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**2024-12-05-0980**

Ordinance approving the renaming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem.” [John Peterek, Interim Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 38

**Agenda Date:** December 5, 2024

**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Razi Hosseini

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 1, District 5

**SUBJECT:**

Renaming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem.”

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance approving the renaming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem.” Roberto Rodriguez has been a proponent of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem Restoration Project since joining the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors in 2001. Per City ordinance Sec. 6 663, the community-initiated suggestion was considered at a public hearing in which a panel voted to recommend the renaming for full Council consideration.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, led by District 5 Council Member Teri Castillo, initially suggested renaming the ecosystem to the City Clerk on March 21, 2024. On June 11, 2024, Council Member Castillo announced the members of this renaming committee to be herself, Public Works Director Razi Hosseini, and former District 5 Council Member Lourdes Galvan (Community Representative selected by the Councilmember Teri Castillo). The ecosystem of creeks is located just west of Downtown and comprised of the San Pedro, Apache, Alazán, or

Martínez creeks. The ecosystem of creeks is proposed to be renamed. The individual creeks will retain their names.

***Public Input Process***

A public hearing was scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Westside Family YMCA at 2900 Ruiz Street. Per the City ordinance, public hearing notification was distributed in English and Spanish via mailer to 2,896 property owners near the creeks. Other notification efforts include a San Antonio Express-News print advertisement, news release, social media, email, and flyers at area community centers. Ahead of the public hearing, 35 residents provided feedback via letter, phone call, email, website, and social media, with all but four expressing support for the renaming. Among those in favor was Bexar County Precinct 2 Commissioner Justin Rodriguez, who provided a letter of support. At the public hearing, 25 residents attended, and 11 residents spoke in favor of the renaming. The renaming committee then voted 3-0 in favor of recommending the proposed name for full Council consideration

**ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the naming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem.” This action is consistent with the City’s Naming of City Facilities and Streets ordinance.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could elect not to name the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem” and allow it to remain as-is.

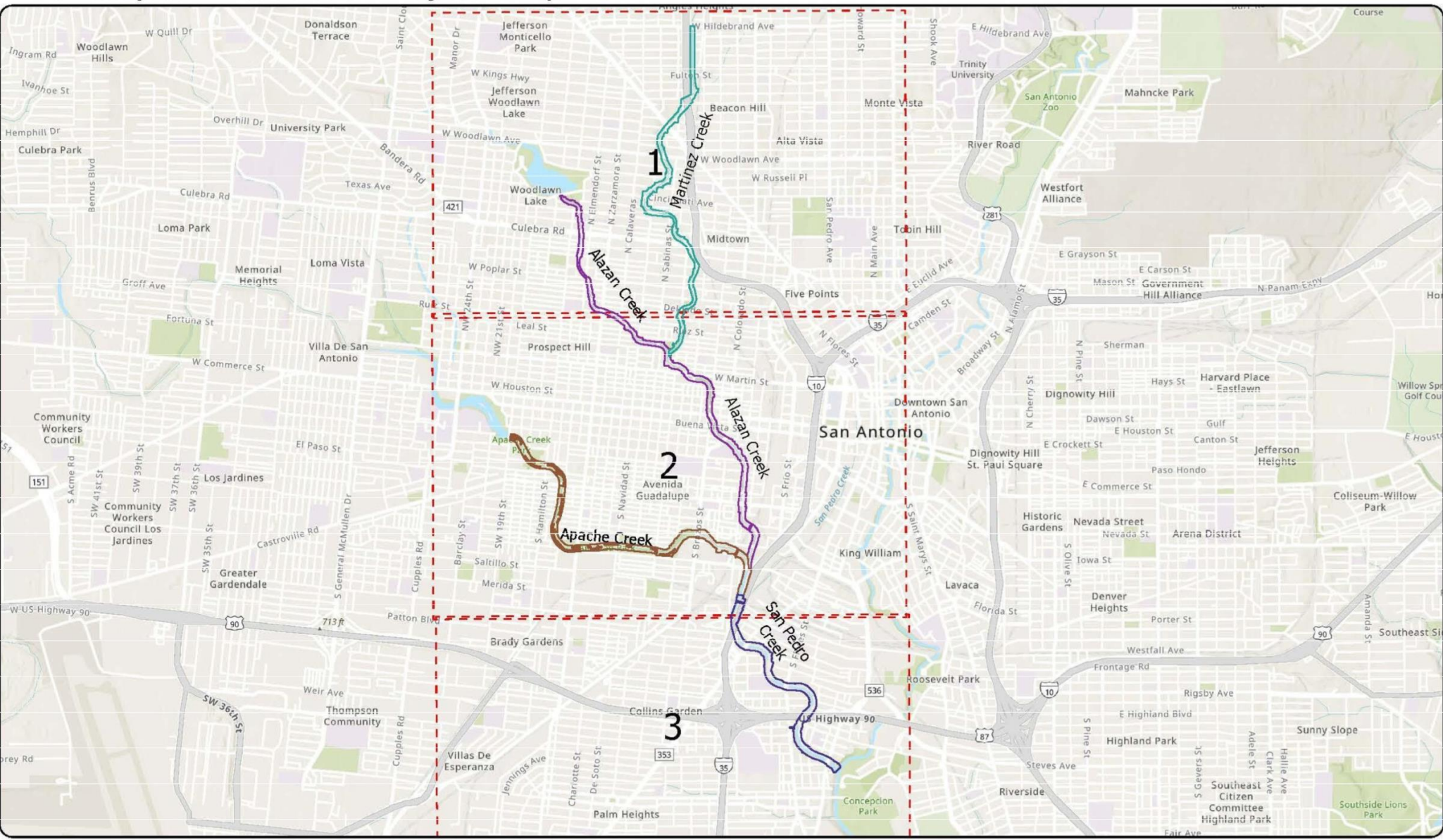
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with this item. The Westside Creeks Restoration Project is ongoing. Once the project is complete, new signage will be installed, calling the area either the Westside Creeks Ecosystem or the Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem, depending on the Council vote.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee recommends that the Westside Creeks Ecosystem be renamed the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem ” for full Council consideration.

