

**August 9, 2012**  
**Regular Agenda Item No. 1**  
**Lick Creek Greenway Trail Project Update**

**To:** David Neeley, City Manager

**From:** Chuck Gilman, P.E., PMP, Public Works Director

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the Lick Creek Greenway Trail Project.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:** Goal IV, Improving Multimodal Transportation – Improving quality of life by providing alternative routes for transportation and increasing connectivity to major thoroughfares and trail systems, as well as providing access to recreational facilities throughout the City.

**Recommendation(s):** Staff recommends proceeding with the design of the complete multi-use path utilizing the Consultant's preferred alignment for Segments "B" (SH6 to W.D. Fitch) and Segment "C" (W.D. Fitch to Lick Creek Park) and an "on-street" option for Segment "A" (Creek View Park to SH6).

**Summary:** The Lick Creek Greenway Trail project was approved as part of the 2008 GOB election to construct approximately 4 miles of multi-use paths along Lick Creek from Creek View - Westfield Park to Lick Creek Park connecting residential neighborhoods and CSISD property. This project is also on the City's Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan. Halff Associates, Inc. (Halff) was engaged in September 2011 to conduct a preliminary design and route analysis for the proposed trail. Several meetings were held to gather input from the public. Halff's recommendation for the preferred route is based on consideration of several factors, including pedestrian and user safety, project development costs, environmental concerns, connections to major thoroughfares and trail systems, as well as feedback from the public and potential users. City staff and the design team conducted several public meetings in an effort to get input on the trail alignment.

In April 2012, a majority of the Springbrook HOA voted in favor of a proposition to allow the HOA Board to negotiate with the city to dedicate approximately 18 acres of "common area" owned by the HOA to allow the trail to be constructed. Some homeowners have expressed strong opposition to the land dedication, and the neighborhood and HOA continued to address issues related to the land dedication.

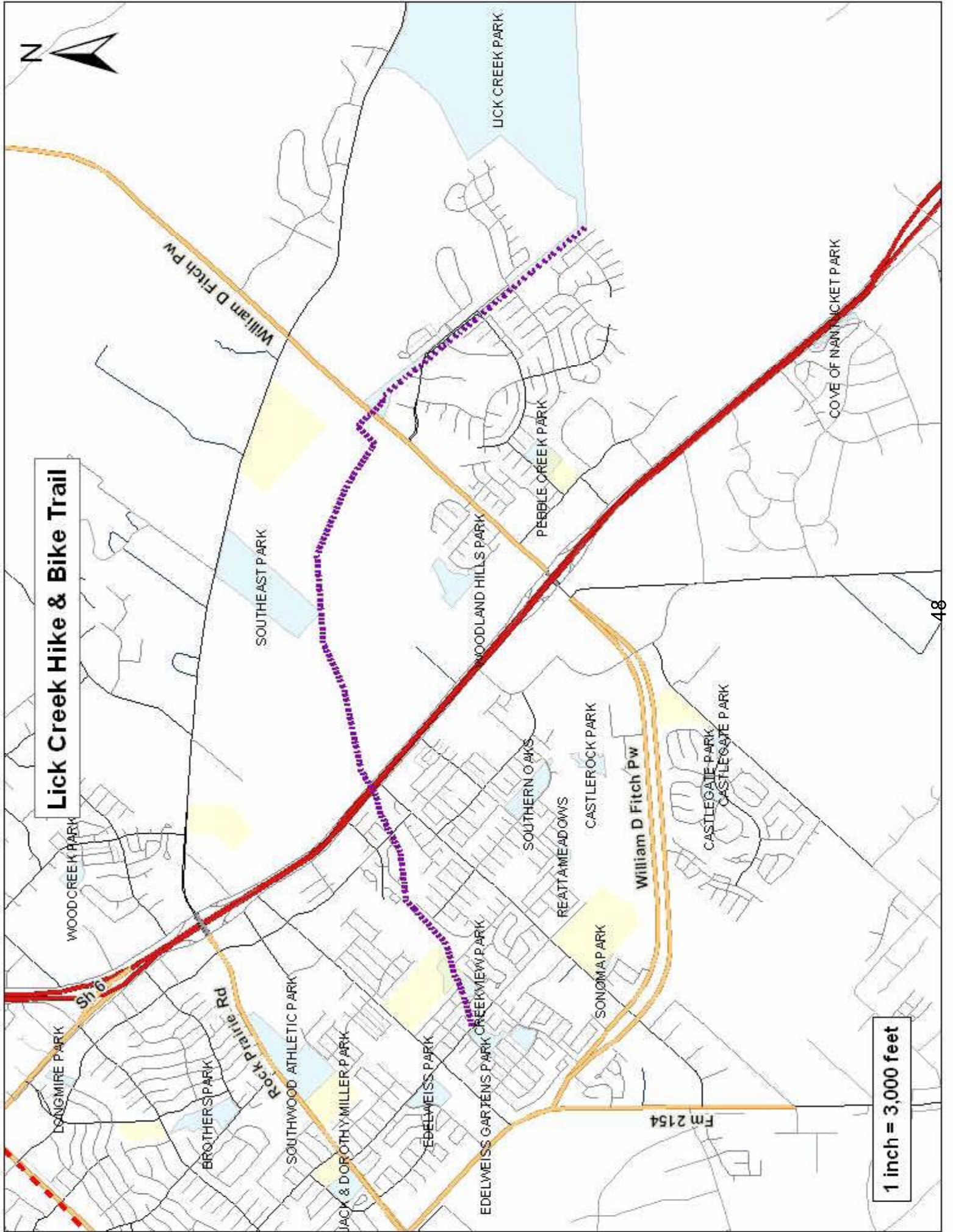
During a project update at the May 24, 2012 meeting, Council expressed a desire for staff to return after 60 days to allow the SHOA additional time to gather more information and look into their issues further. Staff is of the understanding that the same concerns still remain, and therefore, is recommending proceeding with detailed design of the complete trail utilizing the Consultant's preferred alignment for Segments B and C and an on-street option for Segment A in lieu of the alignment through the common area.

**Budget & Financial Summary:** Funds in the amount of \$4,410,000 are budgeted for this project from the Streets Capital Projects Fund, with \$100,000 budgeted for the preliminary design study phase. A total of \$82,967 has been expended or committed to date, leaving a balance of \$4,327,033 for design and construction.

**Attachments:**  
Project Location Map



# Lick Creek Hike & Bike Trail



1 inch = 3,000 feet