

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO***

## ***LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)***

**Minutes**  
**October 29, 2024**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Natalie Garza, District One  
Sue Calberg, District Two  
Randy Preissig, District Four  
Don Rios, District Seven

Robert Trottmann, District Eight  
John Kent, District Nine  
William Long, Mayoral Appointee

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation  
Margarita Hernandez, Parks and Recreation  
Riki Kobayashi, Parks and Recreation

Sofia Martino, Parks and Recreation  
Bill Pennell, Parks and Recreation

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Kendall Hayes  
Noah Fuentes  
Reuben Bazan  
Ron Janetzke  
Cory Boyer  
Raquel Torres  
Alan Wagner-Krankel

Joe Cantu  
Amanda Nasto  
Agdel Rivera  
Frank Engallina  
Rick Shaw  
Walter Heard

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

Motion to approve the revised September minutes:

*Motion: Randy Pressig, District Four*

*Second: Don Rios, District Seven*

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Matthew Markell submitted some comments via email to be read at the LCPAB Meeting. A response was provided by City Staff via email. His comments are listed below:
  - Recent City website changes seem to have removed the section with updates and timelines on trail projects. Can some form of regular updates be investigated, either website or social media posts? Even a volunteer “PR” person to post online. I believe this helps build support and continued engagement by residents (who approve the funding) as they look forward to new sections opening. Many around Raymond Russell are waiting for trail updates through Dominion Dr. as the frontage roads are hazardous with construction.
  - With the popularity of the L’etape tour the last few years, more cycling tourism should be investigated to continue to promote the trails around the city. e.g. a cycling gastronomic trail featuring local food stops etc.
  - Related, promoting the trails as a “gateway to the Hill Country” could also benefit many locals, especially with future trails and proposed SA Bike Network expansion (2025 report) Example: An out-and-back day

trip starting at The RIM trailhead could continue to Leon Springs or even Boerne via proposed Bike Network links (Scenic Loop Rd).

- Encourage examining the “Gateway to the Hill Country” concept via trail continuing along I-10 to Leon Springs and then WEST along Leon Creek/Boerne Stage. A “21st century “Scenic Loop” visiting the historically significant Scenic Loop and/or parks resources in the area also an idea. This would also tie nicely into the Great Springs project in the future and link ups to TX Wine country etc. New York State’s “Empire Trail” system is a great example of this large-scale trail tourism.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- John Kent, District Nine
  - Mr. Kent spoke about the new neighborhood that is being built near Salado Creek by Eisenhower Park. Mr. Ross is working with the developer to coordinate the resulting adjustment to the trail location.
- Don Rios, District Seven
  - Mr. Rios has suggested that the trees planted at 4909 Crystal Hill be trimmed and mulched to promote growth.
  - Mr. Rios spoke about some issues that need to be addressed at the Border Brook Trailhead. There is a stormwater drain that is blocked by sediment and debris and presents a flooding hazard. There are also some sediments blocking the sidewalk to get to the trailhead and a sign missing at the entrance. Mr. Rios suggested some benches be added to the trailhead entrance as well.
  - Mr. Rios spoke about an incident that occurred on the trail near Fox Park. There is a curve with low visibility and two cyclists recently collided with one another. He is requesting that the canopy be lifted to provide more visibility.
- Sue Calberg, District Two
  - Ms. Calberg stated that violent crime continues to be a concern. The September 22<sup>nd</sup> broad daylight murder of Stacey Dramiga, who the Sheriff says was snatched off the trail south of Commerce Street during her regular walk, followed by the body found wrapped in a tarp in a golf cart just off trail in the Walker Ranch area on October 5<sup>th</sup> cries out for everyone to not only be vigilant but active in preventing further heartbreak.
  - Ms. Calberg stated that on October 20<sup>th</sup>, more than 70 people gathered on the trail in Comanche Park to rally for safety in memory of Stacey. They handed out whistles, shared self-defense tips and encouraged trail users to avoid being alone. For two decades we promised the taxpaying voters who reached into their pockets to build this system that they could be safe here. A promise made must be a promise kept.
  - Ms. Calberg spoke about the future San Antonio Arboretum, who recently had some public meetings to help with their planning process. They have received lots of engagement from the community.
- William Long, Mayoral Appointee
  - Mr. Long reminded everyone that the Mayor’s Camino Verde event is coming up on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Robert Trottmann, District Eight
  - Mr. Trottmann spoke about his recent trip to New Orleans and their trail system, which doesn’t compare to what we have in San Antonio. He thanked the city of San Antonio for not just building a trail but creating ways for people to get to it through not only trailheads but also neighborhood and street connections.

