

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Minutes
August 30, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Appointee
Ms. Sue Calberg, District Two
Ms. Leslie Provence, District Three

Mr. Chris Yanez, District Five
Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six
Mr. Greg Hammer, District Seven

STAFF PRESENT

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

Laura Parker, Parks and Recreation
Christopher Arrigo, Parks and Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Bert Pickell
Rick Shaw
Ellen Ott
Kate Ruckman

Reuben Bazan
Paul Skowronek
Michelle Skowronek
Jeff Jordan

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the July 26, 2022 meeting.
M: Myrl Britten, District 6
S: Chris Yanez, District 5
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS to

- Mr. Paul Skowronek expressed his thanks to the LCPAB members for the trail system. Mr. Skowronek stated he lives in District 9 in the Vineyard neighborhood. In February the City presented an idea to build a trail from Salado to Huebner Road, along a CPS easement that runs on the north border of the Vineyard. Mr. Skowronek stated that their HOA board rejected the idea without communicating with their residents, some of which want the proposed trail project to move forward. Residents went back to the HOA board members to address it and now believes that the HOA will be reaching out to the City. Mr. Ross stated that he has spoken to one of the board members about the project and possibly doing a presentation to the residents at some point, if the HOA board is open to it.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Brandon Ross announced the two (2) New Board: Ms. Sue Calberg in District Two and Ms. Leslie Provence in District Three.

- Sue Calberg, District Two – Stated that she went through the new extension of the Red Berry Trail on the way down to the creek from the Red Berry Campus and the RK Development. Ms. Calberg suggested to go see the Lake. Ms. Calberg said that the trailhead parking lot has been completed for a while. Ms. Calberg stated that it's almost pecan season and that they have opened up the access to the Old Red Berry Pecan Orchard, which has over 300 trees. Ms.

Calberg stated that she also spent time in District 3 between Southcross and S.E. Military construction is on their way, it looks great; bridges are in, the trees are in, canopies are shaded. It's incredible; the design is great.

- Leslie Provence, District Three – Rode the Salado Creek Trail from Southside Lions to Comanche Park.
- Chris Yanez, District Five – Stated that there is a drinking fountain damaged on trailhead at Elmendorf. Mr. Yanez submitted a 311 ticket to get it fixed.
- Myrl Britten, District Six – stated that he walked on the trail that's behind the Great Northwest (still under construction). This section goes from Cathedral Rock to Tezel Road. Mr. Britten stated that he is very impressed the design its great and looks safe. He stated the trailhead will start on Tezel Rd. and will go behind the Great Northwest under Timberwilde behind Oscar Perez Park to Cathedral Park.
- Greg Hammer, District Seven – Mr. Hammer thanked everyone for allowing him to serve on the Linear Creekway Board for so many years. He has been thrilled to be part of the Greenway Trail System Project. Mr. Hammer stated that he will miss working with everyone and riding the trails.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Christopher Arrigo, Design & Development Assistant, Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on the French Creek Greenway; project he recently took over. Below you are some of the highlights that Mr. Arrigo presented:

- The French Creek Greenway branches off the Leon Creek between Grissom Trailhead and Mainland Trailhead. It's a 1.8 mile, 10 foot-wide trail that connects to Leon Creek Greenway. There is a new parking area at Mainland and a neighborhood connection to the Mainland Square HOA. There's also a small trail connection to Guilbeau Rd., just south of where the trail ends at Nani Falcone Park. The connection at Guilbeau Rd will also soon be expanded to have a parking lot, and will be named Spigel Trailhead.
- There was a connection made to an existing Loop Trail that's at French Creek Park.
- At the French Creek Trailhead – Trailhead parking at Mainland the trail amenities consist of a full-sized shade structure, drinking fountain, bike racks, bike repair station, trash -recycle cans, bioswale and trees and landscaping.
- Mr. Arrigo spoke about the upcoming construction of the Spigel Trailhead on Guilbeau Road, including the amenities that will be at this location. If there is high demand for parking at this location or if the public wants to build a park there in the future, there is a lot of land that would lend itself to park amenities.
- Mr. Brandon Ross, Capital Program Manager, also gave the following updates:
 - There are about 4 projects that will be completed before the end of the year, coming to about 8 additional miles.
 - Culebra Tributary project (Cathedral Rock Park to Tezel Rd.) – 1.8 miles
 - Culebra Creek Project (Cathedral Rock Park to Grissom Rd.) -1.2 miles
 - Salado Greenway (Southside Lions to S.E. Military Dr.) - 3.1 miles
 - Leon Creek Greenway from Levi Strauss Park under Hwy 90 to Camargo Park) and then West to Lackland Area at the corner of Hwy 90 and S.W. Military Dr. -1.9 miles
 - Staff is hoping to finish each of these by the end of October 2022.
 - Staff is looking at potential future dates to celebrate the completion of 100 miles on the Trail System.
 - Mr. Ross stated that he and his staff are also starting to work on projects for the 2022 Bond, some of which will be managed internally, some managed by the San Antonio River Authority, and some by Public Works, Staff is also working with Bexar County and San Antonio River Authority on the Rivers and Creeks program. These projects will be owned and managed by the City, so COSA staff will monitor to ensure that these projects are consistent with our existing projects and of a high quality.
 - Staff is also working on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for engineering and landscape architectural firms. We plan to go to City Council in November to award these contracts. Shortly afterward, we will negotiate the projects with these consultants and start design.
 - Mr. Ross stated he will keep Board updated on upcoming public input meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m.