

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 23, 2026

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **White Rock Boat House – Contract Compliance Update**

Mayor and Council Members, I know many of you have received numerous emails from residents regarding access to the White Rock Boat House. I want to assure you that Dallas Park & Recreation is actively addressing this matter and is not ignoring the issues raised.

For background, on July 8, 2026, the City issued a **Notice of Breach to White Rock Boat House, Inc. (WRBI)** regarding provisions contained in its 2025 Code of Conduct. Specifically, the Code of Conduct includes language stating that WRBI may deny access to the boathouse and premises to "anyone employed by or volunteering as a coach or mentor for another junior, middle school, or adult rowing program in the Dallas area."

Under Section 8.10 of the Development Agreement, WRBI's rules governing membership and access must be submitted to and approved by the Director of Dallas Park & Recreation. The department determined that the current 2025 Code of Conduct had not been submitted for the required review and approval and, therefore, is not in compliance with the Development Agreement.

The department also determined that the Code of Conduct could not be approved in its current form because the membership and access provisions are inconsistent with the purpose of the Development Agreement, which requires the premises to be maintained for the use and enjoyment of all segments of the Dallas community and to be available for the benefit of the citizens of Dallas.

Consistent with the terms of the Development Agreement, WRBI has been provided thirty (30) days from the date of the Notice of Breach to cure the violation by removing the current Code of Conduct from its website and submitting a revised Code of Conduct for review and approval.

The Notice of Breach expressly reserves all rights, remedies, and defenses available to the City in the pending litigation involving WRBI.

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The City Attorney's Office is actively managing this matter and continues to work closely with Dallas Park & Recreation to keep the department updated. Dallas Park & Recreation remains committed to ensuring that City facilities are operated in accordance with their governing agreements and that public amenities remain accessible in a manner consistent with those agreements.

We appreciate the concerns expressed by residents and members of the City Council and Park Board and will continue to keep you informed as this matter progresses.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Assistant Director Rachael Berry at your convenience.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John D. Jenkins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John D. Jenkins, Director
Dallas Park and Recreation

c: Ryan O'Connor, Senior Deputy Director
Sean D. Johnson, Deputy Director