

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Minutes
April 30, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Natalie Garza, District One
Sue Calberg, District Two
Randy Preissig, District Four
Myrl Britten, District Six

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

Laura Parker, Parks and Recreation
Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Matthew Moreno
Rick Shaw
Leo O'Brian

Raul Salinas
Walter Heard

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2024 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six
 - Mr. Britten spoke about the trail between Tezel and Timberwilde, which has had some issues with tree branches being carried downstream during floods and getting caught at the bridge, blocking flow. Mr. Britten appreciates all the hard work from the Parks and Recreation staff has done in resolving this issue.
 - Mr. Britten announced that the Grand Opening of the Tezel Trailhead is set to take place on May 18th.
- Mr. William Long, Mayoral Appointee
 - Mr. Long spoke about the Fiesta Bike Parade that took place last month at Woodlawn Lake. Bikers of all skill levels participated, as well as Councilwoman Alderete-Gavito. He thanked the city, AAMPO, and the councilwoman for their support.
- Ms. Sue Calberg, District Two
 - Ms. Calberg spoke about reports of some homelessness encampments near the new section of trail by SE Military Drive.

- Ms. Calberg spoke about the drainage failing and causing erosion issues around SE Military. She stated that we have lost many trees, and many are being damaged because of the issues going on in this section of trail.
 - Mr. Ross stated that the Parks Department is currently working on a plan to mitigate some of the issues in this area.
- Ms. Calberg mentioned that there are other areas along the trails that have had issues and expressed her concern about the preservation of nature and the ability of the floodplain to function as it normally should.
 - Mr. Ross stated that he recognizes that there are erosion issues and that it is a learning process which has led to improvements in design over the years.
 - Mr. Kent spoke about his own experience with erosion on the trails near Jones Maltsberger, which he reported to Brandon, who then took care of it.
- Ms. Calberg announced that the Arboretum of San Antonio will kick-off their masterplan on May 8th. Ms. Calberg stated that they have planted over 100 trees already.
- Ms. Calberg gave a shoutout to Bexar Branches Alliance, which is a group that has been planting trees all over the city. They are also hiring people to care for these new trees.
 - Mr. Rios added that Bexar Branches Alliance has planted over 60 trees in his area and would like to commend them for what they are doing for the community.

Presentation regarding the AMMPO FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan by Matthew Moreno with the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Mr. Moreno gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan and provided the following information:
 - The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) is a federally mandated agency that oversees the federal funds for transportation going into the region they oversee. The AAMPO oversees Bexar County, Kendall County, Comal County, and Guadalupe County.
 - Federal dollars for transportation projects are allocated by the AAMPO to various projects through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The current projects that have been funded are required to be in development within the next 4 years. Projects are chosen by project scoring and public involvement.
 - There are various types of projects that the AAMPO funds, with Transportation Alternatives being one that focuses on bicycle and pedestrian mobility. Other categories include carbon reduction and air quality improvement programs.
 - The Brooks Green Loop and the Bexar County UTSA Shared-use Paths projects will connect to the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails.
 - The UTSA shared-use paths project will consist of a shared-use path (SUP) in front of UTSA at 1604 and connect to Maverick Creek Greenway. There will also be a connection to Hill Country Trailhead and the UTSA Boulevard SUP. In addition, a SUP will be constructed that goes down Babcock to connect to Maverick Creek Greenway.
 - The Brooks Green Loop will be a 7.5-mile SUP that will connect Mission Reach, Brooks Green Loop, and Salado Creek Greenway. It will be a 10ft wide trail that will connect residents in the southside to many amenities such as the Brooks Transit Center, Padre Park, and the Missions.

Presentation regarding Beitel Creek Greenway by Walter Heard with Terra Design Group

- Mr. Heard gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Beitel Creek Greenway Project and provided the following information:
 - This trail project will be a 1.5-mile, 10-ft wide trail that goes from Perrin Homestead to LBJ Park. Perrin Homestead is a historic home that is currently in the process of being restored.

- The project features a trailhead at Perrin Homestead, a scenic overlook with seating, and a connection to LBJ Park and the Salado Creek Greenway.
- There is another project that will connect to this one that goes from Thousand Oaks to Perrin Homestead, which includes a pedestrian bridge. This project was presented to the LCPAB in February.
- This project is possible due to CPS coming to an agreement with Councilman Perry to give 17.8 acres of land to the Parks Department, which is now parkland.
- Design should finish up by the end of this year and construction is expected to start next year.

Staff Report (Brandon Ross)

- Mr. Ross reported on the trail projects that are currently in progress.
 - Mr. Ross stated that sales tax is still being used to create connections. The Ft Sam project is moving forward – Parks is working with Public Works, TXDOT.
 - Mr. Ross stated that LID Parking areas are still being built, with our next one being built at Wildwood West, which is a neighborhood trail connection on the Northwest side of town.
 - Mr. Ross shared that Parks is working on several projects in Leon South to connect all the way from Pearsall Park to the Medina Greenway. These projects are in the preliminary stages and face challenges with land acquisitions.
 - All bond projects are moving forward, and construction will begin on some of these projects at the beginning of next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.