks and Open Space Board Meeting

January 23, 2024 | 5:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Hall | 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas 75002-7651, at which time the following agenda will be discussed.

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Call to Order

- Roll Call
- Determination of Quorum
- Reminder to turn off or silence cell phones
- Pledge of Allegiance

Training Agenda

1. Provide training for the Parks and Open Space Board conducted by the City Attorney. (Presenter: City Attorney Courtney Morris)

Regular Agenda

2. Consider the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parks and Open Space Board to serve for a period of one year with a term ending December 31, 2024. (Parks and Open Space Board)
3. Discuss the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market Season as it relates to:
 - A. Special Events
 - B. Marketing Plan and Strategy
 - C. Volunteers(Chairman Bill Esposito)

4. Provide updates on city-maintained parks and recreational facilities including the Lucas Community Park, Kenneth R. Lewis Park, Forest Creek Park, and East Winningkoff Trailhead. **(Presenter: CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard)**
5. Provide a presentation on parks and facilities utilization including the Lucas Community Center, Kenneth R. Lewis Park and the East Winningkoff Trailhead. **(Presenter: CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard)**
6. Provide updates on the East Winningkoff Trail project. **(Presenter: CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard)**
7. Consider the results of the City of Lucas Parks Survey and develop recommendations for City Council. **(Presenter: Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett)**
8. Provide an update on special events including:
 - A. Country Christmas
 - B. Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup
 - C. Founders Day Country Fair**(Presenter: Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett)**
9. Consider approval of the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Parks and Open Space Board meeting.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment.

Certification

I do hereby certify that the above notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board at Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas 75002 and on the City's website at www.lucastexas.us on or before 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2024.

Joshua Menhennett, Communications Specialist

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City of Lucas

Parks and Open Space Board Request

January 23, 2024

Item No. 01

Requester: City Attorney Courtney Morris

Agenda Item Request

Provide training for the Parks and Open Space Board conducted by the City Attorney.

Background Information

The Parks and Open Space Board serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters relating to the parks and open space of the city. The Parks and Open Space Board shall also make recommendations to the City Council on the implementation of beautification programs and projects to enhance the natural beauty of the city.

The City Attorney will provide training to the Parks and Open Space Board on topics including authority, role of the board, membership, procedures, conducting meetings, public information act, open government training, and more.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

NA

Budget/Financial Impact

NA

Recommendation

NA

Motion

NA



Item No. 02

City of Lucas
Parks and Open Space Board Request
January 23, 2024

Requester: Parks and Open Space Board

Agenda Item Request

Consider the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parks and Open Space Board to serve for a period of one year with a term ending December 31, 2024.

Background Information

Per Section 1.09.034 of the Code of Ordinances, the Parks and Open Space Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from its membership annually. The Parks and Open Space Board is composed of five regular members and two alternate members appointed by the City Council. Alternate members shall serve in the absence of one or more regular members when requested to do so by the presiding officer of the Parks and Open Space Board.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

NA

Budget/Financial Impact

NA

Recommendation

NA

Motion

I make a motion to appoint _____ as Chairman and _____ as Vice-Chairman of the Parks and Open Space Board for a period of one year with a term ending December 31, 2024.



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Requester: Chairman Bill Esposito

Agenda Item Request

Discuss the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market Season as it relates to:

- A. Special Events
- B. Marketing Plan and Strategy
- C. Volunteers

Background Information

On September 26, 2023, the Parks and Open Space Board discussed details regarding the upcoming 2024 Lucas Farmers Market season. The Board provided input on scheduling, special events, rules, and vendor applications. The Board was asked to submit recommendations for rule or application changes before the new materials were posted.

On October 14, 2023, the applications and rules for the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market season were posted to the City of Lucas website and made available to current and prospective vendors for the new season. As of January 15, 2023, there were 51 vendor applicants for the Lucas Farmers Market. This includes 3 youth vendor applicants.

On November 28, 2023, the Lucas Parks and Open Space Board discussed who would serve on the Lucas Farmers Market Committee (LFMC) along with scheduling a workshop on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 11:30 am in the Council Chambers. During this workshop, the LFMC will approve vendors for the new season along with approving a schedule of special events that will be held at each market. Any outstanding items from the workshop will be discussed and finalized during the March 26, 2024, Parks and Open Space Board meeting.

Below are the meetings and milestones related to planning the upcoming market season:

- Monday, October 14, 2023 – Post Updated Rules & Regulations and Vendor Application on Website **(Complete)**
- Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 6:30 pm – Establish Market Special Events, Volunteers, and Marketing (Regular Parks Meeting w/ LFMC) **(Complete)**
- Friday, January 19, 2024 – Vendor applications due by close of business. **(Complete)**
- Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @ 6:30 pm – (Regular Parks Meeting)
- Friday, February 2, 2024 @ 11:30 am – (Lucas Farmers Market Workshop)
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 @ 6:30 pm – Finalize 2024 Lucas Farmers Market Plans (Regular Parks Meeting w/ LFMC)
- Saturday, April 27, 2024 – First Market of 2024 Season



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The following items will be discussed for the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market season:

- Special Events
- Marketing plan and strategy
- Volunteers
- Participating vendors

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

- A. 2024 Lucas Farmers Market Committee Member List
- B. 2024 Lucas Farmers Market Proposed Special Event Schedule

Budget/Financial Impact

NA

Recommendation

NA

Motion

NA

**2024 Lucas Farmers Market Committee (LFMC)
 (Comprised of Parks Board and LFM Volunteers)
 Contact List Master - Updated: November 17, 2023**

First Name	Last Name	Area of Interest
Bill	Esposito	Chair, Parks Board
Christel	Parish	Parks Board
Dusty	Kuykendall	City Council/Parks Liaison
Joan	Stanton	Parks Board
Joe	Hilbourn	City Staff/Logistics
John	Elliott	Vice-Chair, Parks Board Marketing/Market Share
Joni	Clarke	City Staff
Joshua	Menhennett	City Staff/Social Media/Marketing
Kathrin	Esposito	LFM Volunteer/Vendor Coordinator
Kent	Souriyasak	City Staff
Laura	Giles	Parks Board/Marketing
Laura	Howard	Volunteer
Lynne	Dodson	Parks Board/Marketing
Michelle	Miller	LFM Volunteer
Patricia	Ewing	LFM Volunteer
Tammy	Duke	LFM Volunteer
Val	Turnbow	LFM Volunteer/Youth Program

**Lucas Farmers Market
2024 Season
Proposed Special Event Schedule**

Theme	Date	Music	Event(s)	Location	Time	Coordinator
Spring Gardening	April 27, 2024		Spring Plant Sale Mushroom Foraging Seed Exchange			
Wildlife & Animals	May 11, 2024		Back Yard Chickens Blackland Prairie Raptor Center TTPA Trinity Trail Promotion & Equestrian Event			
Wildlife & Animals	May 25, 2024		Animal Shelter Adoption Van Police Dog Demo Hunting Education			
Summer Fun	June 8, 2024		Ice Cream Crank Off Sidewalk Art Contest	Pavilion		Bill Esposito
Summer Fun	June 22, 2024		Back Yard BBQ / Chef Demo			
Red, White & Blue	July 13, 2024		Patriotic Picnic Watermelon Seed Spiting Contest			City of Lucas
Red, White & Blue	July 27, 2024		Lucas Summer Olympic Games	Community Center		
Education	August 10, 2024	Lovejoy Drum Line	Back to School Dunk Tank			
Education	August 24, 2024		Visual Art Program Art Sale			
Past, Present & Future	September 14, 2024		9/11 and Public Safety Event Historical Presentation	Pavilion Community Center	8 am – 10 am 10 am – 12 pm	LFR & CCSO
Past, Present & Future	September 28, 2024		2 nd Annual Robotics Competition	Pavilion		Laura Howard
Fall Harvest	October 12, 2024		Pumpkin Painting Fall Gardens	Pavilion / Lawn		Legacy 4-H Sherrian Jones, Master Gardner
Fall Harvest	October 26, 2024		Trick or Treat with Vendors Kids Costume Contest			



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Requester: CIP Manager Partrick Hubbard

Agenda Item Request

Provide updates on city-maintained parks and recreational facilities including the Lucas Community Park, Kenneth R. Lewis Park, Forest Creek Park, and East Winningkoff Trailhead.

Background Information

On January 24, 2023, the Parks and Open Space Board agreed to place a standing agenda item at each meeting to provide updates on city-maintained parks and recreational facilities instead of the monthly monitoring program. The Parks and Open Space Board indicated that members should provide updates to staff on areas they see that need improvements at the parks and recreational facilities. CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard will note any updates in an activity log for future maintenance and improvements provided by the Parks and Open Space Board during each meeting.

The activity log will include updates on associated repairs or improvements. This list compiles the reported items under three categories:

1. Imminent Repair or Routine Maintenance
 - Acute issues that staff can either immediately address or are routine park maintenance. The Parks Liaison can immediately refer these tasks to Public Works field staff. For instances such as trash and debris, the Liaison can refer maintenance staff to areas identified by the Board for closer attention.
2. Programmed (funded) Activity
 - Activities that are programmed and funded but are not set to be immediately completed, or activities that have been identified by the Parks Board and likely fit within the scope of current programs but will require further coordination. Some of these are seasonal items such as mulching. The Parks Liaison will seek to provide as accurate of an estimate for their completion as possible.
3. Proposed or Planned (unfunded) Activity
 - Require some further action or a combination of further actions such as research, the development of a design or work proposal, formal Council/Board action, or budgeting.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

