

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

MINUTES

August 31, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Representative
Ms. Nina Dang, District Two
Mr. Forrest Cobb, District Three

Dr. Randy Preissig, District Four
Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six
Mr. Greg Hammer, District Seven, Chair
Mr. John Kent, District Nine

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Nikki Ramos, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Agdel Rivera, Parks and Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Mr. Jeff Jordan
Mr. Jorge Tijerina
Ms. Laura Matthews
Ms. Ellen Ott

Mr. Rick Shaw
Ms. Patricia Seidenberger
Mr. Ruben Bazan
Ms. Sue Calberg

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the July 27, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Marjesca Brown, President of the Friends of McAllister Park, shared about a plan that was presented to and approved by the Parks Board in 2018 recommending that no new development occur within undeveloped land in McAllister Park. The Friends of McAllister Park believe that the Greenway qualifies as development and are concerned with the Greenway's impact through the Mud Creek Loop. They believe that the development of the Greenway through this area would fragment and alter its natural experience and contradict with the original intent of the plan. The Friends of McAllister Park had suggested a route along the CPS easement.

DISCUSSION ON LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS PROGRAM

Board Member Reports

- Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Representative -
 - Ms. Kearney is excited about the upcoming completion of the Leon and Salado trail connection and looks forward to hearing more about this exciting event to celebrate the connection.
 - She continues to be quite involved with ActivateSA and other groups that are looking at how Bond funding could have a potential impact on the Howard W. Peak Greenway System and adjacent trails. She's excited about the opportunities to expand the system.

- Mr. Forrest Cobb, District Three –
 - Mr. Cobb gave an update on the Salado Creek Restoration Oversight Committee, which approved the final draft of the plan. He said that the plan is now going to be reviewed by the SARA Board and Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Calvert.
 - He thanked the LCPAB for appointing him to represent the board.
- John Kent, District Nine –
 - Mr. Kent is looking forward to the completion of the Salado to Leon connection, as well as to the dedication event.

Staff Report on Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails Program - Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

- Mr. Ross discussed the overall accomplishments of the program. 84 miles have been completed to date.
- **Projects currently under construction:**
 - Leon (Rim to Eisenhower Park) – 2 miles – Estimated completion September 2021.
 - Zarzamora Creek (General McMullen to Alderete Park) – 1.5 miles – Estimated completion November 2021.
 - Alazan Creek (Lombrano to Apache Confluence) – 2.9 miles – Estimated completion November 2021.
 - French Creek Greenway (Leon Creek Greenway to Nani Falcone Park) – 1.3 miles – Estimated completion January 2022.
 - Leon Creek (Levi Strauss Park to Lackland Monument) – 1.9 miles – Estimated completion February 2022.
 - Salado (Southside Lions to SE Military Dr.) – 3.1 miles – Estimated completion April 2022.
 - Culebra Tributary (Cathedral Rock Park to Tezel Road) – 1.8 miles – Estimated completion fall of 2022.
- **Recently Completed Projects:**
 - Salado Trailhead at E. Commerce Street.
 - Salado Creek – Wilshire Terrace Park Connection.
 - Apache Creek – (19th St to Cassiano Park) 1 mile – Substantially complete.
 - Apache Creek – Brazos St. Connection Project – Substantially complete.
- **Notable Trail Closures**
 - Salado Creek Greenway - The Morningstar Boardwalk is currently closed for repairs.
 - Medina River Greenway – The trail west of the Pleasanton Road Trailhead is currently closed due to erosion and flooding issues. It will be closed for approximately 2-3 months (reopened approximately November 2021)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Leon-Salado Ribbon Cutting & Arbor Day– Saturday, November 6 at 10am (Eisenhower Park Trailhead).
- Mud Creek Greenway public meeting – Monday, October 4 at 6:30pm (Tool Yard).
- Ft. Sam Grant – The City’s Parks and Recreation Department learned recently that it will receive a \$3 million grant to supplement the funding for this project.
- Mr. Greg Hammer announced that the Brooks to Acequia trail connection is now open.
- Ms. Elaine Kearney announced that the Urban Land Institute (ULI) is hosting a bike tour of the West Side Creeks on Saturday, September 18th at 8:00 am from Confluence Park to Rosedale Park.
- Ms. Nikki Ramos noted that on September 8th Parks and Recreation will be presenting their draft Fiscal Year 2022 budget to City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 pm.