# WSC Ecosystem Restoration Project Footprint



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SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**ORDINANCE**

**APPROVING THE RENAMING OF THE WESTSIDE CREEKS  
ECOSYSTEM TO THE “ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ WESTSIDE  
CREEKS ECOSYSTEM.” IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CODE  
ARTICLE XVI, CHAPTER 6**

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**WHEREAS**, the ecosystem of creeks located just west of Downtown and comprised of the San Pedro, Apache, Alazán, and Martínez creeks, is presently known as the “Westside Creeks Ecosystem;” and

**WHEREAS**, Roberto Rodriguez has been a proponent of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem Restoration Project since joining the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 6, Article XVI of the City Code prescribes the procedures for renaming City facilities, and the proposed renaming fits the criteria for the proposed name; and

**WHEREAS**, the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, led by District 5 Council Member Teri Castillo, initially suggested renaming the ecosystem to the City Clerk on March 21, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a committee was established, consisting of District 5 Council Member Teri Castillo, Public Works Director Razi Hosseini, and former District 5 Council Member Lourdes Galvan, to hold a public hearing on this proposed naming, which was held on September 5, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, public notice was provided pursuant to City Code, which garnered 35 responses in favor of the proposed naming via letter, phone call, email, website, and social media, including a letter of support from Bexar County Precinct 2 Commissioner Justin Rodriguez, expressing his appreciation for the years of work by Mr. Rodriguez to restore the San Pedro, Apache, Alazán or Martínez creeks, and 4 written responses in opposition, and;

**WHEREAS**, at the public hearing, 25 residents attended, and 11 residents spoke in favor of the renaming, after which the renaming committee then voted 3-0 in favor of recommending the proposed name for full Council consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance authorizes the naming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem to the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem,” consistent with the City’s Naming of City Facilities and Streets ordinance; the ecosystem of creeks is proposed to be renamed and the individual creeks will retain their names; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The Westside Creeks Ecosystem is hereby renamed the “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem”. All place name change requirements of Article XVI, Chapter 6 of the City Code have been met. City Staff is directed to provide appropriate signage to this effect.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December 2024.**

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Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney





# City Council A-Session

**Item #38 – Renaming of the Westside Creeks Ecosystem  
to “Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem”**

**December 5, 2024**

Razi Hosseini, P.E., R.P.L.S., Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

# Background

- Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee (led by District 5) suggested renaming the ecosystem in March 2024.
- In June 2024, renaming committee members were selected.
- The Ecosystem is located west of downtown and comprised of:
  - San Pedro
  - Apache
  - Alazan or Martinez Creeks

