

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ROCKWALL**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THERE WAS HELD A WORKSHOP
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ON THE ABOVE DATE WITH
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT PRESENT:**

CHRIS FLORANCE	COUNTY JUDGE
JERRY WIMPEE	COMMISSIONER PCT #1
LORIE GRINNAN	COMMISSIONER PCT #2
BRUCE BEATY	COMMISSIONER PCT #3
DAVID MAGNESS	COMMISSIONER PCT #4
LISA CONSTANT	COUNTY CLERK

JUDGE FLORANCE CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00AM. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND WERE PRESENT: MILTON OSPINA, NIELS BROWN, DIANE STROMAN AND JAMES SHARP. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (NCTCOG) WERE PRESENT: AUDRA VALAMIDES AND JACK TIDWELL.

- **DISCUSSION OF OPEN SPACE PLANNING:** THE DYNAMICS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY'S GEOGRAPHY AND ITS RAPID POPULATION GROWTH PRESENT A VERY SMALL WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO ACT ON THE QUALITY OF ITS FUTURE. THE OBJECTIVES FOR THE OPEN SPACE PLANNING/CONSERVATION VISIONING ARE (1) TO PRESERVE QUALITY STORM WATER CORRIDORS, (2) TO SECURE A MAJOR CENTRAL PARK, (3) TO PROTECT/ESTABLISH CORRIDORS

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ESSENTIAL FOR OPEN SPACE CONNECTIVITY COUNTY WIDE. TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND AND NTCOG RECOMMENDED PLANNING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO SERVE ON EITHER OF TWO SEPARATE COMMITTEES. THE STEERING COMMITTEE WOULD BE A SMALL GROUP OF ENERGETIC CITIZENS WITH LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, GOOD ATTENDANCE AND COMMITTED TO OPEN SPACE PLANNING. THE STAKEHOLDERS GROUP WILL BE A LARGER GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY, I.E. MAYORS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO WILL VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME BY ANSWERING A QUESTIONNAIRE BASED ON IDEAS FOR OUR COUNTY, PARTAKING IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND AND ATTENDING A PUBLIC MEETING IN ROCKWALL. MEMBERS OF THE COURT SUGGESTED NAMES FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND STAKEHOLDER GROUP.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AND WITH NO FURTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA; JUDGE FLORANCE ADJOURNED THE WORKSHOP MEETING AT 11:45AM.

LISA CONSTANT, COUNTY CLERK

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