

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Minutes
August 27, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Natalie Garza, District One
Sue Calberg, District Two
Myrl Britten, District Six
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

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Leo O'Brian
Jeff Jordan

Joey Pawlik

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the July 30, 2024 meeting.
M: Myrl Britten, District Six
S: Don Rios, District Seven
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- John Kent, District Nine
 - Mr. Kent shared that he was on the trail at 281 and Wurzbach and noticed that the trail underneath the bridge at 281 was blocked off by TXDOT as they are doing some work. He cautioned anyone who might be using the trail in this area to be aware.
- Myrl Britten, District Seven
 - Mr. Britten shared that he visited the Tezel Trailhead today and the District Six Office, where the restrooms and drinking fountains are supposed to be located, was closed. Trail signage indicates that the Tezel Trailhead has a water fountain and restroom.
 - Mr. Ross stated that the trail project was designed starting a few years ago. At the time, the plan was to share the restroom and water fountain with the planned D6 Community Center. Mr. Ross will look into getting signage updated and possibly installing a water fountain and restroom for the trailhead.
- Don Rios, District Seven
 - Mr. Rios raised a concern related to a drainage basin north of Callaghan Road between Timco West and Allentown, right next to Jane Dubel Park. There is enough sediment in the drainage basin that trees are

growing out of it. Mr. Rios is concerned about the impediment of stormwater and would like to see this area addressed.

- Mr. Rios shared that there are two public meetings coming up for the W-52 and W-9 SAWS sewer projects on September 9th and September 30th in case anyone is interested in attending.
 - Mr. Ross stated that W-9 project will go from Leon Vista Trailhead to the Culebra Creek Confluence. Most of it will be tunneled underground to avoid impacts to trees, but there will still be some impacts to the tree canopy.
- Sue Calberg, District Two
 - Ms. Calberg shared her concern regarding the erosion issues that have been going on along the trail around SE Military.
 - The Parks Department is working on an erosion fix project for this segment of trail.
 - Ms. Calberg stated that the San Antonio Arboretum is taking online input for their second community survey. They will also have a pop-up event soon. She encourages members to participate as the greenway trail extension will go through the Arboretum.
- Robert Trottmann, District Eight
 - Mr. Trottmann noted that there has been some clear cutting of the wooded area between the trail and quarry east of Eisenhower Park. The clearing has gone past the fence line, right up to the trail.
 - Mr. Ross requested that Mr. Trottmann send the location of where this is happening so he can investigate it further.

Presentation on Activating a Connected, Equitable, Resilient, and Safe San Antonio by Joey Pawlik, Activate SA:

- Mr. Pawlik stated that Activate SA is a non-profit that was formed in 2019 to activate a connected, equitable, resilient, and safe community for all San Antonians through transportation advocacy, consensus building, and education.
- Activate SA is advocating for an active transportation network that is safe, equitable, and accessible by people of all abilities. This network includes connected and protected bikeways, tree-lined sidewalks, and expanded greenway trails as well as public transit, affordable housing, and inclusive land-use planning.
- Mr. Pawlik shared that Activate SA has participated in many events and projects throughout the city, including the Great Springs Project, the Fiesta Bike Parade, Monthly Complete Streets Coalition Meetings. They also advocated for greenway trail funding for the 2022 Bond.
- Activate SA played a vital role in the development and grant writing process for the Brooks “Greenloop”, which is a trail in the Brooks City Base area that will connect to the Salado Creek Greenway, the Arboretum, and Mission Reach.
- Mr. Pawlik spoke about City of San Antonio’s Complete Streets Policy, which is currently being updated. This policy aims to promote the development of a connected, resilient, and equitable transportation network for all people, whether that be via bike, public transport, or car.
- Mr. Pawlik spoke about the “Flyway”, which is one of the active transportation infrastructure projects they are advocating for. Activate SA is working with the Great Springs Project to develop a 15-20-foot-wide paved trail that connects Salado Creek Greenway near Wurzbach to the Quarry Market and Olmos Basin Park.

STAFF REPORT

- Mr. Ross shared a presentation on trail projects that are currently in progress.
 - Mr. Ross spoke about Zarzamora Creek, which has five different projects in the area. One of which is the West College Link Project, which connects St Mary’s to Zarzamora Creek Greenway. There are two trail projects to extend Zarzamora Creek Greenway in design - one is county funded and the other is funded by

the 2022 Bond. This will extend Zarzamora Creek trail to Ingram Rd. The city is looking into extending Zarzamora Creek past Ingram Rd as part of the 2027 Bond.

- Mr. Ross spoke about Huebner Creek Trail, which will go through the new Medical Center Park at Floyd Curl and Oakland Street. A trail from Eckert Road to Leon Valley is in design and the City of Leon Valley is going to connect to City of San Antonio's Greenway trail system to fill in the gap.
- Mr. Ross spoke about Beitel Creek, which currently has one project in construction (Briar Glenn to Salado Creek) and another project that goes from Perrin Homestead to Thousand Oaks should go to construction soon. It will have the first pedestrian bridge ever built as part of the HWP System. There is another segment in this creek that is currently in design that will connect to LBJ Park.
- Mr. Ross spoke about South Leon, which has several city and county funded projects in progress. One of these projects will fill in the gap between Dora Jordan Trailhead and Rodriguez County Park. There is a major piece that will go from Camargo Park, through Port San Antonio, to Pearsall Park and is aiming to be funded for construction in the 2027 Bond. There are several other segments that are in design that will connect Leon Creek to Medina River.
- Maverick Creek has one segment that is currently in the pre-construction phase.
- Culebra Creek has two segments in progress, one funded by the county and one funded by the 2022 Bond. This will connect Helotes Creek Trails to the rest of the Leon System.
- Mr. Ross mentioned some other connections are in progress such as Wildwood West, Rogers Ranch, Raymond Russell to the Rim, and the Hays St Bridge Connection.
 - Mr. Rios asked about future connections in the western side of town, specifically around Potranco and Caracol Creek. Mr. Ross said that the department is open to new ideas for trail expansion, but the current focus is on connecting the existing system.
- Currently we have 102 miles of trail built so far, 31 miles in design/construction, and 25 more miles funded by the county.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:26 p.m.
Motion: Don Rios, District Seven
Second: Myrl Britten, District Six
Motion Carried.