1. Adopt-a-Park Activity Log



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Budget/Financial Impact

NA

Recommendation

NA

Motion

NA

Adopt-A-Park Activity Log

Priority	Source	Park	First Identified	Description/Proposed Action	Status	Discussion	Date Resolved
1-Routine/Recurring				[Placeholder]			
2-Programmed	Staff	Community Park	11/16/2023	Paving of Back Parking Lot	Funding approved for paving and striping. Staff are seeking a contractor to install concrete along the outside of the paved area.		
2-Programmed	Staff	E Winningkoff Trailhead	11/16/2023	East Winningkoff Trail Loop as awarded by Collin County	Grant Awarded by Parks Board and pending Collin County Commissioners final approval. The trail area has been surveyed and permanent trail markers are installed along the length of the loop.		
3 - Proposed	Bill Esposito	Community Park	1/25/2022	Maintenance to Ceiling of Pavillion (repair of lap boards)	Incomplete	Public Works has evaluated the ceiling and it appears to be in overall working condition. Future refinishing or repair could be completed.	
3 - Proposed	Laura Howard	Forest Creek Park	1/7/2022	Replace Playground Equipment	Grant application submitted	Project to be proposed again with new grant cycle this year.	
3 - Proposed	Kenneth Patterson; Bill Esposito	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	10/7/2021	Upgrades/Expansion of ball field	Requires Funding	Discussion items include: Material of infield, height of pitchers mound, sun and foul ball protection for bleachers, scoreboard, height of dugouts, decomposed granite for infield	
Complete	Staff	Community Park	11/16/2023	Staining of Pergola	Complete		11/16/2023
Complete	Staff	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	11/16/2023	New Cameras Installed	Complete		11/16/2023
Complete	Staff	(neighboring streets)		Installation of Trinity Trail Signs			9/15/2023
Complete	Joan Phillips	E Winningkoff Trailhead	8/22/2023	ast Winningkoff Trailhead needs maintenance and improvements. Picnic tables need to be painted. Tree limbs have fallen down and need to be removed. Septic cover was taken down and broke into pieces and needs to be cleaned and resolved. Camera wires have been cut and unplugged. Restrooms need toilet paper.	Window has been repaired, cameras installed, corral painted, trees trimmed and cleaned up, septic tank lid has been repaired.		1/19/2024
Complete	Joan Phillips	Forest Creek Park	8/22/2023	Items identified in 8/22 meeting including picnic tables and soccer nets.			8/29/2023
Complete	Staff	Community Park	9/9/2023	Removal of wasp nests and addition of watering station signs			9/15/2023

Adopt-A-Park Activity Log

Priority	Source	Park	First Identified	Description/Proposed Action	Status	Discussion	Date Resolved
Complete	Staff	Community Center/Park	7/18/2023	Improve water pressure at restrooms in Community Park and Community Center	Construction is Complete	Staff have received public comments and observed limited water pressure in restrooms at the community park and community center. Public Works has installed pumps to improve pressure at these facilities.	8/18/2023
Complete	Staff	Community Park	3/11/2023	Install Dog Water Fountain	Under Construction		8/18/2023
Complete	Kenneth Patterson; Bill Esposito; Laura Giles	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	10/7/2021	Pavilion Foundation/Concrete Repair	Foundation Repair Complete with Follow-up Items Pending	Repair of foundation is complete pending the repair of masonry.	8/18/2023
Complete	Staff	Community Park	3/11/2023	Install new outdoor lighting at community park parking lot.	Complete	Staff have installed solar power outdoor light fixtures to illuminate the gravel parking lot and have replaced the wooden poles with metal poles.	7/12/2023
Complete	Staff	Community Park	3/11/2023	Concrete Sidewalk Added from Community Center to access parking lot.	Complete		5/18/2023
Complete	Standard	All	3/22/2023	Seasonal mulching of all beds and play areas	Complete		5/18/2023
Complete	GovQA	Community Park	3/15/2023	Inspection of All Electrical Outlets and Path Lights	Complete		5/18/2023
Complete	Standard	All	3/22/2023	Seasonal maintenance in preparation for spring and special events	Complete		5/18/2023
Complete	Joan Phillips	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	2/13/2023	Restock Toiletries	Complete		3/14/2023
Complete	Joan Phillips	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	2/13/2023	Reset Soccer Net	Complete		3/14/2023
Complete	Joan Phillips	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	2/13/2023	Assess fire damage to picnic table	Complete		3/14/2023
Complete	Christel Parish	Forest Creek Park	7/15/2022	Weed Control in Play Area	Weed control complete		7/19/2022
Complete	Christel Parish	Forest Creek Park	7/15/2022	Soccer Net has Fallen Loose	Soccer net fixed		7/19/2022
Complete	Laura Howard	Forest Creek Park	1/7/2022	Repair Picnic Table Graffiti	Picnic tables have been removed where necessary	Picnic tables will be inventoried and replaced as needed in the Spring, based on condition	5/5/2022
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Repair deterioration of picnic table boards	Dilapidated tables removed and replaced	Dilapidated tables were removed before Country Christmas. Picnic tables were inventoried and replaced as needed in the Spring, based on condition.	Not Recorded
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Refinish picnic tables	Dilapidated tables removed and replaced	Dilapidated tables were removed before Country Christmas. Picnic tables were inventoried and replaced as needed in the Spring, based on condition.	Not Recorded
Complete	Laura Howard; Christel Parish	Forest Creek Park	12/13/2021	Mulching	Mulching has been delivered and will be spread when the ground dries	Public Works will order and distribute a large quantity of mulch in early Spring	4/28/2022

Adopt-A-Park Activity Log

Priority	Source	Park	First Identified	Description/Proposed Action	Status	Discussion	Date Resolved
Complete	Bill Esposito	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	11/1/2021	Unlocking bathrooms during certain hours	Bathrooms will remain unlocked at all times		3/29/2022
Complete	David Rhoads; Bill Esposito	Community Park	11/6/2021	Mulching	Staff spread mulch	Public Works will order and distribute a large quantity of mulch in early Spring	3/25/2022
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Repair protection cage for sprinkler on gravel parking lot	Repaired	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Clean and reposition grill on West end	Grills maintained	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Lavatory dripping in womens' restroom	Repaired	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Pavillion light switch is missing rainproof cover	Cover added	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Address broken pipe between pavilion and rail fence	Pipe repaired	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Refinish park benches	Benches were rebuilt	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	David Rhoads	Community Park	11/6/2021	Trash General	Park Cleaned	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	Laura Howard	Forest Creek Park	1/7/2022	Replace/Repair Soccer Nets	Net repaired	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	Laura Howard; Christel Parish	Forest Creek Park	12/13/2021	Repair tiles on Sports Court	Tile reset	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	Christel Parish	Forest Creek Park	12/13/2021	Trash General	Park Cleaned	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	Laura Howard; Christel Parish	Forest Creek Park	12/13/2021	Weeding around Playground	Lawncare Completed	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	Christel Parish	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	3/3/2022	Repair damaged portion of chain link fence along ball field	Fence repaired	Public Works repaired the fence during the week of 3/11/2022 and reported the repair to Ms. Parish	3/11/2022
Complete	Laura Giles	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	1/25/2022	Cleanup of Trash on Fenceline	Park Cleaned	I will follow-up with PW staff to make sure that debris is cleaned up.	Not Recorded
Complete	Laura Giles	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	1/25/2022	Beer bottles in trash	Park Cleaned	The trash is emptied regularly by PW Staff. Any unlawful consumption of alcohol at the park could be partially monitored/addressed through improved security systems.	Not Recorded
Complete	Bill Esposito	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	11/1/2021	Inspect/Repair Irrigation	Leaks Repaired	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	Bill Esposito	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	11/1/2021	Address water pooling in the infield	Field Graded	Added Retroactively (document created February 2022)	Not Recorded
Complete	Kenneth Patterson	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	10/7/2021	Weeds: General	Lawncare Completed	Weeds have been pulled	Not Recorded
Complete	Kenneth Patterson	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	10/7/2021	Trash: General	Park Cleaned	Trash has been picked up and bags replaced	Not Recorded

Adopt-A-Park Activity Log

Priority	Source	Park	First Identified	Description/Proposed Action	Status	Discussion	Date Resolved
Complete	Kenneth Patterson	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	10/7/2021	Parking Block is damaged	Block Replaced	Damaged parking block removed	Not Recorded
Complete	Kenneth Patterson	Kenneth R. Lewis Park	10/7/2021	Tree limbs block the parking lot	Tree Trimming Complete	Trees Trimmed	Not Recorded



City of Lucas

Parks and Open Space Board Request

January 23, 2024

Requester: CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard

Agenda Item Request

Provide a presentation on parks and facilities utilization including the Lucas Community Center, Kenneth R. Lewis Park and the East Winningkoff Trailhead.

Background Information

At the direction of City Council and the Parks Board, City staff has started a program for monitoring and reporting the utilization of City of Lucas parks and facilities. This item presents the initial results of this process.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

None

Budget/Financial Impact

NA

Recommendation

NA

Motion

NA



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Requester: CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard

Agenda Item Request

Provide updates on the East Winningkoff Trail project.

Background Information

City staff submitted an application to the Collin County Parks Foundation Advisory Board for the East Winningkoff Trail as identified in the City of Lucas Trails Master Plan. The original proposal identified a trail section connecting the East Winningkoff Trailhead to the Trinity Trail, utilizing existing trail easements along East Winningkoff Road and Welborn Lane.

Staff revised this project area to establish a trail loop of approximately the same length. This loop uses easements that were not in place at the time that the original application was submitted. Staff believe that a loop in this area will attract more use and add more value to the parks and trails system in the city.

The Collin County Parks Foundation has approved this proposal and the revised project location. The revised proposal will be presented to the Collin County Commissioner's Court on February 5, 2024, for approval of the funding.

This will be a 12-foot wide and 3-inch deep decomposed granite trail running approximately 8,000 linear feet to form a loop beginning and ending at the East Winningkoff Trailhead.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

