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We are on the consent agenda for tomorrow as #5. This allows us to park on Winfrey Point for up to 400 cars and to charge for parking. This was the approach discussed in the evening meeting at City Hall. Ed Perrin has worked out the legal details with Christine Lanners etc. In talking to Merrie Spaeth's office they suggested we not delay this but go forward with it tomorrow. There is significant protection in the wording saying it will be at the direction of the Park Department. We will then ask if questioned, that before doing anything we would have a consultation with three respected botanic organizations as to how best to do it and then get this information to the Park Department. I am also copying the Spaeth office to see if they suggest any more wordsmithing on the Winfrey Statement . Please let me know your thoughts. Mary

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Questions Regarding Parking At Winfrey Point

The Dallas Arboretum is committed to working with the community and city officials to meet the needs of those who enjoy the lake and also want to visit the Dallas Arboretum, another landmark feature in the city's park system.

As the Botanic garden operates on City of Dallas Park Land and Winfrey Point also is owned and managed by the City, the garden asked for parking consideration there while construction was taking place on its new facilities, including those for parking. The Arboretum volunteers and employees have been allowed in the past three weeks to use the parking areas at Winfrey Point. To address the space considerations at this venue when a significant number of spaces were taken by Arboretum staff, the remaining garden staff and volunteers were sent to other offsite parking locations.

This week the construction of the first phase of additional Arboretum parking across Garland Road will be complete.

The Dallas Arboretum has been asked by the Park and Recreation Department to provide interim and emergency management if needed, and as directed by them, of the Winfrey Point area for up to 400 cars. The Arboretum has been asked to do this because of their experience in this field and ability to provide clearance for those needing special access. With so many instances of parking problems in the Winfrey Point area recently by those using the Lake and Park facilities, this approach will be in place while the city completes and has input on an overall plan to address the needs of the western side of White Rock Lake. The garden will be given permission to charge for parking in the area during its oversight period, allowing a number of spaces to be set aside that are free to the public in adjoining areas. The Arboretum has been asked to work with the Park Department staff reserving the Winfrey Point facility as well as the management of the Little Leagues using the area to make sure that planned activities are addressed and their participants have special access. Once again, this procedure is being put in place at this time to address how an emergency can be handled so that the city 's needs can be addressed quickly, if needed, at a future date..

If asked

If there needs to be any mowing or grading of the areas needed the garden will seek advice from three respected organizations in the botanic world for recommendations on how to handle this, in the best way and will inform the Park Department before action takes place..