

CPC Votes to Delay Decision on Gas Drilling Permits

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Park Land

**no drilling allowed on
park land**

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is no feasible and prudent alt
face as a drill site

On Thursday, the City Plan Commission voted to hold the matter of Trinity East Energy's special permits for gas well drilling open until the March 21st meeting, effectively throwing the ball to the City Council to provide direction in an increasingly contentious matter. Although the vote was newsworthy, it was overshadowed by allegations of violations of the Open Meetings Act by CPC chair Joe Alcantar to arrange for the revote, as well as the shocking secret commitment by City Manager Mary Suhm to Trinity East that city staff would smooth the way for the permits' approval – contrary to the City Council's direction to her and her reassurances to Council. DHL will always strongly condemn backroom dealings of this sort, and does so again in this case.