

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Minutes
February 22, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Appointee
Ms. Cosima Colvin, District One
Mr. Chris Yanez, District Five

Mr. Myrl Britten District Six
Mr. Greg Hammer, District Seven, Chair
Mr. John Kent, District Nine
Ms. Sherri Dugas, District Ten

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation
Mr. Agdel Rivera, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Cynthia Uribe, Parks and Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Jorge Tijerina
Patricia Seidenberger
Alex Quiroga
Jaime Perez
Peter Onofre
Scott Huddleston

Rick Shaw
Jeff Jordan
Rueben Bazan
Brenda Gonzalez

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No Comments

DISCUSSION ON CREEKWAY PARKS PROGRAM

Board Member Reports

Ms. Cosima Colvin, District One

- Ms. Colvin announced that she would be resigning from the board soon, due to personal reasons.
 - The LCPAB members briefly lamented her resignation and thanked her for her years of service.

Mr. Chris Yanez, District Five

- Mr Yanez asked about the status of the Alazan Creek Greenway project. He said the trail looked open, but there was a gate preventing public access. Mr. Ross clarified that the project is still under construction, but will soon be substantially completed and opened to the public. If the substantial completion meeting goes well, the trail will be opened to the public shortly thereafter.
 - Ms. Colvin asked Mr. Ross what the trail length was from Woodlawn Lake Park on Alazan Creek down to the Medina River Natural Area, now that the Alazan Greenway Trail is completed. Mr. Ross responded that it is just under 30 miles in length, and that the distance from

Alderete Park on Zarzamora down to the Medina River Natural Area is a little longer, at 31.75 miles.

Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six

- Mr. Britten stated that he walked the trail that's under construction at Oscar Perez over to Grissom Rd. He stated that it's going to be really beautiful when it's fully cleaned up and trees get planted.
- Mr. Britten stated that there are a lot of shopping carts from HEB and Walmart; stated it might be the kids that are racing down the pathway.
- Mr. Britten stated that at first he was concerned about the trail being parallel to the walking trail at Oscar Perez. But he said that when you see it up close, it really brings to mind the original plan of having a string of pearls where the trails were the strings and the beads are the parks.

Mr. Greg Hammer, District Seven, Chair

- Mr. Hammer stated that one of the next issues that will become important is user conflicts due to large number of trail users.

Mr. John Kent – District Nine, Vice Chair

- Mr. Kent stated that he has been working with Mr. Ross and Derrick Roberts with District 9 office on exploring the possibility of running an extension from the Salado Creek Trail North of 1604 to connect to the Roger's Ranch Neighborhood. Brandon reached out to the HOA and they are starting to discuss it. Mr. Kent stated that there are about four neighborhoods that are all in this big cluster and there's thousands of people that been there.
 - Mr. Hammer stated that there's a tentative plan for an extension north of there out to Blanco Road along the power line easement, and those kinds of neighborhoods connections will continue to bring people into the system.
 - Mr. Hammer asked Mr. Ross if there had been any further discussion on Shavano Park building an official connection to the Salado Creek Greenway? Mr. Ross responded that there haven't been any recent discussions on it, but that he believed they still intended to build it in the future.

Ms. Elaine Kearney – Mayoral Appointee

- Ms. Kearney stated that she visited the Salado Creek Greenway recently and noticed that there are some locations around Tobin Trailhead where there are crosswalks at street level. She said that where Salado crosses Austin Hwy, the crosswalk signs are damaged or missing. Mr. Ross said that this location is currently impacted by TxDOT construction (of the Austin Hwy bridge and lower roads), but would be reassessed and fixed as needed once the construction was completed.

Staff Report on Progress on Projects - Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Ross discussed the ongoing progress of projects under the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System, specifically highlighting the following projects that are currently in construction.

Approximately 12.2 miles of trail under construction:

- Alazan Creek (Lombrano to Apache Confluence) – 2.9 miles – Estimated completion April 2022.
- Leon Creek (Levi Strauss Park to Lackland Monument) – 1.9 miles – Estimated completion May 2022.
- Huebner Creek Trailhead Connection – Estimated completion May 2022.
- French Creek (Leon Greenway to Nani Falcone Park) – 1.3 miles – Estimated completion July 2022.
- Salado (Southside Lions to SE Military Dr.) – 3.1 miles – Estimated completion Aug 2022.
- Culebra Tributary (Cathedral Rock Park to Tezel Road) – 1.8 miles – Estimated completion Aug 2022.

- Culebra Creek (Cathedral Rock Park to Grissom Rd) – 1.2 miles – Estimated completion December 2022.

Mr. Ross also said that construction would begin soon on two additional projects:

- Salado Creek Greenway connection to the Childsafe headquarters building and the adjacent neighborhood.
- .6 mile extension of the Salado Creek Greenway South from Southeast Military Drive to the Monte Viejo neighborhood.

Update on 2022 Bond Program - Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

- Mr. Ross stated that the list that was provided at last meeting was authorized to go to the voters in May.
- Mr. Ross stated that the Linear Creekway Projects is going to be within the Parks Bond. Something to note is that all these amounts and projects will not be listed as individual projects on the ballot. It will be all under one Greenway Trails project (total amount of approximately \$103.5 million). Mr. Ross stated that some of the projects on the list still unsure of because of the scope we got outstanding questions about land ownership and whether or not going to be able to have the rights to build in certain areas. If we have to pivot on project scope or budget, we can reallocate as needed.
- Mr. Ross showed and reviewed a map of the Howard W. Peak Greenway trail system. He explained the different colors on the map and stated that the blue lines are proposed trails to the bond. He briefly described the project locations, lengths, and potential connections to destinations and the larger trails system.
- If voters approve the Parks Bond, between the Bond-funded and SARA-funded projects, the full ring around San Antonio would be funded, minus the construction portion of the Leon Creek Greenway connection through Port San Antonio.
- Mr. Ross mentioned that the routing for the last segment to connect Leon and Medina is not certain yet.
- Mr. Ross stated that the proposed bond list included projects to build enhancement and smaller connections, such as the proposed project to fund Westside Creeks lighting. By placing lighting along the Westside Creek trails, this would allow for hours of operation to be expanded and would facilitate commuting to work for people wanting to use the Westside Creeks trail system.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52pm.