1. City of Lucas Trails Master Plan
2. East Winningkoff Trail Area

Budget/Financial Impact

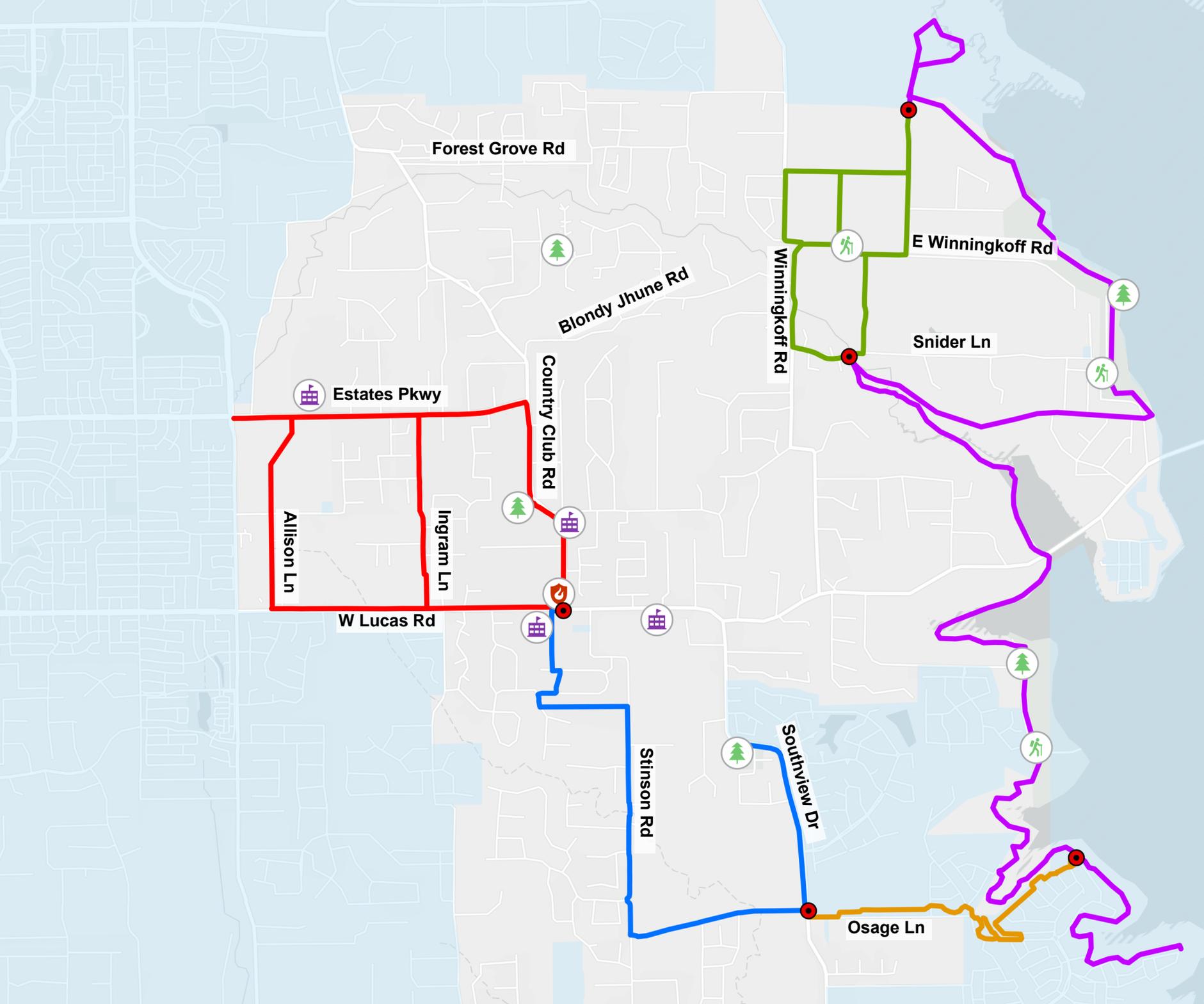
Collin County awarded the City of Lucas \$179,000 for this trail and the City will provide a 50% cost share of \$179,000. Collin County will provide funds on a reimbursement basis.

Recommendation

NA

Motion

NA



LEGEND

LOCATIONS

-  FIRE STATION
-  SCHOOL
-  PARK
-  TRAILHEAD
-  TRAIL ACCESS

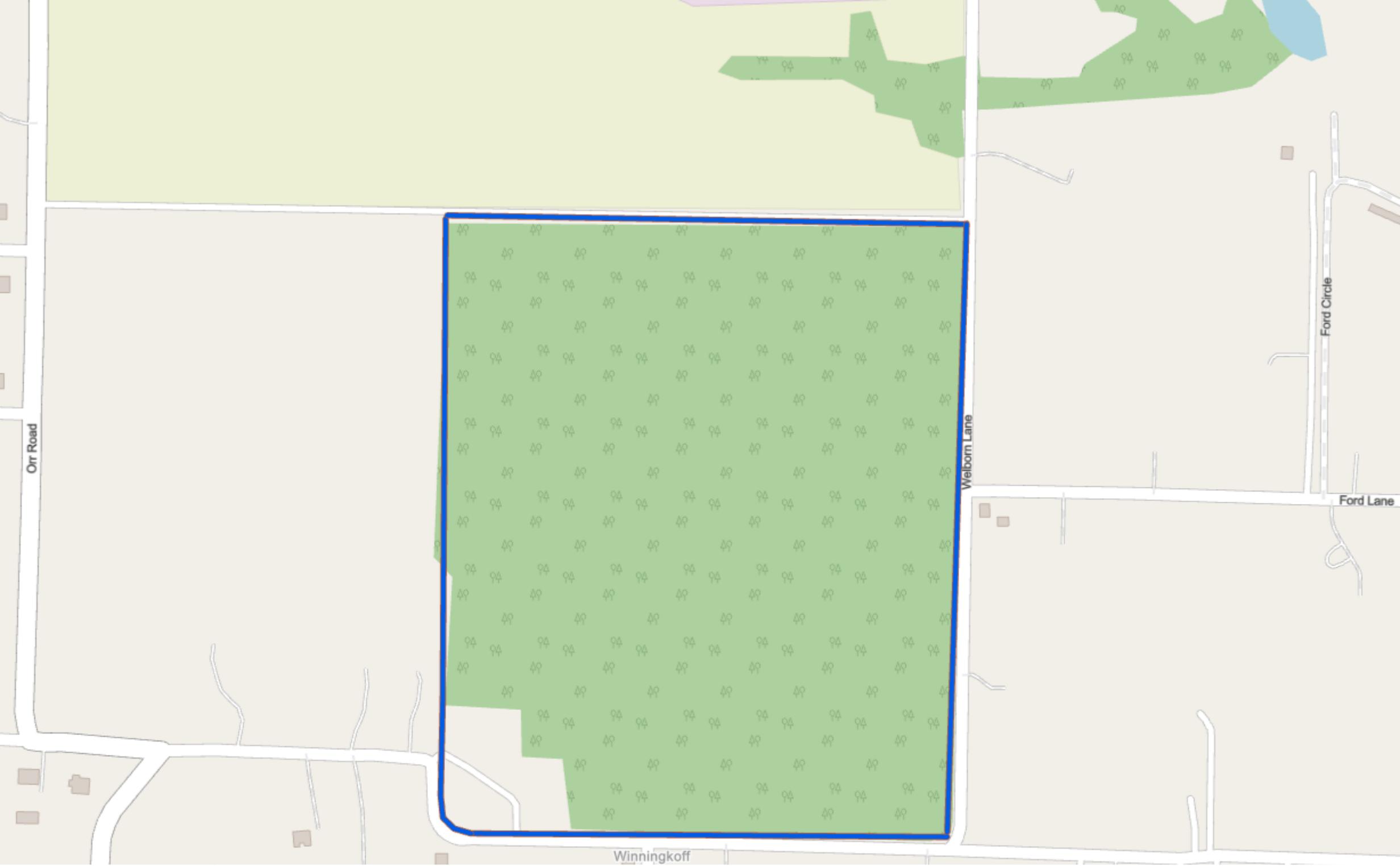
TRAIL SEGMENTS

- CENTRAL LOOP TRAIL
- STINSON TRAIL
- EAST WINNINGKOFF TRAIL
- OSAGE TRAIL
- TRINITY TRAIL

Trails Master Plan City of Lucas 2023

November 15, 2023





CITY OF LUCAS

EAST WINNINGKOFF TRAIL



**— Project Area
(Approximately
8,075LF)**



City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board Request January 23, 2024

Requester: Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett

Agenda Item Request

Consider the results of the City of Lucas Parks Survey and develop recommendations for City Council.

Background Information

The City of Lucas concluded its Parks Survey on December 31, 2023. There were 430 total residents who responded to the survey. City staff recommends that the City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board develops recommendations for City Council to consider regarding the results.

The results can be accessed online via this link: <https://www.lucastexas.us/2023-city-of-lucas-parks-survey/>.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

A. Final City of Lucas Parks Survey Results

Budget/Financial Impact

NA

Recommendation

NA

Motion

NA

City of Lucas Parks Survey

437
Responses

05:59
Average time to complete

Active
Status

1. Are you currently a Lucas resident?

● Yes	430
● No	7

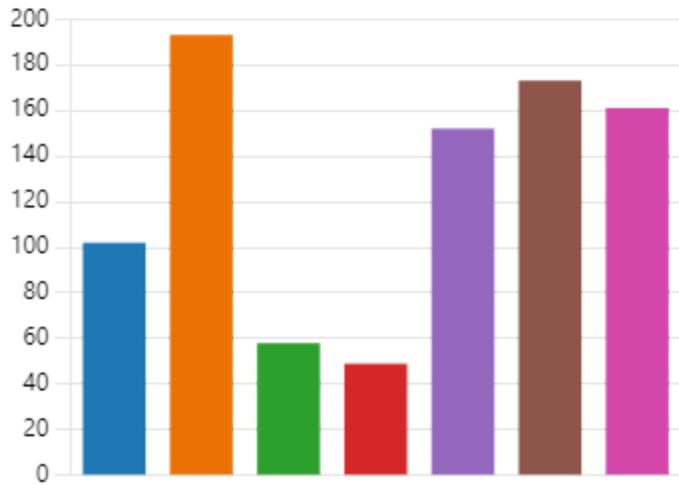


2. What is your home address in Lucas?

430
Responses

3. What age groups are in your household? (Select all that apply)

● 0 to 9 years old	102
● 10 to 19 years old	193
● 20 to 29 years old	58
● 30 to 39 years old	49
● 40 to 49 years old	152
● 50 to 59 years old	173
● 60 years old and over	161



4. Which public parks in Lucas do you use most often? (Select all that apply)

● Forest Creek Park (985 Orchard ...	50
● Kenneth R. Lewis Park (820 Sout...	26
● Lucas Community Park (665 Cou...	280
● None	122



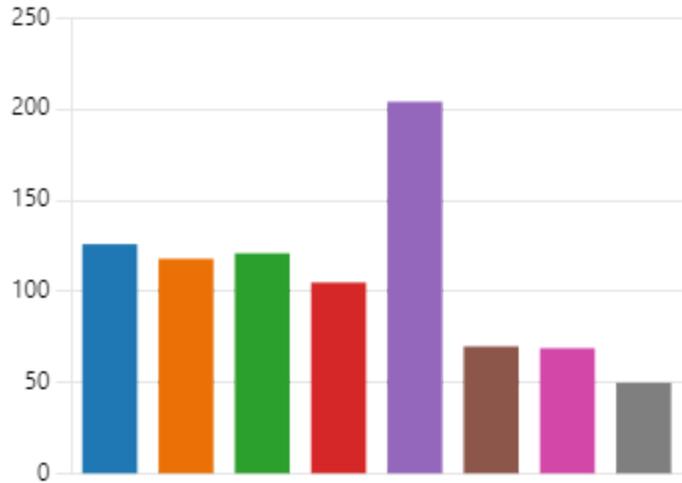
5. How often do you or your household use a public park in Lucas?

