# Randall/Winters Park Proposal

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### For Many



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### Three Proposed Improvements

#### 1. New Parkland

At Santa Fe Trailhead, starting mid-October.

#### 2. New Amenities for Existing Parkland

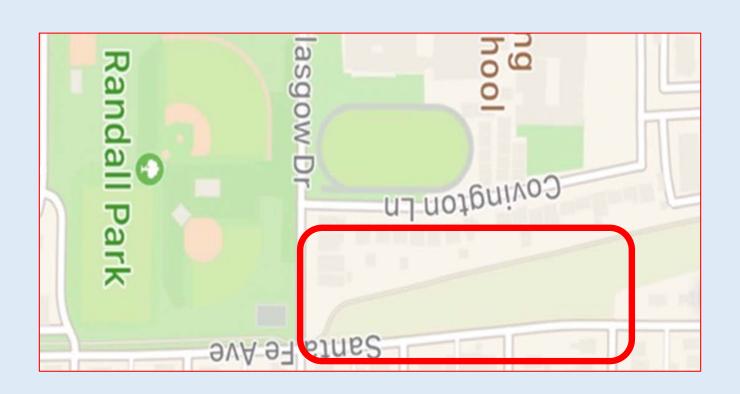
Improve Safety & Usability, implemented with game field.

#### 3. Upgraded Game Field

Football & Soccer, only after public input, study, design, deliberation, and approval.

### 1. New Parkland:

### Santa Fe Trailhead Park



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#### Santa Fe Trailhead Park

- ~2.2 acres of new, unfenced, walkable parkland (increase of over 43%)
- Clean fill dirt, no drainage issues, not a spring, not a wildlife refuge
- Parks Dept. basic plantings and irrigation packages



### 2. New Amenities

### Randall/Winters Park Safety & Access



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- 1. Security Cameras
- 2. Walking Trail Lighting
- 3. Additional Trash Cans
- 4. New Metal Tables
- 5. Free Public WiFi



#### The Need

#### 1. 1 in 4 Students Directly Impacted

• ~25% of Long (275 or 22.9%) and Woodrow (496 or 26.5%) students combined play football, soccer, or parallel programs such as band, cheer, drill team, or ROTC

#### 2. Fix Grossly Deficient Field Availability for Woodrow and Long

- One practice field for 4 HS football teams, 2 middle school football teams, 6 HS soccer teams, 4 middle school soccer teams, 2 drill teams, and 2 bands
- No other HS football program in DISD shares a field with the middle school program
- Every other 5A school in DFW has at least two on-campus practice fields
- Athletes end up training in off hours, disrupting schedules and student life

#### 3. Improve Quality of Student Life

- Improve School Spirit: off-campus home games reduce school spirit and student/community engagement with programs
- <u>Ease Heavy Burden on Programs and Families</u>: travel to every game requires double costs for travel (and even U-Haul rentals for the band)
- Avoid Brutal Schedule: Sharing fields results in Thursday games (disruptive to academics and preparation) and Saturday games (bad for attendance and injury recovery)

Size & Location

- Existing soccer field upgraded to minimum requirements to host HS football/soccer games
- Existing open parkland footprint preserved
- Community access to field preserved
- Eventually as many 4,000 seatsphased in as parking study allows







It Will Fit – Preserving Use, Ingress & Egress





#### Realism on Lights & Noise

1. Lights: Varsity HS football games use lights at night, but they are already there and used

#### 2. Noise:

- Pleasant Grove Stadium has more seats and is comparably close to residences (~86' there vs. ~82' here).
- Varsity HS football games can be loud, but
  - They sound like a high school football game, not a chainsaw or lawnmower
  - Games start at 7:00 or 7:30 and average 2-2.5 hours.
  - Peak sound level is not constant for the entire game – it is on big plays
  - Even if peak sound were constant, it would constitute no more than
     0.285% of the time in a year



#### **Sufficient Non-Curbside Parking**

#### 1,334 spots needed for 4,000 seats

Dallas requires 3:1 ratio for fans to parking spots at this type of venue

#### 1,562 non-curbside spaces within ~1/2 mile (4 blocks)

- 528 spots combined at Woodrow, Long & Randall/Winters
- 1,034 spots available at other schools/parks within ~1/2 mile (~4 blocks)
  - At other landlocked schools, DISD uses as a satellite parking system with shuttle buses
- Curbside non-residential parking within the same approximate distance provides hundreds of surplus spaces over and above the 1,562

#### Prevent game-day curbside residential area parking

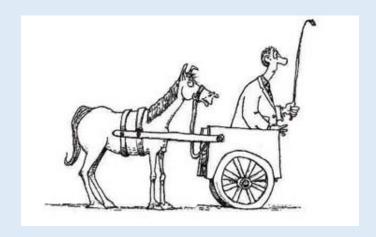
- Signs: "No Non-Resident Parking on Game Day"
- No parking on Columbia Complete Streets
- Towing esp. on key routes (Columbia, Reiger, Juliette Fowler, Glasgow)

#### Minimize traffic with:

- Ticket instructions for satellite lots
- Existing walkability & trail access with improved lighting
- Designated Uber drop-offs at larger nearby intersections

#### Formal Study Needed

### Survey Realism



- Test before Curriculum
- Election before Campaign
- Verdict before Evidence



### **Path**

#### 1. Proposal Formulation Based on Initial Input:

- ❖ Met, Asked & Listened
- ❖ Build Proposal Based on Input
- Secured Funding Commitments

#### 2. Where We are Now:

- Roll Out Proposal Publicly
- ❖ Informal Public Input Process
- Answering Inquiries
- Gathering Points Warranting Further Study

#### 3. What's Next?

- Data-Gathering, Study & Analysis
- Formal Public Submission, Input & Evaluation
- Approval & Implementation

### We are our choices.

Do we want to be a community that chooses:

- ✓ To increase our unfenced, walkable parkland by 43%?
- √ To add amenities that make our existing park safer and more accessible?
- ✓ To give up no more than about one quarter of one percent of our quiet time, on 5-10 Friday nights, so the school kids can engage in their extra-curriculars next to their school in their community?

### The Choice is Yours.