



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2024-014, authorizing submission of the application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Recreational Trails Grant for City Point Trail, Grant #REC-2024-City of NRH-00050.

PRESENTER: Adrien Pekurney, Director of Parks and Recreation Department

SUMMARY:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. If awarded, the Parks and Recreation Department will use the funds to help support the construction of the City Point Trail.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking authorization to apply for and if awarded utilize grant funds offered through the National Recreational Trails Fund administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The reimbursable grants can be up to 80% of project cost with a maximum of \$300,000 for non-motorized trail grants. Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors.

The current adopted FY2023/2024 Park Fund Capital Infrastructure Project for the City Point Trail provides for the design and construction of a 10' wide multi-use trail in the Oncor easement just west of City Point development from Glenview Drive to an existing 6' wide residential pedestrian trail system adjacent to City Point Phase 2 along Boulevard 26. The trail design plans are complete and the grant opportunity, if awarded, provides potential funding to support construction. This project will serve to connect residents in the second phase of development along the west side of City Point with a 10' wide multi-use trail from Glenview Drive northward into the residential trail system next to Boulevard 26. The trail connection at Glenview will give NRH residents an opportunity to connect to a similar recreational trail located in the Oncor easement within Richland Hills southward. All phases of City Point will connect to the JoAnn Johnson Trail which begins at the signalized intersection of Boulevard 26 and City Point Drive. There is a 20% match requirement which is already funded within FY2023/2024. The total grant application, if awarded, is \$248,629.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2024-014, authorizing submission of the application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the National Recreational Trails Fund administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as Recreational Trails Grant Program for City Point Trail, Grant #REC-2024-City of NRH-00050.