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Dallas City Park is the largest and most used park in the city. It's host to community events, such as Art in the Park during Summerfest. The newly approved parks master plan will guide the maintenance and development of Dallas' parks system.

## Dallas approves parks master plan

Document establishes objectives for city's parks and open spaces for next 20 years

By Jolene Guzman  
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DALLAS – Residents of Dallas want the city's parks to have a variety of activities, be located nearby and provide access to all, including those with disabilities and senior citizens.

That is just some of the insight revealed in the city's parks master plan, approved by the Dallas City Council Monday night.

Approval finished the

work that consultant, Community Planning Workshop, and the city's Parks Advisory Board began in 2014. The consultant gathered citizen suggestions through a survey, an open house and collecting feedback during Summerfest 2014.

The results were used to create a plan that will guide maintaining and expanding the city's park system. It contains goals for improvements, including, safety, community engagement,

and funding sources for obtaining, developing and maintaining park space.

Dallas City Manager Ron Foggin said the community feedback on access was the most unexpected response.

"They (citizens) really wanted full access for all," he said. "That says a lot about the community."

Based on that finding, the city has already begun improving access to parks, Foggin said.

He added the advisory

board will continue working, using the plan to create individual "master plans" for existing neighborhood parks.

Dallas owns 10 parks and the Rickreall Creek Trail System, totaling 91 acres. While the city is well served by Dallas City Park – by far the largest and most used park in the system – it is lacking in neighborhood parks, namely in the northeast, east and south areas of the city.

"We really are lacking in a number of spots in the city

in the ability (to provide) playground equipment and open space," Foggin said.

According to the plan, Dallas also falls slightly short of minimum of 6.25 acres of parks or open space per 1,000 residents recommended by the Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Based on projected population growth, the city would need to add 13 acres to its parks system by 2020 to meet that standard.

Foggin said the plan will be frequently updated to try to meet that and other goals.

"It's not something that is chiseled in stone," Foggin said. "Frankly, we just aren't interested in this document being a dust collector. We want it to be something that the parks advisory board will be using every time they meet."

For more information on the plan: [www.dallasoregonparks.com](http://www.dallasoregonparks.com).

## Dallas city court judge given raise

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DALLAS – The Dallas City Council approved a \$300 per month raise for its municipal court judge Monday night.

Jonathan Clark was hired for the position in December and as part of his contract with the city was a review for a possible salary increase after six months.



Clark

City Manager Ron Foggin said the city is more than pleased with Clark's performance since taking over the job.

"He has performed great," Foggin said. "I can't say enough about how good the judge has been in court, with staff, with the prosecutor and with the police department."

Foggin recommended his salary increase from \$2,520 to \$2,820 a month and the council approved the recommendation.

In other business the council:

- Discussed implementing a fee to replace the city's garage sale signs. "The whole idea of using the signs is that city looks nice and we don't have all that paper and stuff up and down the telephone poles," said Councilor Kelly Gablicks, the chairwoman of the city's Administrative Committee. "When the signs look so poor it defeats the purpose of doing it."

The committee recommended the city keep \$5 of the \$15 deposit people pay for use of the signs to pay for replacements. The fee will be presented to the council at a future meeting.

- Canceled its Aug. 17 meeting.

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