



The Trinity Trust River Rats Hear about Streetcars Connecting Downtown Dallas and Oak Cliff

DALLAS, Texas (May 6, 2010) – The Trinity Trust’s River Rats event on April 22nd featured Brandon Bolin, principal of GroundFloor Development. More than 60 members and their guests came to the Belmont Hotel and BarBelmont for “Streetcars: Connecting Downtown to Oak Cliff.” Members and potential members enjoyed appetizers, such as Smoke’s delicious sliders, and cocktails, and listened to an informative presentation.

Bolin gave a presentation about how a group of citizen activists from Oak Cliff in partnership with the North Central Texas Council of Governments applied for a \$23 million transportation improvement grant to connect Union Station and the Dallas Convention Center Hotel to North Oak Cliff and Methodist Hospital. Of the 1,400 applicants received, 51 applicants were awarded funding including theirs.

He said, “The streetcar will spur economic development in North Oak Cliff and provide a valuable connection to this gem of an area, one of the most beautiful in the City of Dallas. We envision that the streetcar will also allow people to access the Trinity Park amenities from the Oak Cliff levees after parking at the Reunion parking garage and riding the streetcar across the Houston Street Viaduct. All in all, this new streetcar alignment is great for the Dallas Convention Center Hotel, downtown Dallas, The Trinity project, North Oak Cliff and Southern Dallas.”

Tierney Kaufman, The Trinity Trust outreach coordinator, said, “Programs like this one show the value of The Trinity project. We invite those who are interested in the future of it to join us. Those interested in River Rats membership are invited to join us.”

River Rats memberships are \$100 per individual or couple. Membership benefits include access to The Trinity Trust lecture series, which features prominent speakers. Members are also invited to exclusive events, canoe trips down the Trinity River and hikes through the Great Trinity Forest.” People can join online at www.thetrinitytrust.org or by calling Tierney Kaufman at 214.740.1616.

About The Trinity Trust Foundation and The Trinity Center:

The Trinity Trust raises private funds and public awareness to implement the Balanced Vision Plan for The Trinity project in conjunction with the City of Dallas. The Trinity Trust has established The Trinity Center as the gathering place for all civic and non-profit groups working to revitalize the Trinity River in Dallas. It houses the offices of The Trinity Trust Foundation, Texas Horse Park, Groundwork Dallas and Trinity Strand Trail, and hosts meetings, workshops and events for these organizations and the Trinity Commons Foundation. The Trinity Center facilitates collaboration between these entities and the City of Dallas and encourages seamless integration of all the components of The Trinity project. More information can be found by calling 214.740.1616, by emailing info@thetrinitytrust.org,

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