**Funding:**

N/A

**Location:**

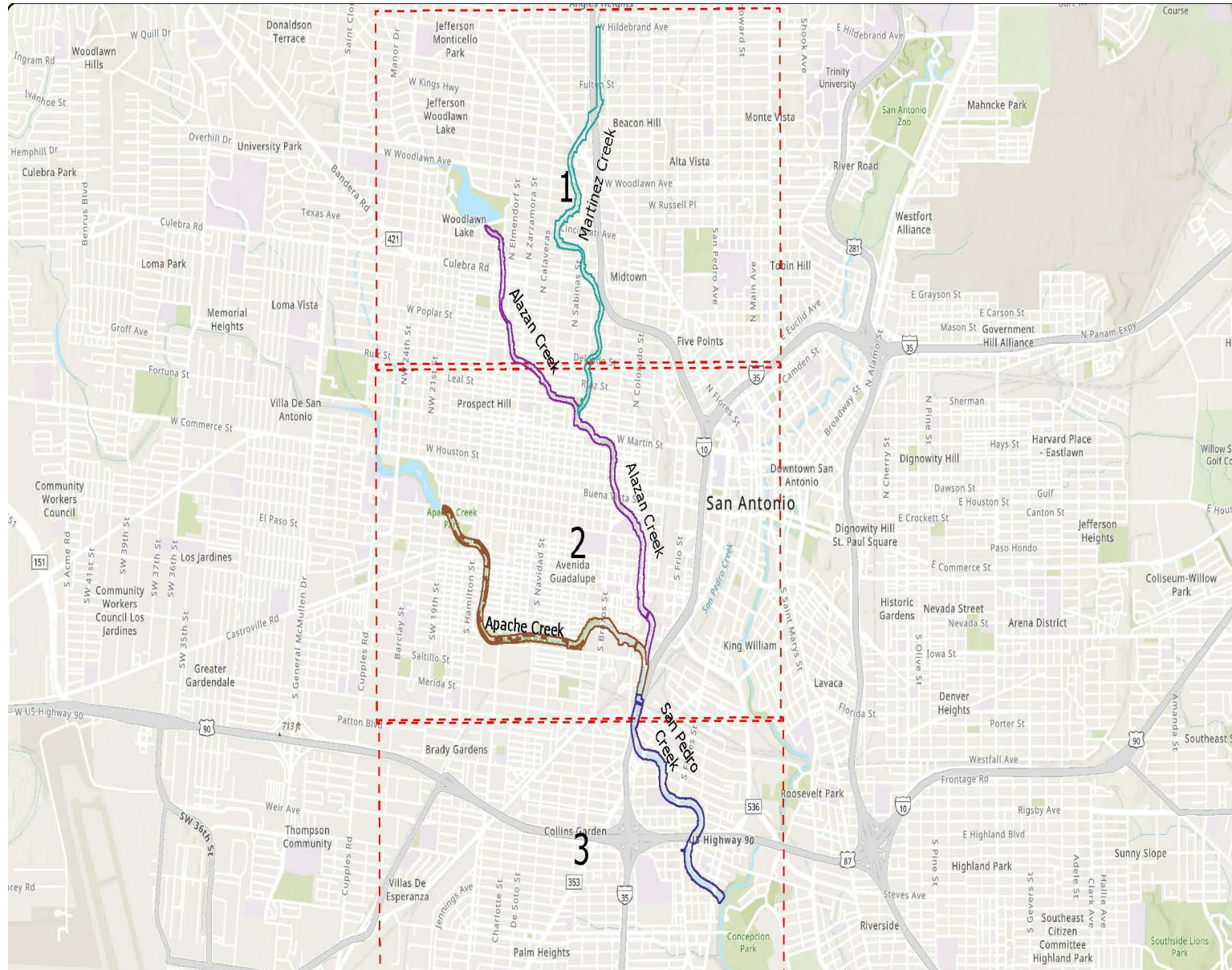
District 1 and District 5



Westside Creeks Oversight Committee



# Ecosystem Restoration Project Map



# Public Input Process

- Public Hearing was held in September 2024 at the Westside Family YMCA
- Public Outreach included:
  - Mailers to 2,896 residents and property owners near the creeks
  - Published in the Express News
  - City of San Antonio News Release
  - Postings on Public Works Social Media
  - Posted at the area community centers and libraries
- Attendees:
  - 25 Residents (11 spoke in favor of renaming)
  - Committee voted 3-0 in favor of recommending proposed name for full Council consideration



# Recommendation

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The Committee recommends that the Westside Creeks Ecosystem be renamed the "Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem".

# City Council A-Session



## PUBLIC WORKS

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