● Daily	8
● Weekly	49
● Monthly	157
● Yearly	123
● Never	93



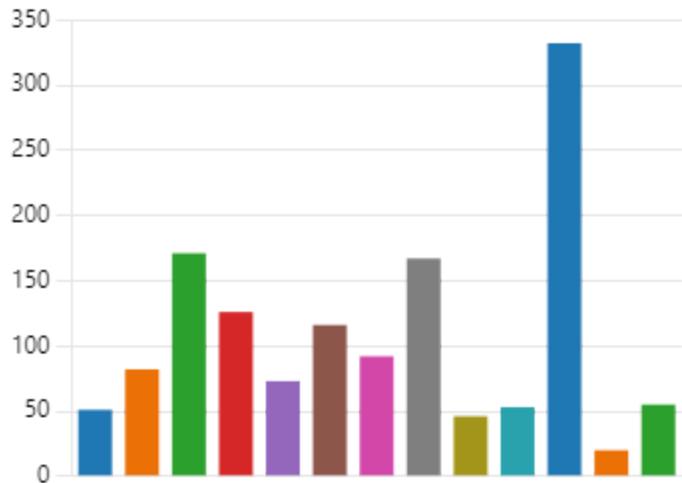
6. What are the reasons that you or your household use a public park in Lucas? (Select all that apply)

● Exercise	126
● Family Activities	118
● Playground Facilities	121
● Social	105
● Special Events	204
● Sports/Recreation	70
● None	69
● Other	50



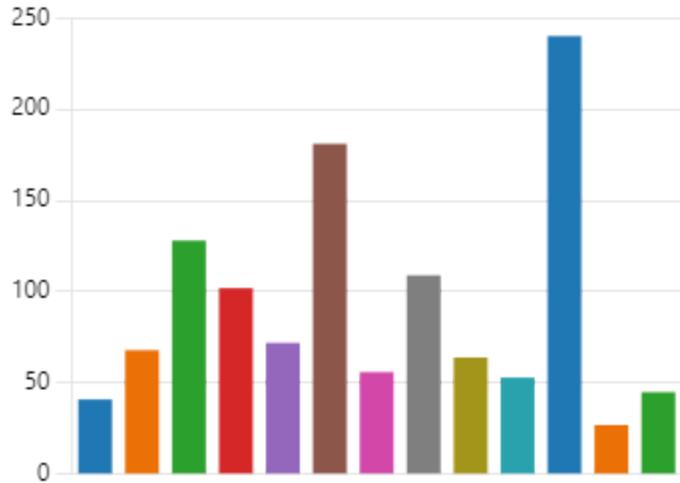
7. What activities do you or your household participate in? (Select all that apply)

● Baseball/Softball	51
● Bird/Animal Watching	82
● Bicycling	171
● Fishing	126
● Horseback Riding	73
● Pickleball	116
● Soccer	92
● Special Events	167
● Tennis	46
● Volleyball	53
● Walking/Running	332
● None	20
● Other	55



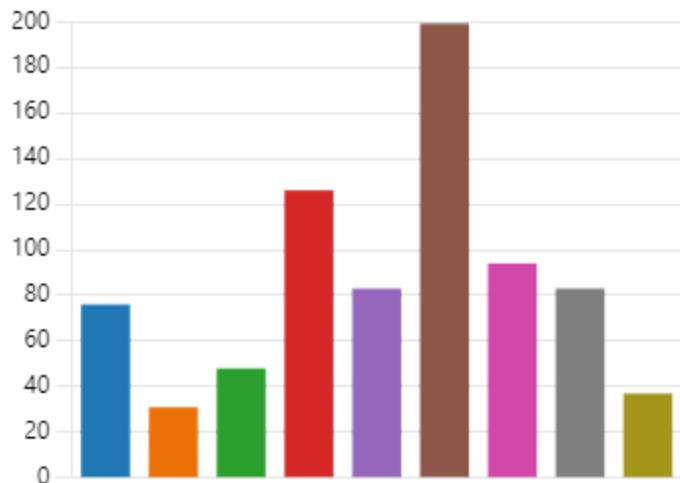
8. What activities would you or your household like to see more in Lucas? (Select all that apply)

● Baseball/Softball	41
● Bird/Animal Watching	68
● Bicycling	128
● Fishing	102
● Horseback Riding	72
● Pickleball	181
● Soccer	56
● Special Events	109
● Tennis	64
● Volleyball	53
● Walking/Running	240
● None	27
● Other	45

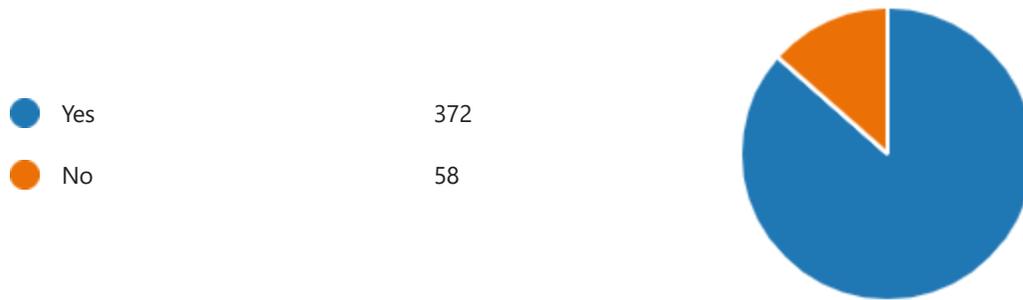


9. What reasons prevent you or your household from using a public park in Lucas? (Select all that apply)

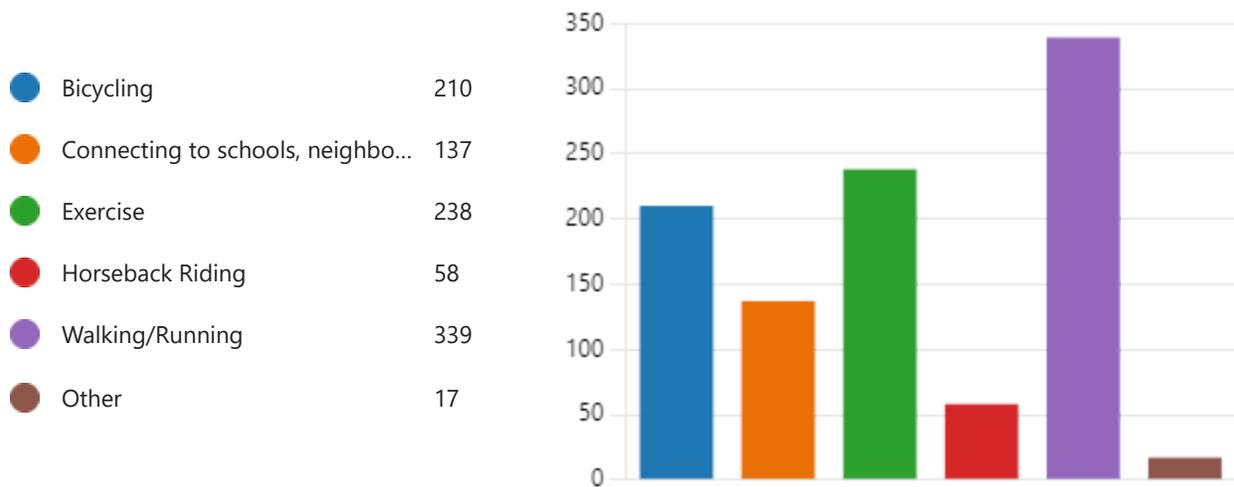
● Accessibility and/or proximity	76
● Lack of parking	31
● Lack of playground equipment	48
● Lack of sports/recreation facilities	126
● Lack of time	83
● Lack of trails and/or connectivity	199
● Unaware of location	94
● None	83
● Other	37



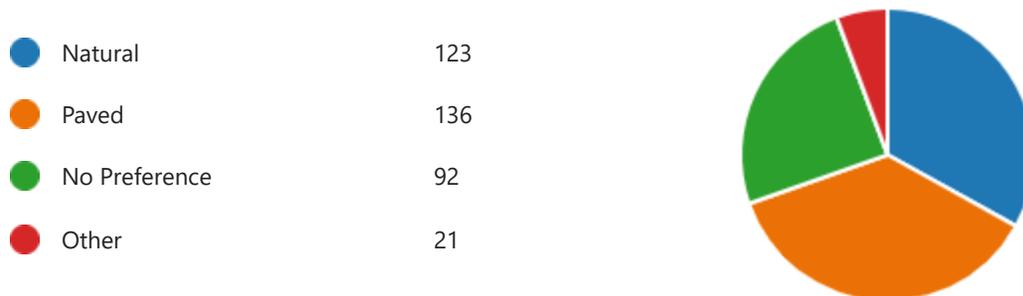
10. Would you or your household use a trail system in Lucas?



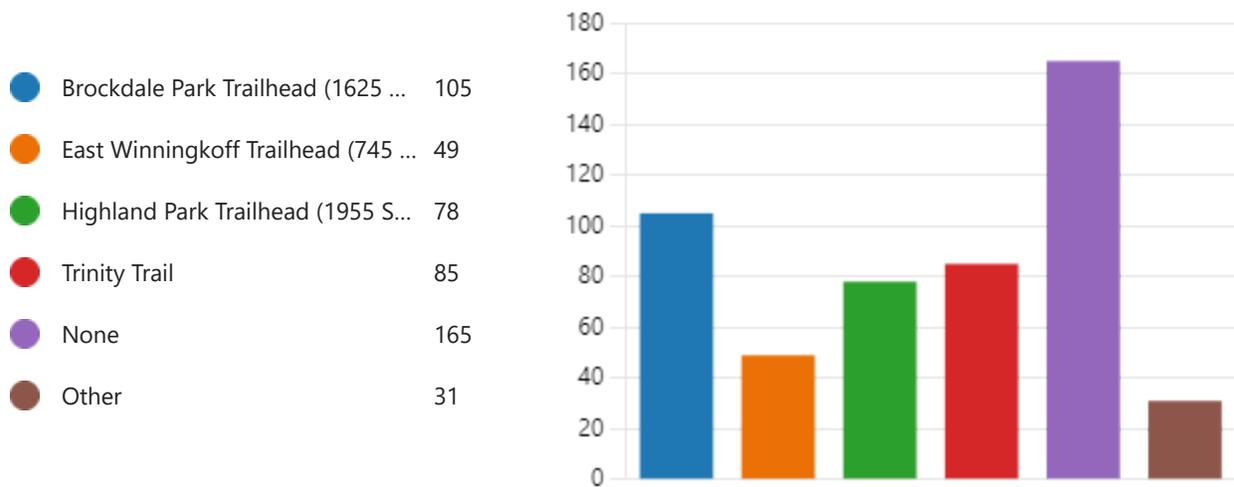
11. How would you or your household use a trail system in Lucas? (Select all that apply)



12. What choice best describes you or your household's preference for a trail system in Lucas?



13. Which trailheads or trail system do you use most often? (Select all that apply)



14. How often do you or your household use any of the trailheads (Brockdale Park, East Winningkoff, or Highland Park) and/or the Trinity Trail?



