

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO***

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

### **Minutes** **September 24, 2024**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sue Calberg, District Two  
Diana Sanchez Lira, District Three  
Armando Rivera Jr., District Five  
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  
Phillip Zuniga, Parks and Recreation  
Pedro Garcia, Parks and Recreation

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

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Leo O'Brian  
Rick Shaw  
Fred Chase

Matthew Moreno  
Jeff Tyler

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the August 27, 2024 meeting.  
*M: Myrl Britten, District Six*  
*S: Armando Rivera Jr., District Five*  
*Motion Carried.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Sue Calberg, District Two
  - Ms. Calberg spoke about the incident that occurred near the Salado trail at Dafoste Park and the ongoing investigation.
  - Ms. Calberg stated that we need to protect our heritage trees as we have been losing a lot of them.
- William Long, Mayoral Appointee
  - Mr. Long spoke about the coordination between the City and STORM to create new mountain bike trails at SS Lions Park. He thanked Mr. Ross for his help with this.
- Myrl Britten, District Seven
  - Mr. Britten spoke about the SAWS W-52 Public Meeting that he attended, regarding the upcoming sewer project along Leon and Culebra Creek. He is impressed with their choice of contractor as they have experience with these kinds of projects.
- Diana Sanchez Lira, District Three

- Dr. Sanchez Lira reiterated Ms. Calberg's concern about the health of our heritage trees and spoke about the effects of concrete on our environment and how the lack of water impacts tree health.

### **Presentation on Leon Creek – Port SA (Camargo Park to Pearsall Park) Trail Briefing by Jeff Tyler, T-Core Engineers:**

- The Leon Creek Trail Project is a 12 ft wide concrete trail that will connect Camargo Park to Pearsall Park. The trail is about 7.5 miles long and features 2 trailheads, 2 park connections, and over 500 proposed tree plantings.
- This project is being managed by the Public Works Department and is design only. The construction will likely be proposed to be included in the 2027 Bond. It is a key part of the Emerald Necklace that will loop around the city.
- Mr. Tyler mentioned that project requires coordination with Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) and Port San Antonio. Because this project is very close to the base and runway, JBSA has a requirement that we keep everything flush with the surface of the ground. So (for example) the mile markers will be medallions in the trail instead of the typical vertical post.
- Mr. Tyler spoke about the two different types of trails within this project – the typical greenway trail that runs along the creek in a natural area and the more urban section, which runs throughout Port San Antonio in the right-of-way. Signage and other safety measures will be put in place to help trail users traverse the urban section in a safe manner.
- The portion of trail near Camargo Park will go through a densely wooded area with two overlook locations that will allow users to enjoy a nice view of Leon Creek and highlights the natural beauty of this area.
- A public meeting for this project will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. You can find more details at SASpeakUp.

### **Trail Steward Discussion by Pedro Garcia, Assistant Manager, Park Stewardship:**

- Mr. Garcia spoke about some of the changes that the trail steward program has undertaken in the past year. This includes sending trail stewards out in pairs, adding a second shift for trail stewards, providing energizer stations with water for users, and more.
  - Ms. Calberg asked what the demographic of trail stewards are. Mr. Garcia responded that they have people of all ages and backgrounds with some in college and some being retired law enforcement.
- A mobile station has also been set up to drive around and provide resources to trail users.
- Mr. Garcia spoke about the changes in culture, from focusing on just covering the trail to now focusing on trail user engagement. Trail stewards help out in many ways, from keeping an eye out for trail integrity and erosion issues, to trail safety, bike repair, and maintenance issues such as trash and graffiti.
- Trail stewards also help out with Parks and Rec events and try to do outreach to expand the knowledge and use of our trails.
- Mr. Garcia stated that there are 7 reporting sites where trail stewards start off and ride the trail. Each site has 2 shifts. They ride anywhere from 15-30 miles of trail per shift.

### **STAFF REPORT**

- Mr. Ross and Ms. Margarita Hernandez introduced two new staff members of the Greenway Trails Team – Riki Kobayashi, Design and Development Assistant, and Phillip Zuniga, Project Manager.
- Mr. Ross stated that 14 miles of trails were opened in 2022 and have been in a little bit of a standstill as many projects are in design right now. Next year, most of these projects will be in construction and we will see a wave of projects come online around 2026.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.  
*Motion: Don Rios, District Seven*  
*Second: Armando Rivera Jr., District Five*

*Motion Carried.*

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