

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

September 22, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member Name	Agency Represented
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks & Recreation Board</i>
Ms. Jessica Alderson	<i>Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.</i>
Ms. Melinda Cerda for Mr. Homer Garcia	<i>COSA Parks & Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brock Curry	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA)</i>
Ms. Karen Bishop for Mr. Steve Graham	<i>San Antonio River Authority (SARA)</i>
Mr. Robert Puente	<i>San Antonio Water System (SAWS)</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Grant Ellis, Natural Resources Manager, Parks & Recreation

Phillip Covington, Special Projects Manager, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)

Susan Courage, Senior Management Analyst, EAPP

David Bernal, Management Analyst, EAPP

Suzette Diaz, Intern, EAPP

Victoria Shum, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

GUESTS PRESENT

Name	Organization
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Kyle Garmany	The Nature Conservancy
Clay Thompson	Green Spaces Alliance
Patricia Seidenberger	San Antonio Conservation Society

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm by Chairwoman Francine Romero. Roll call was taken by Dr. Romero.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Romero asked for approval of the minutes for the August 25, 2021, meeting. Mr. Robert Puente motioned for approval of the minutes with an updated version that reflected that there was no formal discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. A voice vote was taken by Dr. Romero. Minutes approved. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the Mazurek Ranch conservation easement had closed on September 13, 2021. He also stated that 167,673 acres were currently protected under the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens to be heard.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Discussion & update regarding Middle Verde Ranch Phase II, High Places Ranch II, Dillingham Ranch, Storrs Ranches/Garrison Addition and Moos Ranch: The Nature Conservancy
 - a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Middle Verde Ranch Phase II for final approval.
 - b. Mr. Bezanson presented the High Places Ranch LLC (Kaspar) for final approval.
 - c. Mr. Bezanson presented the Dillingham Ranch for stage 2 approval.
 - d. Mr. Bezanson presented the Storrs Ranches/Garrison Addition for stage 1 approval on additional tract and homesite.
 - e. Mr. Bezanson presented the Moos Ranch for approval of the stage 1B appraisal.
2. Discussion & update regarding the Highway 211/Hampton Property, Stein Real Property, and Maverick Springs Ranch/Schneider Property: City Staff
 - a. Mr. Phillip Covington presented the Hampton property as a fee simple acquisition.
 - b. Mr. Covington presented the Stein Real property.
 - c. Mr. Covington presented the Maverick Springs/Schneider property for approval of the stage 1A geological assessment.

Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session at 1:46 pm.

3. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 552.071 (consultation with an attorney).

Closed Executive Session & Opened Regular Session at 2:00 pm.

4. Action on proposed items and acquisitions from Agenda items 1, 2 & 3.
 - Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions and a roll call was taken to ensure a quorum and a vote on the motion:
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for final approval on the Middle Verde Ranch Phase II. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- Mr. Brock Curry motioned for final approval on the High Places LLC (Kaspar) Ranch. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 2 approval on the Dillingham Ranch. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 1 approval on the Storrs Ranches/Garrison Addition. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for approval on the stage 1B appraisal for Moos Ranch. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for approval on the stage 1A geological assessment for the Maverick Springs/Schneider property. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
5. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington presented an updated expenditure report for Proposition I funds that would reflect the acquisition of the Mazurek Ranch. He also stated that the uncommitted remaining balance of the 2015 Proposition I funds was approximately \$18.5 million. Mr. Covington also presented an updated acquisition tracker that would reflect the recent due diligence expenditures on past approved conservation easements.
6. Monitoring status report: Ms. Susan Courage stated that there were no major issues with the conservation easement monitoring. Ms. Courage stated that there were ongoing discussions with a landowner on designation of a new building envelope and installation of a new septic system to resolve any previous issues.
7. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – October 27, 2021, at 1:00 pm, at the San Antonio River Authority. The November/December CAB meeting will be held on December 1, 2021 at 1:00 pm.
8. Adjournment at 2:12 pm.