

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO***

## ***LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)***

### **Meeting Notes (no quorum met)**

**August 29, 2023**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sue Calberg, District Two

Sherri Dugas, District Ten

John Kent, District Nine

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

Cynthia Uribe, Parks and Recreation

Sofia Martino, Parks and Recreation

Bill Pennell, Parks and Recreation

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Bert Pickell

Rick Shaw

Mike Forsyth

Frank Engallina

Jeff Jordan

Matthew Moreno

Reuben Bazan

Gary Boyer

William Long

Diane Baird-Barger

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Minutes from the June 27, 2023 meeting were not brought to a vote due to no quorum.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mr. Eric Brown presented an idea for a trail to run along Olmos Creek in the North Central San Antonio area. He asked if an assessment has been done and what are the steps to determine if it is a feasible route. Mr. Ross stated that the Master Plan for Olmos basin Park is currently being conducted, which is one opportunity for input. He said that 2022 Bond Projects are already underway, but it is not too early to make suggestions for the next bond in 2027, and it will be put on the list. Mr. Ross stated that there are some qualifiers that help determine project feasibility such whether the land is privately owned, physical obstacles (such as major roadways), how many people it will connect, proximity to an already existing trail, and other criteria. Mr. Brown then stated that near Olmos Park on Basse Road many students try to bike to the quarry market but struggle due to high-speed vehicular traffic. Mr. Brown asked if there is plan to provide access from the east side of 281 to the west side of 281. Mr. Ross stated that this connection between both sides of the park is currently being looked at with the Olmos Basin Park master plan.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Sue Calberg, District Two
  - Ms. Calberg stated that she was out yesterday and saw that some of the trail near Houston Street was redone. Overall, she was impressed, but pointed out that there was one small area where washout occurred and still needs to be addressed.
  - Ms. Calberg stated that she spoke with Pete Alanis, who is part of the Red Berry Pedestrian Bridge Project, about the absence of pollution control methods during construction. She stated that he said he will fix that. Ms. Calberg also noticed that the bridge has no effective method in place to prevent people from climbing onto it, which Mr. Alanis also said will be addressed.

- Ms. Calberg expressed concern regarding the state of some of the older trails asking if they need to be in a certain condition before they can be repaired. Mr. Ross stated that if the cracks are more than a quarter inch, call 311 and email him the pictures.
- Ms. Calberg reported that there are a lot of people on the trails despite the 100-degree heat.
- Sherri Dugas, District Ten
  - Ms. Dugas stated that she is grateful for the street lighting at McAllister Park.

**Presentation regarding 2022 Bond Projects.**

- Ms. Martino and Mr. Ross gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2022 Bond Projects and provided the following information on the projects:
  - 2022 Bond Projects:
    - The West College Link project will be presented to the board during the September meeting. It goes along Memorial Street from Culebra Road down to the intersection with Mayberry Avenue and will connect to the Zarzamora Creek Greenway.
    - Hays Street Bridge Connection recently started design. It is a 0.95-mile trail that will go from Lockwood-Dignowity Park to the San Antonio River.
    - Leon Creek (PortSA link project) is a 7.0-mile trail that will go from Camargo Park to Pearsall Park and is a design only project. Design will begin soon. The construction phase will be part of the 2027 Bond.
    - Culebra-Helotes Extension is a 1.7-mile trail that will go from Culebra Road to the existing Culebra-Helotes Greenway Trail. It will be presented to the board in the following months.
    - Zarzamora Creek from Tierra del Sol Park to Ingram Road is a 1.8-mile trail that is currently in design and will be presented to the board in October.
    - Beitel Creek is a two-phase project. It is 2.7 miles and will go from LBJ park to Thousand Oaks. Phase One will go from LBJ Park to Perrin Homestead and is already in design. Phase Two will continue from Perrin Homestead to Thousand Oaks. There will be a pedestrian bridge over Perrin Beitel.
    - French Creek will be 2.7 miles and connect OP Schnabel Park to Loop 1604. There has been some concern from residents regarding the trail's proximity to their homes. The project will be presented to the board in the coming months.
    - Huebner Creek trail will go from Eckert Road to Floyd Curl Drive. It is 1.0 miles and will be connected to the medical center where there is a park planned as well.
    - Mr. Ross stated that this project is a little tricky as it is crossing Babcock Road. Currently, the best way to cross it is being determined.
    - Maverick Creek Greenway will go from UTSA boulevard to Loop 1604. TXDOT is creating a shared use path along Loop 1604 so we will be connecting to it. It will also be presented to the board in the coming months.
    - Many students walk to campus so this will be a great addition.
  - Bexar County funded projects:
    - Leon Creek Extension from Highway 16 to Medina River Natural area will be a 3.5-mile trail that will connect to the already existing Medina River Greenway Trail. It is in the pre-design stages.

**Parks and Recreation Department Staff Report (Brandon Ross)**

- Mr. Ross spoke on the Sales Tax Projects. He stated that there are very few left. There is one in construction, to the North of 1604 in District 8, another in design in District 4, and a couple others still in development.

**Further Discussion**

- Mr. Kent brought up rescheduling meetings due to the holidays. This will be discussed further to determine dates that work best for LCPAB members.

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43 p.m.**