

# White Rock East Coalition of Area Neighborhoods

February 10, 2014

Council Member Sheffie Kadane  
City of Dallas City Hall  
1500 Marilla  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Council Member Kadane:

Representing close to 4,000 households, the White Rock East Coalition of Area Neighborhoods is a newly-formed alliance composed of Old Lake Highlands Neighborhood Association (NA), Lochwood NA, and the Peninsula NA. Our purpose is to build a stronger sense of community by, collectively, addressing quality of life issues that affect our neighborhoods.

The current discussion regarding a potential restaurant at Boy Scout Hill, in White Rock Lake Park concerns us greatly. We feel strongly that is an inappropriate use of public park land and we cannot support this kind of disruptive commercial development on the east side of White Rock Lake.

Together we should take this as an opportunity to establish a review of the of 1987 Management Plan for White Rock Lake, strengthen its original mission, and ensure the ecosystems of the native Blackland Prairies remain intact. These sacred grasslands, on the east side of the Lake, are just a handful of the priceless Blackland Prairies in Dallas County. And for us as good stewards of the Lake, we must ensure that respect, preservation, and maintenance are acknowledged as being valued and important for these irreplaceable areas.

Therefore, we request an informal meeting with you, Gloria Tarpley, and Gerry Worrell so that all can articulate their views within the next two weeks. It's important that our position on this issue be understood, and placed at the forefront of this discussion.

Moving forward, we will continue to advocate for the east side of White Rock Lake in an open and transparent manner, and ask that you do also.

We look forward to your reply which can be delivered to Leigh Ann Ellis at 214.3217159 or laellis55@aol.com.

Thank you,

*Leigh Ann Ellis*

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David Shinn, President of Peninsula NA

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