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Seems all concerns lead to crossing or close contact to vehicles moving too fast. (Entering or exit to destinations) aka- slow down the traffic!
Parks are a tremendous asset for the community...the more the better for all.
Would love to see a trail system for walking so we don't have to battle walking on the roads with speeding traffic.
It would be great to have a trail all along Lucas Road and one up Winningkoff.
I would be super excited to see dog friendly nature trails without bicycles or horses
We aren't aware of trails and many parks in Lucas. We use Allen parks because they are advertised much better. We would love to know about more parks and trails in Lucas
Lack of safe walking trails near my home
I'm part of TTPA council. Our trails are wonderful. We just need to educate the hikers to know the proper way to greet horses on the trail. Also would like to add we miss the founders day parade. It was such a Great family day when it was in October Great fall festivities and wonderful time to dress both yourself and the horses up for Halloween.
We did not know that these trailheads existed but will be using them now! And would love more in the city of Lucas.
Safety, lighting and trashcans along the path are a must for trails for my family. It would be great to incorporate donated benches and/or trees with plaques along the route too.
I thought the existing trails were for horses only. Did not know that anyone else was allowed to use them
Please build up a bigger park with more trails and bigger playground. Thank you
Nice survey. Good luck.
I would love to be able to ride my bike around Lucas but right now taking my life in my hands .. dangerous. When I want to do a 3-4 mile walk, I drive into Allen to walk the celebration park trails. Would love to see safe passages/connections around Lucas to make more bike/walker/runner friendly.
I would really love to see a pickle ball court put in by City Hall/pavilion area
We moved here to enjoy these amenities. Like to keep them beautiful.
We are way behind other cities such as Allen that have an extensive trail system. You can park in celebration park and hike / bike the entire city. As a city with allegedly more nature friendly appeal, we are pretty close to a 0/10 on this scale.
We would love for the Trinity Trail to remain accessible for horses and walkers but I understand it's not being maintained except where local residents are able to clear weeds. This makes it harder to use.
I regularly walk or ride my horse on Trinity Trail. It was the reason I moved to Lucas and the reason I stay here. It is a wonderful trail system. As a side note, I think it is important that we keep bikes OFF Trinity Trail. The trail winds through the woods so there are lots of blind corners that make a combined trail dangerous.
Kids really want swings and a spray ground.
First of all I appreciate you including pickleball in the list of potential sports. That's a start. I'm still pulling arrows out of my back suggesting we bring pickleball to Lucas last year. I was attacked in several forums by people I don't even know. But because I believe so passionately in what the sport has to offer I'll state my case again. . It's a game that all ages can enjoy. We can actually interact with our neighbors and get exercise at the same time. There are many reasons why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in ALL ages in America and why it's being embraced by big cities and small cities alike.

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<p>We have plenty of room for four courts and parking and I can see even more down the road. Fairview doesn't have the land, we do.</p>
<p>Trinity trail should be open to mountain bikes</p>
<p>I believe that a network of paved hike and bike trails would dramatically enhance the quality of life in Lucas.</p>
<p>I would not want to see people's property given up for these trails. Parks need to have some lights at night.</p>
<p>We already hav many public areas for citizens, many rarely used. It is an expensive upkeep that takes tax dollars away from more pressing issues like maintaining roads in our estates. Our estates had a waterline put dwn our road. Now the city wont repave it from the heavy equipment that was used for pipeline installation. If u cant repair our roads after damaging, why would we need more open spaces when the ones we hav are rarely used? Spend tax dollars wisely. Children can play at their schoolyards, bkyards, friends yards. There is a huge park at angelpkwy for walking, riding bikes, picnicking. If we hav money to throw away on open spaces we dont need, i suggest we lower Lucas city taxes!</p>
<p>We would love to have a Fall celebration back with a costume parade and costume contests for the pets and kids. People are tired of the heat and looking forward to doing something outside when it cools off - about middle of October. The old Founder's Day was a big hit and the entire community turned out and helped cook burgers and hotdogs and churches and local businesses came and supported the town and the event. Very much missed.</p>
<p>With the demographics of Lucas and the popularity of the growing sport of pickle ball, I would like to see investment in this type of facilities. I believe the expense to build and maintain would be much less than other options.</p>
<p>I am thankful for the walking track near the City of Lucas offices. It would be nice if the public had access to a school track (4x around for a mile) that also is well lit.</p>
<p>I would love to have playground equipment installed at the trailhead on East Winningkoff. This is close to our house and my daughter would enjoy having a playground nearby. Furthermore, with the development happening surrounding our neighborhood, I'm sure other families with children would agree!</p>
<p>Trail network could be improved</p>
<p>The Trinity Trail provides a nice natural trail option for our neighbors but can't be used when wet. Having a paved trail to link various destinations sites would be nice if financially feasible and won't disrupt our city's country feel.</p>
<p>Please connect a paved walking/biking system to Lucas</p>
<p>The trail heads are fantastic. They are like little nature preserves. They are essential to the identity of Lucas and are relatively low cost. Many pivotal and beautiful life moments and decisions happen in these open spaces. Parks are similar but fewer in number and harder to access from the Eastern part of town.</p>
<p>It would be great to have at least one trail that allowed for biking and one that does not allow horses- we have family members who are severely allergic to horses so that limits our ability to use some of the current area trails.</p>
<p>I love the Trinity Trail for hiking and riding my horse, but I would love to have a paved trail to ride my bike on. Right now I ride my bike on our busy country roads and have had close calls with cars. The Trinity Trail should remain for horses and hikers only, and paved sidewalks added around town for bikers.</p>
<p>Trinity Trail needs to remain for equestrian and foot traffic only. No wheeled vehicles</p>

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<p>I wish there was a safe sidewalk down Estates (first choice) or Bethany (second choice). If we could just safely get down those, we could access the trails already in Allen. We often go north on Winningkoff and then Orr and then go across forest grove or through Thompson springs to gain access to the trail systems in Allen. It would also enable high school kids to ride a bike to or from schools because the schedules expected of a pre-driving age high school athlete are nearly impossible in a dual working household.</p> <p>We can also safely ride down Estelle and across to the Lucas City Hall park area but from there can't go anywhere. It's be awesome to have a trail from Lucas city hall down estates and then to connect with celebration park!</p>
<p>Availability of trail map either online or in print at the Community Center.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. volleyball court (paved or sand),2. Pickleball courts3. and trails connecting neighborhoods would be amazing! Thank you for considering these additions and for all you do!
<p>Would like a couple Pickleball courts with lights</p>
<p>A trail connecting neighborhoods or parks would be great. Not having sidewalks is part of our chosen lifestyle living in Lucas but being able to go for a walk or run without having to drive somewhere or walk/run on the road would be great.</p>
<p>Instead of spending money on parks how about saving that money are is it to fix the roads.</p>
<p>Horse back riding and trail access is one of the top reasons we moved to Lucas. Great equine community and balance for quality of life. Too many communities expand the tax base at the sacrifice of what defines the right balance of growth and quality of life. Outdoor activity is a great element of Lucas culture. I'm happy to help support trail maintenance.</p>
<p>No bikes please in horse trails</p>
<p>Trinity trail horse access makes it dangers and physically impossible to share trail between humans and horses. There needs to be two separate trails in order to accommodate walkers and hikers</p>
<p>I would love a walking/jogging trail!</p> <p>Also, I do believe a pickleball court would be great for our community! It would encourage us to know each other and enjoy the outdoors. Thank you for asking our preferences. I know there are citizens that are against any expenditures, but we all need to be healthy.</p>
<p>We are fairly new to Lucas and are looking for walking/running trails close to our home. We are pickleball players and would love to have a court closer to our home.</p>
<p>Honestly we think what we currently have to offer in our city is great. If anything was to be done, we prefer natural type projects like trails, community garden, horse/livestock/ag related stuff, education driven things not pickelball/sports courts. Most Lucas residents are affluent and can go to other facilities or build these amenities on their private property.</p>
<p>If we were younger we would be more interested in parks and other activities.</p>
<p>This is the first we have heard about the parks and/or trail system. we recently moved from Allen. It would be great if we could connect to the trail systems of other municipalities, such as those associated with Allen's Celebration park. We live close to Celebration Park, but would need to load up our bikes and drive there. Even a bike lane on McDermott would allow us to connect to a subdivision that would allow us to get to Celebration Park.</p> <p>Also, we would love to play more tennis and/or pickle ball locally. If we were aware of the facilities that are open to us.</p> <p>We would be interested in learning more about Lucas' parks, recreation, and/or trail system</p>

