

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Minutes
November 1, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Don Rios, District Seven
Stuart Trottmann, District Eight
John Kent, District Nine
Sherri Dugas, District Ten

STAFF PRESENT

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

Bill Pennell, Parks and Recreation
Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Jeff Farnsworth
Bert Pickell
Rick Shaw
Cecilia Picazo
Cristina Brantley
Mike Persyn
Anne Hazle

Cristina de la Garza
Matthew Moreno
Jeff Tyler
Gerardo Gomez
Reuben Bazan
Jeff Jordan
Frank Engallina

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.
- Short introductions were given by each of the board members and staff.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2023 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

Presentation regarding Zarzamora Creek Greenway Extension Project

- Mr. Tyler gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Zarzamora Creek Extension Project and provided the following information:
 - This trail project is an extension of Zarzamora Creek Greenway. It will go from Tierra del Sol Park to Ingram Road and ride along the west bank. The trail will be 2.5 miles long and 10 feet wide.
 - Mr. Tyler showed a map of the trail project in relation to the overall Greenway system. He mentioned that there is another project that is currently in design that will connect to this one.
 - There are a total of 3 trailheads: Culebra Road, Gilbert Garza Park, and Ingram Road. The Culebra and Ingram trailheads will include LID features and trailhead amenities. The trail connection at Gilbert Garza Park will be smaller and have only a few parking spaces.
 - There are plans to reforest the trail with over 700 trees. This project will also include lighting and four pedestrian bridges.
 - Mr. Tyler touched on the history of the area and mentioned the future Laven Park that is currently in the pre-design stage.

- This project also includes some improvements to the eastern portion of Gilbert Garza Park. The existing asphalt track will be reconstructed, and the light poles will be replaced.
- Mr. Tyler also mentioned that there is a county flood control project that is taking place between Gilbert Garza Park and Ingram Road, so some trail details may need to be modified.

Presentation regarding SAWS W-9 and W-52 Projects

- Mr. Gerardo Gomez and Mr. Jeff Farnsworth gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SAWS W-9 and W-52 sewer projects and provided the following information:
 - SAWS will be replacing undersized mains to accommodate the growth in the area and prevent sewer overflow in upper Leon Creek and Culebra Creek. Over 24,000 feet of pipe will be replaced.
 - These two projects will be done using tunnelling where possible and the rest will be done using open-cut methods.
 - Mr. Gomez shared that SAWS has been working closely with the Parks department to minimize their impact and maintain the tree canopy.
 - The Greenway trail will remain open during the project duration. A temporary path will be placed by SAWS in the areas needed and the disturbed trail will be reconstructed after.
 - Mr. Gomez stated that construction for these two projects will begin in Summer 2024 and last approximately two years.
 - Mr. Farnsworth stated that they are trying to keep the construction away from the Greenway and disturb the area as little as possible. There will also be extra safety precautions taken to keep people safe and away from the site.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Ms. Sue Calberg, District Two
 - Ms. Calberg spoke about a crime incident that occurred near the trail near the Ingram Multi-modal Transit Station.
 - Ms. Calberg shared an affirmation regarding the trail and her hopes for it to continue to be a protected resource for future generations.
- Mr. Don Rios, District 7
 - Mr. Rios stated that he is very excited about Zarzamora Creek Trail project.

Staff Report (Brandon Ross)

- Ms. Ross reported on several projects that are currently in progress.
 - Mr. Ross spoke about a ribbon cutting event at Spigel Trailhead on Monday, November 6th and gave some history behind the project. There will likely also be a park designed for this location at some point in the future.
 - Mr. Ross reflected on the trailheads that have been built and how they have improved over time.
 - Mr. Ross stated that there are many trailheads to come with the 2022 Bond and they will continue to include items such as trees and shade structures.
 - Mr. Ross spoke about future projects that will have pedestrian bridges over roads such as Perin Beitel, Babcock Road, and Lone Star Pass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the September meeting, LCPAB Board members decided to combine the November/December meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 6pm at the Granados Senior Center (500 Freiling).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.