## **Presentation on Culebra Creek (Grissom Trailhead to Nueces Canyon Trailhead) Trail Briefing by Joe Cantu, 6S Engineering:**

- Mr. Cantu spoke about the Culebra Creek Trail Project that goes from the existing Grissom Trailhead to the future Nueces Canyon Trailhead. This project consists of a 12-foot wide, 1.36-mile-long trail with one proposed neighborhood connection. This project also includes some improvements to Grissom Trailhead.

- Mr. Long asked if any public engagement has been done and if the neighborhoods in the area are in favor of the project. Ms. Martino responded that there is a public meeting planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and those in the surrounding area will be invited.
- This project is funded by the Bexar County Creeks and Trails Program and is being managed by the San Antonio River Authority. Once the project is complete, it will be owned and maintained by the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department.
- Currently, this project is in the 60% design phase and is projected to start construction in Winter 2025.

**Presentation on Leon Creek Trail (Dora Jordan Trailhead to Rodriguez Park) by Reuben Bazan, San Antonio River Authority:**

- Mr. Bazan spoke about the Leon Creek Trail Project that goes from Dora Jordan Trailhead to Rodriguez Park. It is a key segment in completing the loop around the city. This project will construct a 12 ft wide concrete trail and the total distance is about 3 miles. There is one proposed neighborhood connection at Pleasant Oak/Swaying Oaks St.
- This project is funded by the Bexar County Creeks and Trails Program and is being managed by the San Antonio River Authority. Once the project is complete, it will be owned and maintained by the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department.
- Mr. Bazan spoke about the alignment of the trail, which involves an under-street crossing to allow users to pass under West Commerce Street safely. There will also be an at-grade crossing at Pinn Rd, which is a signalized intersection. The traffic island will be modified to accommodate for trail user traffic. Signage will also be added to warn vehicular traffic of trail users.
  - Mr. Long asked if the at-grade crossing will have signage to direct people or addition of green concrete for people to understand that it is not a regular crossing. Mr. Pennell responded that there is coordination with the Public Works Traffic team to ensure that the crossing is safe and up to traffic standards.
- Mr. Bazan stated that the project is expected to start construction in Fall 2025 but is dependent on real estate.

**STAFF REPORT**

- Mr. Ross stated that his team recently met with the Arboretum design team recently to coordinate the future Salado Creek trail within the Arboretum design area.
- Mr. Ross shared that there are some upcoming closures on Salado Creek near Eisenhower because there is a section of new housing going in this area, which involves a new street being built. This requires about 50 feet of the trail to be moved over (adjusted eastward).
- Mr. Ross spoke about the SAWS sewer project, which is now ongoing, and asked that any issues such as mud on the trail, insufficient tree protection measures, etc. be reported to him so they can be addressed.
- Mr. Ross shared that there are two projects that are nearing completion:
  - A connection to the Wildwood West Neighborhood, that connects to French Creek Greenway.
  - The connection from Beitel Creek to Salado Creek that starts at Briar Glenn and connects to the Salado Creek Greenway.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.  
*Motion: Randy Preissig, District Four*  
*Second: William Long, Mayoral Appointee*  
*Motion Carried.*