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<p>We don't have to mess with every piece and patch of green grass we see and turn it into something. We can just let nature be nature.</p>
<p>Don't spend money.</p>
<p>A trail system would be excellent to get to schools, parks and even the shopping / restaurants in West Lucas off Angel Parkway. Plus if there was a way to get to Celebration Park. We have a few good parks and our schools have good tennis courts and green space but you always have to drive. the trail system Allen is building is amazing.</p>
<p>Please make sure we talk. I sit on the Collin County Parks and Open Space Board and a voting member for bond money for these exact type of projects. I can help guide Lucas to getting bond money. Our number one priority is land acquisition for open space, parks etc. Second is trails. I would highly suggest we look for land and there is a very good chance our board will approve a 50% match.</p>
<p>Chris Catullo. 4692477322. Chris.catullo@gmail.com</p>
<p>Better clearing of debris and overgrowth of trails would promote more use. Too much overgrowth, mud, or other trail disturbances preclude their use</p>
<p>We would use pickle ball courts. It seems there is a lot of interest for this and could be a good way to encourage people getting together and getting to know each other better. We would also use tennis courts, but there are options at the school. There is a general lack of green spaces in Lucas with the exception of the trail system at Lavon Lake, which is really under army corp of engineering control. In addition to trails in green spaces, it seems trails could also be put to good use getting kids to/from school and also access to shops now that we have them. This would lighten traffic somewhat and make for a more livable and healthy town. Thank you for putting out this survey. This is important.</p>
<p>Should have some days set aside for bikes on trail. Maybe once or twice a month bike day.</p>
<p>I think it would be great to have a couple different trail systems- bicycling/walking and horseback riding. The riding trails need help- clearing, clean up and better pathways that don't get into the lake mud. It would also be fun to have an off road trail to use our side by sides.</p>
<p>I used to ride a horse on the trails but I don't own a horse currently. Playground equipment for toddlers would be nice in our area.</p>
<p>No tennis or paved courts please. I would like more natural parks. We can travel to Allen for court based sports.</p>
<p>People with horses have made it too intimidating to use the trails. I get that they are protecting their animals but there are plenty of non horse people that don't know and it seems the only way to get info is to read the negative comments on facebook and not everybody is a member of those groups either so it may not be hitting the target.</p>
<p>I'd love for kids to be able to get around safely.</p>
<p>A local rec center or a municipal golf course would be great additions</p>
<p>Use of the trail system(s) also depends on the weather! When outside temps in the mid 90's to over 100 it is just too hot to ride horses or walk trails. Likewise if there is a lot of rain and trails are too soggy, muddy or flooded. Therefore, I may like to use the trails every week or month but may not be able to do so. Please keep that in mind when compiling these results. Thank you!</p>
<p>We really enjoy using the Trinity trails whenever possible, however, they are often unusable for walking due to deep mud and weeds</p>
<p>We don't use trail system because it seems it's only available for the few people who ride horses. Would be used a lot if trails were open and groomed for everyone to use.</p>
<p>Lucas is a beautiful place with underdeveloped road system and recreation system. We should take full advantage of the Lavon Lake and make the Highland Park a jewel for family fun when preserving</p>

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its natural health and beauty. The Trinity Trail is not pedestrian and cycling-friendly at all and lack of basic safety features such as paved path and lighting, etc..
Just be convenient to build more closer to lovejoy high school and nearby the walmart
A trail system would need to be sprayed for mosquitoes because most of the times I would use it are at dusk or dawn
We need more parks!! We sometimes go to Plano for variety.
Due to danger no bikes on trails. Also would like Founders Day Parade held in October again
Was not aware of trail systems in Lucas. But it would be amazing to have running/walking trails in Lucas so we don't have to drive to other cities.
A refresh of the Forest Creek Park is due. The neighborhood is flipping back to younger families and this park could get more use if updated. A trail system would be something we used if it was connected to our neighborhood.
Love the horse trails, let's keep those up!! It would be great to have some bike trails that are not on busy roadways. I would also love to see a few pickleball courts around for Lucas residents.
We would probably use trail system if closer to house. But would LOVE pickleball courts
I live in an area without sidewalks and it can be dangerous to walk on the roads. I would enjoy some sort of walking/running path or trail to get exercise.
Would love a safe place to walk a few miles in Lucas. Good level sidewalk or trail.
Senior citizens need to walk.
We would REALLY love to have pickleball courts at the Forest Creek (Orchard Gap) park. We would use it several times a week.
More events like the recent Arbor day and recycling event would be nice to see.
Please build a pickle Ball court
need to keep the Trinity trails horse friends with the only addition being walkers/hikers. No bicycles or motorized vehicles.. Would be nice to have horses included in the other activities since we are keeping it rural. Perhaps night parade for the country Christmas.
Would like to see a dog park
Keep wheeled vehicles off Trinity Trail and maintain for hikers and equestrian
While we do not make use of the parks, we feel that they are important to the overall quality of life in our community.
Many horse people outside of Lucas area enjoy our trails and have recommended to other riding organizations. I love our trails - I ride my horse at every opportunity and love seeing other riders on the trails. A real jewel for tge City of Lucas. Thanks to the TTPA and the Park Rangers.
We have such a wonderful community here. I love the farmers market addition. Pickleball courts or volleyball/basketball courts would be a great addition for the community to come together. Clean, active fun for all ages.
Please keep doing trees and paper donation
We need to keep bicycles/motorized vehicles off any trails. It is dangerous to walkers and horseback riders.
With the lack of sidewalks and speed of drivers, trails would be great for walking. I have friends with young children and strollers who go outside of Lucas to walk because they can't walk toddlers on our streets. And although trails would be great even if unpaved, paving would help with accessibility for some.

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<p>As you probably can tell, I think it would be great to have a dog park. Yes, most Lucas residents have large properties but a dog park will be a place for dogs to socialize, and even people. There is a park area off E. Winningkoff by a water tower, would make a great dog park. I have a year and half Golden Retriever that would love to play with other dogs. I think a dog park will be a great addition to Lucas.</p>
<p>I have no idea what you mean by a trail system. if for horseback riding, maybe, but you cannot combine that with bicycles or other things, so if you mean for bicycles, rollerblading, scooters, then no, I have no use for any of that. I moved here 30+ years ago to have land and horses. Only city people who have no place to go outdoors need parks.</p>
<p>I use the Beaver Run Parkside Trail in Fairview (off of Old Stacy Road) weekly/daily to walk. It has both paved and natural walkways and is very shaded. They have wildflower area, picnic areas, a pond, and a covered area. I would love to have something like this in Lucas too. We usually do from between 3-5 miles daily.</p>
<p>It would be great to have a trail head that we could walk too. That was horse and walker friendly. Connecting the city through trails...</p>
<p>Horse trails should also b open to mountain biking</p>
<p>We travel to McKinney to play pickleball at Finch Park</p>
<p>Speeding cars and cars running the stop sign at Orchard Gap (at high speed) make the entrance to Forest Creek dangerous. This is an issue for pedestrians and cyclists trying to access the park.</p>
<p>Thank you,</p>
<p>We would love to have connecting trails in Lucas. Right now we walk/run/bike quite a bit and trying to get from Lucas to Allen or Plano trail systems without a car is difficult given the high traffic and narrow roads in Lucas. But we love the ability to bike/run/walk around Lucas, and have them connect to Allen/Plano/Mckinney trail systems. But there's not even sidewalks we can use.</p>
<p>Animal friendly walking trails would be a nice option.</p>
<p>It would be nice to see any options for kiddos of different ability levels. Nothing seems to be inclusive or adapted for a disabled individual, other than the paved ramp leading to the play area. I have yet to find a local fully enclosed, fenced public play space that is appropriate for my son.</p>
<p>We need trails like erwin park</p>
<p>We do NOT want a trail behind our house!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>I think it would be wonderful if Lucas developed trails that could provide access and opportunities for hiking and biking. Connecting to Allen trails would open up a whole new world of recreational possibilities, enhancing our quality of life and adding value to our community! Thanks for taking the time to collect our ideas. Good luck and God bless!</p>
<p>Would be really nice to have a pickleball facility. Would love walking trails as well. Thank you.</p>
<p>Coming from McKinney that is connected through sidewalks, we would love a way to safely walk/run/bike as a family and with our animals. There are many reasons to love Lucas, and having a way to see them safely encourages us to preserve the natural beauty of this area. It also would be a way to better connect the community. Thank you for the opportunity to share our feedback!</p>
<p>Trails need to be away from streets. It looks like a lot of the trails on the city map are on streets. Walking on Winningkoff road is not safe. Trails like the one in Fairview that runs from Old Stacy road, along the creek to Thompson Springs is what Lucas needs.</p>
<p>Lived in va and they had awesome paved trails that went miles through woods and was amazing for walking and jogging. Great for pet owners as well to walk pets.</p>
<p>Stop wasting tax dollors.... allen , and collin county already have parks</p>

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<p>I'm not aware of any parks in Lucas. A bike trail would be wonderful, but it would have to connect near where I live or I probably wouldn't use it.</p>
<p>We need to be sure and leave links for wildlife to move through the area. Possibly leave more open or undisturbed spaces.</p>
<p>Recently went to a park in Ohio that had a great walking train that was cushioned...it was really nice to walk on and lessened the impact. Appreciate the neighborhood park on Orchard Gap for those without playground equipment and grandchildren.</p>
<p>I fully support Lucas being and continuing to be a horse community, however, horse ownership appears to be dropping in our community which is what our trail systems are focused on. By altering the trail system to allow biking it would be much more inclusive. Also a path/trail/sidewalk system connecting city hall, schools, parks and communities would greatly increase participation in events. An example of this would be McCreary Rd in Wylie and Exchange Rd in Allen.</p>
<p>We would love to see paved bicycle/walking paths in our city so we could exercise or get to the schools or parks safely on foot or bike!!!! It is definitely needed for safety in our community!!</p>
<p>Build wide sidewalks inside the easement next to country club and estates.</p>
<p>The Trinity Trail needs to be kept to horses and pedestrians only! If people have dogs they MUST be on a leash!!! No bikes or motorized vehicles allowed! The Winningkoff entrance needs to be protected from that! As far as other walking trails fine and dandy. I use the little park by the city hall to walk my dog because it is quiet during the week. When that place gets used people need to keep their dogs on a leash!! I like the quiet so I don't mind if it stays that way! I don't go there unless it's empty. My dog is young and gets very excited! I do not agree that we need pickle ball courts!! What a joke and a waste of my tax dollars!! I can't use it people can put one on their own properties!!!</p>
<p>The baseball field needs to be graded and re-surfaced with new field conditioner. Also need to have places for all levels of base/tee/soft ball bases.</p>
<p>While we may not use the parks often, mostly due to our age and current family dynamics, parks are an important aspect of a community. We were involved in sports w/ our kids as they grew up and taking them to the park, etc. With the location of Lucas, it's nice to have more natural settings to use to walk, jog, parks, etc. We love that we have the trails here w/ multiple trailheads and have used them.</p>
<p>When we have taken our grandchildren to parks in McKinney, Plano, and Allen, we have been very impressed with the playground equipment. The equipment includes towers, bridges between activity equipment, climbing rocks, etc. We need better playground equipment in Lucas!</p>
<p>Bikes on Trinity trails are dangerous-please keep them off; Also Founders Day in Mid Oct was much better.</p>
<p>Would like to see Lucas add pickleball courts.</p>
<p>If we have parks in Lucas other than the one at City Hall, they are not very well marked or encouraged to use.</p>
<p>Would prefer new facilities be located near existing sites including the schools. Small locations located in neighborhoods cause vandalism and extra costs.</p>
<p>We would love to see more activity at the parks. We have three girls and feel as though the current facilities do not encourage family use.</p>
<p>Would like a place to ride bicycles, top of list!</p>
<p>I wasn't aware of the Winningkoff, Highland or Trinity trails and assume that they are more for horseback riding and are not paved. I would really love a paved trail system that is easily accessible from Brockdale that I could run on. More playgrounds that my kids could play at would also be great! Thanks!</p>

