

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Minutes
March 29, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Appointee
Ms. Nina Dang, District Two
Dr. Randy Preissig, District Four
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
Ms. Melinda Cerda, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Cynthia Uribe, Parks and Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Tim Golian
Patricia Seidenberger
Scott Huddleston
Karen Archer
Jorge Tijerina

Rick Shaw
Jeff Jordan
Rueben Bazan
Robin Tefft
Frank Engallina

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Zach Bellicini wanted to address the Board regarding dog waste on the creekways. He has noticed an increase in dog waste along the trailways. He would like to know if there is a different way in which it can be combated. He suggested utilizing networks of trail stewards to conduct “poop patrols” or inciting community dog waste pickups. Mr. Bellicini would like to know if there’s anything that can be done.
 - Mr. Ross stated that there are over 200 mutt mitt dispensers out in the city parks and greenway trails. And sometimes the stewards and volunteers hand out dog bags dispensers that you can put on a dog collar. People often bag the poop, but then leave the bags on the side of the trail thinking that parks maintenance is responsible to pick them up. Past education campaigns have included messaging on this responsibility (such as the “Poop Fairy” video, which Mr. Ross referenced).
 - Mr. Ross added that there is a Dog Ambassador Program that was recently started. Currently there are ten Ambassadors focused primarily on dog parks. There is also a trail watch volunteer program made up of 40 volunteers and still trying to make it grow. Mr. Ross went over dates and locations of upcoming trainings for anyone interested.

DISCUSSION ON TRAIL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Mr. Hammer stated that there was recently a cyclist fatality at the Salado Creek Greenway Loop 410 crossing. Mr. Hammer said that staff should coordinate with the proper City departments and TxDOT to conduct a traffic study in an effort to implement traffic calming controls. The speed limit is 45 miles per hour and the road is downhill to the trail crossing.

- Ms. Dugas stated that if you're coming northward underneath 410, the sign says there to walk your bike. In order to see the traffic coming down the hill on the access road, you have to be very close to the road (out from under the bridge) to look right for any oncoming cars.
- One of the members stated that coming north to south, you have to walk west on the sidewalk (facing away from traffic) before you walk across the roadway, meaning you have to look to your left.
- Mr. Ross stated that (related to the trail itself), there are signs coming from both directions saying to walk your bike and there is signage on pavement coming northward toward Los Patios. But staff is also installing additional "walk your bike" signs and ordering a "turnstile" made up of pipe rails that will force cyclists to slow down and get off their bikes as they approach the road from the south. Mr. Ross also said that some bicyclists tend to ride on the Los Patios drive way, which they shouldn't.
- Mr. Ross said that he has already started discussions with TxDOT, Public Works, and the District 10 Council Office regarding a traffic study, to pursue any possible safety improvements. He said the roadway is owned by TxDOT and not managed by the City, so anything done there has to be either done by TxDOT or approved by them. Mr. Ross stated that sign clutter is another issue, because it blocks the view of the traffic signs.
- Dr. Preissig stated that the only purpose of the access road at this location is to access Los Patios and a couple other businesses, so the speed limit should be adjusted downward. Dr. Preissig suggested also putting a stop sign on the road or to add speed bumps.
- Mr. Myrl Britten stated if it's possible to put a mirror in this location so traffic can be view since it's a one way. Mr. Britten also suggested a rumble strip. Mr. Ross responded that TxDOT had said rumble strips were not an option.
- Mr. Ross stated that the HAWK System is another crosswalk type that gives a red light to oncoming traffic. He said that staff may consider this option at different locations in the future.
- Dr. Preissig stated that a review of similar crossing locations would be a good idea.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Chris Yanez, District Five

- Mr. Yanez stated that he recently rode the Alazan Creek Trail, which is almost completed. He said that the trail looks good, but there was a significant amount of trash. He suggested putting a water depth gauge at low areas that may flood. Mr. Yanez also asked what the green painted brackets were. Mr. Ross responded that the green brackets indicate locations where concrete is thicker, for heavy equipment to cross the trail (such as tractors for mowing).

Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six

- Mr. Britten thanked Brandon and his staff for quickly responding to questions and concerns that come through him and forwards on trails.

Mr. Greg Hammer, District Seven, Chair

- Mr. Hammer stated that he has ridden the full length of Leon Creek Greenway and has no concerns. Mr. Hammer stated that traffic is picking up.
- Mr. Hammer thanked and congratulated Agdel Rivera on his promotion and move to San Antonio River Authority (SARA). Mr. Ross added that Mr. Rivera will be greatly missed, but if SARA assigns him to the greenway trails, he will be a great asset due to his familiarity with the trails.

Ms. Sherri Dugas, District Ten

- Ms. Dugas stated that she went to the opening of the extension of Perrin House to Lady Bird Johnson. She stated that this is good way to get the neighborhood to get to Lady Bird Johnson Park without having to go through the street.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05pm.