



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 38

Agenda Date: December 5, 2024

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1, District 5

SUBJECT:

Renaming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem.”

SUMMARY:

An ordinance approving the renaming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem.” Roberto Rodriguez has been a proponent of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem Restoration Project since joining the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors in 2001. Per City ordinance Sec. 6 663, the community-initiated suggestion was considered at a public hearing in which a panel voted to recommend the renaming for full Council consideration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, led by District 5 Council Member Teri Castillo, initially suggested renaming the ecosystem to the City Clerk on March 21, 2024. On June 11, 2024, Council Member Castillo announced the members of this renaming committee to be herself, Public Works Director Razi Hosseini, and former District 5 Council Member Lourdes Galvan (Community Representative selected by the Councilmember Teri Castillo). The ecosystem of creeks is located just west of Downtown and comprised of the San Pedro, Apache, Alazán, or

Martínez creeks. The ecosystem of creeks is proposed to be renamed. The individual creeks will retain their names.

Public Input Process

A public hearing was scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Westside Family YMCA at 2900 Ruiz Street. Per the City ordinance, public hearing notification was distributed in English and Spanish via mailer to 2,896 property owners near the creeks. Other notification efforts include a San Antonio Express-News print advertisement, news release, social media, email, and flyers at area community centers. Ahead of the public hearing, 35 residents provided feedback via letter, phone call, email, website, and social media, with all but four expressing support for the renaming. Among those in favor was Bexar County Precinct 2 Commissioner Justin Rodriguez, who provided a letter of support. At the public hearing, 25 residents attended, and 11 residents spoke in favor of the renaming. The renaming committee then voted 3-0 in favor of recommending the proposed name for full Council consideration

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the naming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem.” This action is consistent with the City’s Naming of City Facilities and Streets ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to name the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem” and allow it to remain as-is.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item. The Westside Creeks Restoration Project is ongoing. Once the project is complete, new signage will be installed, calling the area either the Westside Creeks Ecosystem or the Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem, depending on the Council vote.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends that the Westside Creeks Ecosystem be renamed the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem ” for full Council consideration.