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Pickle ball courts will bring adults to the parks. Gaga ball pits will draw the elementary kids. There needs to be enforcement of the no golf cart on roads rule. Several times teenagers drive their carts on the roads to the park and drive all through the park lawn (Forest creek park.). A dog park would be nice too. Dog poo stations with bags need to be placed at every park. People are lazy and don't pick up their dog poop anywhere in our neighborhood.
It would be nice to have a trail that connects to the trails at celebration park.
Would like to preserve the current Trinity Trail horse trails for horse back riding. Would be nice to have some paved walking/jogging trails, or at least some sidewalks, to promote safe walking/jogging in the area.
I would like to see more music events (country, bluegrass, high school choir and band, etc.) at the Community Park.
They should be advertised more often. I don't think to use them and end up going to farther places.
Need more information about facilities including a map with parking, entrances, restrooms, types of activities at each location.
Unfortunately, I currently work too much right now to enjoy the parks and trails in Lucas. However, I grew up riding horses and running trails around Little Elm, and loved those outdoor spaces. I am happy Lucas does have trails and parks for residents to enjoy. My husband has used the Southview field many times for his baseball team practices. Maybe the City and Corps of Engineers could partner to offer more trails around the lake, for hiking/biking/horseback riding.
I would love to see better, updated playground equipment at parks and parks with running trails. A park where kids could come play basketball would be great.
Need something for bikes and people, not horses. Also, need pickleball courts.
We're avid runners so we'd like to see an accessible trail system with connectivity within Lucas and other nearby cities
Please add pickleball courts. Many residents love playing.
I would love love love to have a trail system in Lucas! What a great feature for the community! Thanks for the survey.
Would use trails if bikes are allowed. Tired of missing out on leagues because I'm not a Plano resident and driving to McKinney for Pickleball. The high school has tennis courts but not Pickleball. Pickleball is growing rapidly by over 100%. It is great for community of all ages. Love that we can use the Lucas facilities as residents, but we need to be more updated.
I would just like to see them more appealing to the eye and then more people would come. In other nearby cities, the parks are full & used often. I think more trees & picnic tables. Look at the parks in McKinney. More plants:trees
Would love a system of trails that connect. Would also love pickleball courts at city hall.
enjoy nature walks
I believe a trail system would invite non residents to our neighborhood creating unnecessary traffic into our neighborhoods. The roads are already in bad enough condition and also a question of security.
Recreation planning is great - just please do t get industrial and keep the quaintness of Lucas and feel of the country.
Electric bikes are becoming popular amongst the kids so it would be nice for them to have access to a trail so they don't have to ride them so close to the road. They like to take their bikes to go fishing at the ponds around Lucas but it's pretty dangerous with the way the traffic is. Especially by Lewis park neighborhood.
We love all of the special events that the city puts on at the Community Park!

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<p>When we moved here 30 years ago we could ride our horses freely from our home. Now that 1378 has become a minor highway, our one dead end street has been cut off from accessing any safe and comfortable places to walk and bike. We literally have to load up our bicycles and drive to Allen. We no longer ride horses and our kids have grown therefore the sports practices at parks have ceased. However, it would be wonderful if Lucas had a comprehensive trail system within close proximity that we could pop over to for a walk or bike ride. We have not learned Pickleball yet but it sounds really fun and would be a good draw for people to gather and meet. Thanks for working on this!!</p>
<p>I wish they wouldn't add anything! Lucas is not even Lucas anymore!</p>
<p>We prefer natural trails but they get very muddy. The Brockdale trail is too muddy even in the summer due to the water/sewage run-off from the new development nearby. Last time we tried the Highland Park trail, there was too much brush and we could not get through. We don't know where to find the Winngkoff park as it looks like someone's land.</p>
<p>We seem to be missing safe trails for neighborhood students to walk/bike to school. If we have those, it will reduce traffic near schools.</p> <p>Also, Play equipment in Texas are not usable due to the heat in summer. Would it be possible to cover them with fabric awnings or other structures?</p>
<p>My daughter is in a wheelchair and the parks are rarely handicap accessible even when they say they are. You can't push a wheelchair in bark!</p>
<p>Pickleball courts would be AWESOME!!!!</p>
<p>We wish there were more Western riding facilities and trails in Lucas</p>
<p>This is the country, so let's preserve as much as possible. There should be trails to do all activities, hike, bike, horse and some off roading (atv)</p>
<p>The trailheads are very limited in use for horses and make them almost unusable to the majority of citizens for hiking and cycling</p>
<p>Thanks for putting up a pet disposal station at south view park. We pick up but we see so many who don't. Love seeing people take advantage of facilities there for sports or family gatherings.</p>
<p>Well planned upkeep and maintenance of existing facilities give residents ample opportunity to access outdoor facilities and activities. Do not need to expend money to waste on items that will be under utilized. Most have "parks" in their backyards or neighborhoods.</p>
<p>I wish there were more walking paths and basketball courts available.</p>
<p>I encourage the city to consider pursuing the construction of a dedicated bike path connecting Lavon Lake to Oak Point Nature Preserve. This would greatly expand acces for a variety of healthy/family-friendly activities. Neighborhoods such as White Rock, Grapevine, and Lewisville have capitalized on their natural bodies of water by constructing such trails and their property values have benefited greatly. Lucas has similar potential of which we should take advantage.</p>
<p>It would be great if the space under the powerlines could be converted into a trail system like Plano offers, especially if Lucas could somehow connect to the Plano trail system. With this wide space, a combination of paved trails for cyclists and natural trails for horses would be an amazing enhancement to Lucas.</p>
<p>Need more information about parks. Did not know we had trails. I go to Plano and Allen to trail walk. Will be trying to find the trials in Lucas now.</p>
<p>I honestly didn't know the Lucas trailheads were allowed to be used for pedestrians. I see so much commentary on Facebook about keeping off and you'll scare the horses that we haven't even tried.</p>
<p>The most common trail we use is Beaver Run Park</p>

Question 15. Please provide any additional feedback related to public parks, recreation, and/or trail system in Lucas.

I think the trails and parks provided are great. We typically use Celebration Park in Allen for running/XC training and club soccer practice and game facilitates soccer. For school sports, we typically use the school facilities.
Would love a paved trail system. I was not even aware there were any trails in Lucas.
Would love to see more sidewalks
Horseback riding and walking access is what makes Lucas unique. We are an oasis in a sea of concrete bike trails and sports courts
We recently moved to Lucas in May, but lived on the trails in Allen and that is the one thing missed. I would like to see more trails for walking and exercise. We are located on/near the trail off Snider Road, but it is designated as equestrian and is not ideal for walking or running as it now stands. Thanks for taking time to gather community input.
Fiscal responsibility needs to be the primary focus right now. If there is extra money to be spent, reducing water prices (a necessity) would be a better choice. In todays economy discretionary spending should be put on HOLD
We'd love to have more parks and trails but also want to "keep it country".
The kids need some place to ride bikes or even ride some e-bikes or dirtbikes. We also could use some pickle ball or tennis courts if you ask me. Better use than just playgrounds which are hot and barely ever used by toddlers. The teens needs some outlets.
It would be great to have a lighted pick all/tennis courts!!
would be good to get more information of trails. Also, the road by the Snider lane to the lake is in very bad shape and needs repair.
It would be nice to see recreation that draws older teen and young adults together. There is nothing to capture there attention and they are draw away from the community.
Have you thought about adding vending machines, with drinks or even a farm cart with fresh food/flowers/etc from locals?
The playground needs to be updated to have areas for ALL ages of elementary youth, with some type of shade covering so it can be enjoyed in the summer. There aren't any places for kids to bike so we go to celebration park to play since it has areas for ALL types of sports, exercise, playground for all ages and a water park. We should have fields that don't need to be reserved for kids to just go kick a ball in or shoot hoops at. Lucas lacks this type of involvement to get kids outdoors more.
We love the parks. We take grandchildren to forest grove park on a weekly basis. We walk Winningkoff road, Synder road and many back roads. Most are fine to walk but a trail along Winningkoff would be WONDERFUL!!!!
Would. LOVE to have safe trails to walk and bike vs. being on the roads which can be very busy.
Accessibility for Country Christmas was awful and awfully limited. One had to be able to climb into a bus, or had to be in wheelchair or electric scooter to get on bus. Walking, but unable to climb big steps? Due to bus rules, one was out of luck; no other way to get on bus. And only some busses were handicap accessible. I suggest a city employee actually act out different handicap scenarios next time busses are required use to experience what works and what is against the rules. This was very difficult, stressful, embarrassing and exhausting. As a tax paying resident, I should be treated better.
A trail system would also bring residents together. It could help increase a sense of community.
The Trinity Trail system is an invaluable and irreplaceable resource that can be a huge amenity for Lucas and our neighboring communities. We need to develop a responsible plan to develop as a natural space and promote carefully.
I think that it would be great to see part of the Trinity trail dedicated to mountain biking

