

Dallas Park Land Dedication What happened. When it happened. And what's happening now.

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The last thing Dallas needs is more grass. As to parks in State-Thomas, have you never been to Griggs Park? It's nice, you should go there some time.

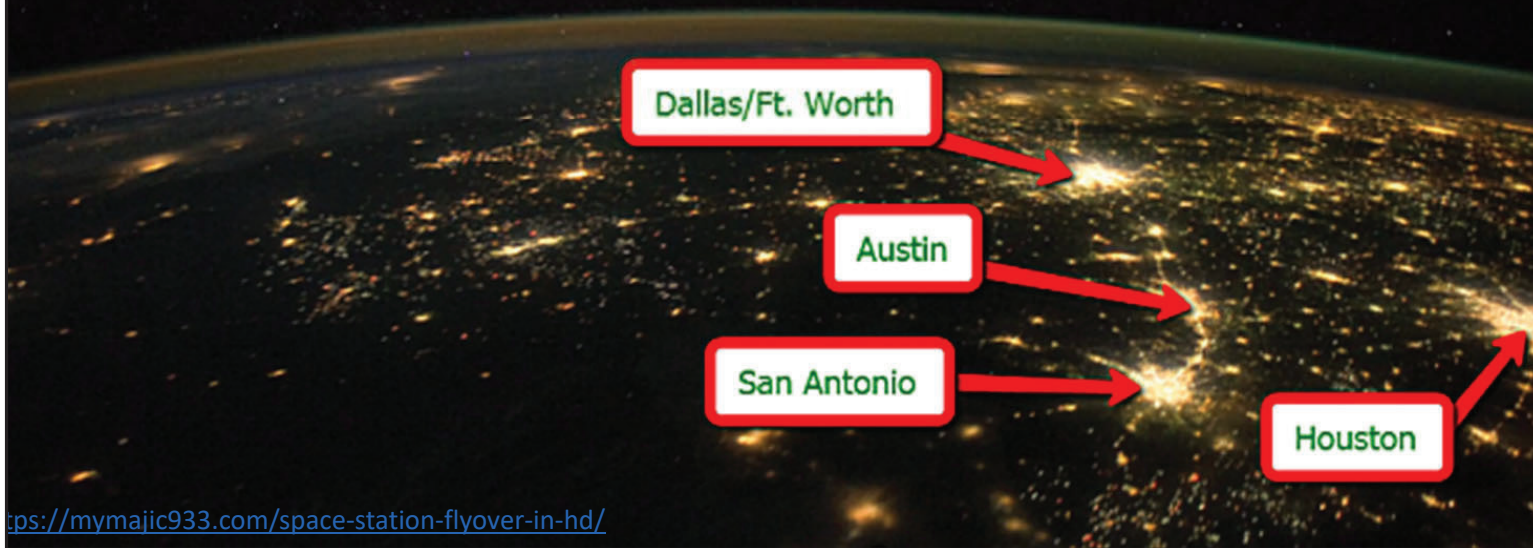
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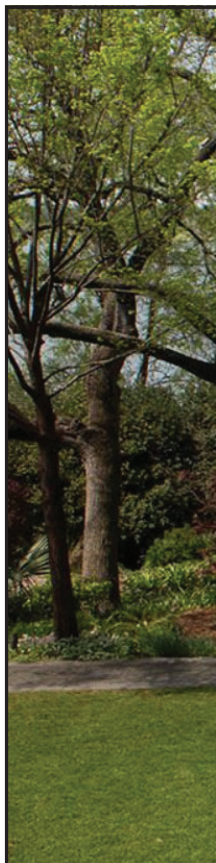
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First of all, park land dedication in Dallas did not happen in the vacuum of space.



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Park and Recreation Board requested and was briefed on a park land dedication ordinance in November, 2016.

Briefed City Council Quality of Life Committee three times in 2017.

Held five meetings with Subdivision Review Committee of the City Plan Commission.

Approved by City Plan Commission on December 14, 2017.

Park and Recreation Board approved a resolution on January 4, 2018 supporting the action by the CPC for the implementation of a park land dedication ordinance.

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But there was more to it than that...

Before the *concept* went to the Subdivision Review Committee for those five meetings:

Staff convened a working group to discuss and make recommendations on the proposed ordinance.

- Met five times in April and May of 2017
- Comprised of members/representatives from TREC, Dallas Builders Association, AIA, multifamily developers, single family developers, and park system advocates (former City Council and Park Board members)

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And what was that **concept**:

As new residents move to Dallas an impact is created on the existing park system – the level of service decreases with additional residents.

The purpose of the park land dedication ordinance was for developers to share in the cost of providing new park land and amenities for the new residents as opposed to existing taxpayers.

Seems easy, right?

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