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<p>This summer it was too hot to use the trails for the sake of the horse's and human's health. Then we had rains. The trails get too wet even to hike.</p>
<p>Since Rockdale south trail has been ruined by the encroachment of Inspiration, that portion of the trail could be paved for bikes and rollerbladers. The rest of the trail system should remain for only horseback riding and hiking.</p>
<p>I am 100% against using tax dollars to create any kind of court, trail system, dance hall, skating rink, etc. Especially against, in the strongest terms possible, a Pickle-ball court. And honestly, I am a little disappointed in the way this survey is slanted. People will read this and think, "oh yes, that's a great idea," without thinking about how that is funded. A more honest question would be, "Would you or your household use a TAX PAYER FUNDED trail system in Lucas?"</p>
<p>Please keep Lucas Country. Don't spend tax dollars to create walking trails. If those citizens want those kind of amenities they can go to Allen, Plano, McKinney, Wylie, etc.</p>
<p>Need to make sure dogs are leashed at all facilities, need to give fines to encourage people to follow the rules. A space that is a dog park for those folks that want their dogs to run free woods be good as well</p>
<p>Trinity Trail is valuable asset for the city. It needs much better care and maintenance. Mowing once or twice a year is not good enough.</p>
<p>Probably never going to happen, but I'd love to shoot skeet locally instead of having to drive all the way to Lewisville.</p>
<p>Fill in holes. Kids roll their ankles</p>
<p>We need pickleball courts!</p>
<p>Please add pickleball courts. A court at forest creek Park would be awesome</p>
<p>I know I would use sand or grass volleyball courts and pickleball courts. Forrest Creek Park could be so much better and usable if the grass area was walkable without possibly twisting an ankle. That is the park I know the best. Probably 1/2 is unusable.</p>
<p>A connected trail system would be a wonderful investment in the city of Lucas. It would also be wonderful to have this system connected to a town square to help build community.</p>
<p>Before Walmart and other growth, it was easy to ride our bikes from Lucas to the Allen bike trails. Now the roads are too busy and dangerous. It would be worthwhile to load up the bikes and drive to nice bike trail in Lucas. Right now, we load up our bikes and drive to an Allen bike trail.</p>
<p>Lucas rd is not useable for walking or bike riding. Ability to connect parts of the city to schools or city hall and special events would be a great improvement to the city.</p>
<p>We have no problem with parks, but this all seems to be a move towards making Lucas a BIG city, something we tried to get away from. Miss the town we came here for!</p>
<p>Great to have all this available, but am definitely NOT for continuing to expand this nice quiet corner of the State is turning into a BIG CITY. For the neighbors that WANT to live in a big city, Plano, McKinney, and Allen are nearby. We miss the small town feel and look.</p>
<p>No pickle ball ... we are fine they way we are please don't add anything that taxpayers have to pay for</p>
<p>I would love to have a paved trail for all residents to use, not just the ones that own horses. People could walk, skate, bike, hike all around the area. Local scouts have many requirements involving hiking, biking, fishing and even skating certain miles in order to get badges. This would be an excellent place for them to obtain this. All residents pay taxes and should all be represented with their tax dollars in the park system.</p>
<p>Limiting trails to horses is such a waste of natural resources. The trails can coexist with other kinds of traffic. Community improves when connectors are trails and not roads.</p>

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<p>We need pickleball courts and trails for mountain bike riding. Right now bikes aren't allowed yet there is rarely a horse on the trails. It would be great to have more balance</p>
<p>It would be wonderful to have pickleball courts in Lucas. I play several times a week and have to go to Plano or McKinney and it would be lovely to stay here and build relationships with other Lucas residents versus creating relationships outside of the city. Thanks for asking !!!</p>
<p>A safe pretty trail to walk run would be nice. It feels like we should have more options and connected trails.</p>
<p>The existing trails in Lucas are poorly maintained and too remote for walking by yourself.</p>
<p>Love this City! I would love to help in any way with Republican political activities, school board. Also with Conservative and Christian value promotional events</p>
<p>Please don't build another park or trail. I'd much rather a decrease in taxes than an increase.</p>
<p>Stop adding things just to increase taxes, fix what we have already. If you need more tax dollars you might as well add high density housing.</p>



City of Lucas

Parks and Open Space Board Request

January 23, 2024

Requester: Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett

Agenda Item Request

Provide an update on special events including:

- A. Country Christmas
- B. Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup
- C. Founders Day Country Fair

Background Information

Item 2A: Country Christmas

Country Christmas was held from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Community Park on Friday, December 1, 2023. The event included the holiday tree lighting ceremony, Santa's workshop, ice skating, holiday market, and more. Food trucks and vendors were at the event for attendees to purchase food. Public parking and shuttle services were provided from Hart Elementary School and Willow Springs Middle School.

Item 2B: Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup

The Keep Lucas Beautiful (KLB) Spring Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2024, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. KLB is committed to ensuring the Lucas community remains a clean and beautiful place to live. The City encourages residents to support the KLB Spring Cleanup by participating as a cleanup volunteer at the event. Students can also receive community service hours for volunteering at the cleanup event. Participants will register online and indicate an area they will be cleaning for the event. Cleaning supplies will be available early for the event at City Hall (665 Country Club Road) from April 1 to April 5, 2024. These supplies will also be available beginning at 9:00 am on the day of the event at Lucas City Hall. As volunteers complete their registered cleanup site, City staff will drive to the pickup locations to collect trash bags.

Item 2C: Founders Day Country Fair

The Founders Day Country Fair will be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road) on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The special event will feature carnival games, stick horse rodeo, petting zoo, face painting, balloon artists, and much more. The fair is free to the public. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from food trucks. There will be no public parking at the Community Park. Public parking and shuttle services will be located at Hart Elementary School and Lovejoy High School.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

NA



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Budget/Financial Impact

Item 2A: Country Christmas

Country Christmas expenses totaled \$18,294.26 which included the skating rink, tent, light towers, supplies, and labor. Country Christmas was budgeted in account 11-6211-447 (Country Christmas) at \$15,000 for fiscal year 2023/24.

Item 2B: Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup

The Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup is budgeted in account 11-6211-446 (Keep Lucas Beautiful) at \$5,000 for fiscal year 2023/24.

Item 2C: Founders Day Country Fair

The Founders Day Country Fair is budgeted in account 11-6211-444 (Founders Day) at \$25,000 for fiscal year 2023/24. This budget includes the cost of carnival games, rides, and supplies.

Recommendation

NA

Motion

NA



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January 23, 2024

Requester: Parks and Open Space Board

Agenda Item Request

Consider approval of the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Parks and Open Space Board meeting.

Background Information

NA

Attachments/Supporting Documentation

A. November 28, 2023 Parks and Open Space Board Meeting Minutes

Budget/Financial Impact

NA

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the minutes as presented.

Motion

I make a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Parks and Open Space Board meeting as presented.



MINUTES

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING

November 28, 2023 | 6:30 pm

Council Chambers

City Hall | 665 Country Club Road, Lucas Texas

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. A quorum was determined to be present, and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Parks Board Members Present:

Chairman Bill Esposito
Vice-Chairman John Elliott
Member Laura Giles
Member Joan Phillips
Alternate Member Lynne Dodson
Alternate Member Bryan Bellows

Parks Board Members Absent:

Member Christel Parish

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak
CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard
Management Analyst Joshua Menhennett

City Council Liaison Present:

Councilmember Dusty Kuykendall

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele

Regular Agenda

- 1. Review and provide comments on Chapter 6 (Parks and Open Space) of the City's Comprehensive Plan together with the Trails Master Plan and make recommendations to the City Manager. Discuss planning and updates for the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market season including:**

CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard presented regarding the comments for the Comprehensive Plan and Trails Master Plan. Vice-Chairman Elliott asked if there was consideration for sidewalks on the Trails Master Plan. City Manager Joni Clarke advised that discussion for trails was focused on using crushed granite.

Chairman Esposito noted that he was disheartened at the cost for updates to trails. CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard indicated where the cost of construction would go to. Ms. Clarke advised that it is the Parks Board's discretion on how often they hear or get to comment on this subject and that it can be a recurring agenda item if they so choose.

- 2. Discuss the creation and distribution of a special events survey to obtain input from Lucas citizens**

Management Analyst Joshua Menhennett presented the idea of conducting a City of Lucas special events survey. Chairman Esposito and Vice-Chairman Elliott indicated that it would be a good idea after the conclusion of the current parks survey. Councilmember Kuykendall suggested providing an ongoing commenting service for attendees at special events to provide feedback. Alternate Member Bellows advised being conscientious of overusing the survey format.



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3. Consider the discontinuation of the Founders Day Parade and evaluate location, options, and ideas regarding a future City of Lucas Parade.

City Manager Joni Clarke presented the background regarding why the Founders Day parade has been removed from the Founders Day Country Fair.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele addressed the Board, describing the history of the Founders Day Country Fair and the associated parade. Mayor Pro Tem Peele advised that the new parade could be held on October 19, 2024, along with ideas for the theme of the parade. Mayor Pro Tem Peele advised that the parade could be staged at Highland Park Trailhead, using the City owned roads as a route for the parade. Mayor Pro Tem Peele offered to act as the primary event organizer for the first years of the event to avoid a burden on City staff.

Chairman Esposito asked if there was necessary parking at the suggested location. Mayor Pro Tem Peele advised that the surrounding facilities would meet the parking needs.

Member Giles advised that it would be a wonderful idea. Vice-Chairman Elliott raised a concern that the location may not be the most easily accessible. Mayor Pro Tem Peele advised that proper marketing would likely bring participants to the area.

Member Giles advised that she is happy to volunteer and sit on a committee to work on a possible parade.

4. Provide updates on city-maintained parks and recreational facilities including the Lucas Community Park, Kenneth R. Lewis Park, Forest Creek Park, and East Winningkoff Trailhead.

CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard presented updates on parks projects in the City, including the staining of the pergola and the addition of an asphalt parking lot at Lucas Community Park. Mr. Hubbard also discussed security cameras installed at City of Lucas parks and trail markers added to the East Winningkoff Trail.

5. Provide an update on special events including:

- A. Public Lands Trail Cleanup**
- B. Movie in the Park**
- C. Arbor Day and Recycling Event**
- D. Country Christmas**

Management Analyst Joshua Menhennett presented past and upcoming special events. Alternate Member Bellows asked if there were any outstanding volunteer opportunities at Country Christmas. Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak advised that usually Country Christmas does not have volunteers.



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6. Discuss Parks and Open Space Board meeting date, time, and frequency.

Chairman Esposito advised that he doesn't believe that frequency of meetings should be increased. No changes were made to the regular Parks Board meeting date, time, or frequency.

Chairman Esposito advised that a workshop be held in January or February of 2024 to finalize logistics of the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market season. City Manager Joni Clarke advised hosting an informal lunch workshop to finalize details. The Parks Board agreed to host the workshop lunch on February 2, 2024, at 11:30 am at the Lucas City Hall. The topics of this meeting will include vendor selection and market events.

7. Discuss the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market Season as it relates to:

- A. Special Events**
- B. Marketing Plan and Strategy**
- C. Volunteers**
- D. Personnel on the Lucas Farmers Market Committee**

Chairman Esposito encouraged the Parks Board to strongly consider possible events for the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market season before the next Parks Board meeting.

Chairman Esposito advised the Parks Board to get the word out about volunteering and participating in the Lucas Farmers Market. The Parks Board agreed that those citizens who routinely volunteer at the Lucas Farmers Market should also participate in the planning and logistics of the Lucas Farmers Market season. City staff advised that they would update the Lucas Farmers Market Committee list and make sure everyone is invited to the February 2, 2024 workshop lunch.

8. Consider approval of the minutes of the September 26, 2023 Parks and Open Space Board meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Elliott, seconded by Member Giles to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 Parks and Open Space Board meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote. Member Poteete and Alternate Member Dodson were not present.

9. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Alternate Member Bellows, seconded by Vice-Chairman Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote. Member Poteete and Alternate Member Dodson were not present.

Adjournment



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APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Bill Esposito, Chairman

Joshua Menhennett, Communications Specialist