

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Minutes
June 27, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sue Calberg, District Two

Leslie Provence, District Three

Randy Preissig, District Four

Myrl Britten, District Six

Don Rios, District Seven

John Kent, District Nine

Sherri Dugas, District Ten

STAFF PRESENT

Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

Bill Pennell, Parks and Recreation

Cynthia Uribe, Parks and Recreation

Sam Sanchez, Parks and Recreation

Sofia Martino, Parks and Recreation

Lt. Juan De La Pena, Park Police

GUESTS PRESENT

Ron Jahetzke

Jeff Jordan

Rick Shaw

Frank Engallina

Gary Boyer

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the May 30, 2023 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Mr. Don Rios, District Three
 - Mr. Rios said that issues he raised at the last meeting had been addressed.
- Ms. Sherri Dugas, District Ten
 - Ms. Dugas asked Mr. Ross to pass on her thanks to the Parks & Recreation plumbing crew for fixing a water fountain at the Salado Trailhead at Loop 1604 Trailhead. She said that within thirty minutes from when Ms. Dugas placed the call to Mr. Ross staff was on site to fix the water fountain.
- Myrl Britten, District Six
 - Mr. Britten stated Mr. Bert Pickell, District Six Parks Board Member, asked him to tell the staff and LCPAB that 311 works very well for reporting graffiti. Mr. Pickell said he recently reported a graffiti incident that was cleaned up right away.
- Randy Preissig, District Four
 - Mr. Preissig asked if the City still has the cameras to monitor dumping that were discussed a couple of years ago? Ms. Calberg responded that there is a current City initiative to target illegal dumping. She said that the first arrest has been made and the perpetrator was sentenced to serve time in jail.

- Ms. Sue Calberg, District Two
 - In regard to the drought and associated disease that have affected area trees, Ms. Calberg reported two different locations where there were dead trees and stated that they were taken care of. Ms. Calberg stated that she had taken screen shots and put a pin drop and submitted them to 311.
 - Ms. Calberg stated that she continues to be an advocate for the UTSA Management Practices for Natural Waterways study (by Dr. Kyle Murray) because the contractor that caused so much trouble in District Three still has the contract. When Ms. Calberg was not able to get an answer on whether the City’s contractor was in compliance with the UTSA guidelines. She said she still will continue to advocate for compliance with the guidelines.
- Leslie Provence, District Three
 - Ms. Provence said that when she recently visited the Mission Reach, it was clean and in good shape.
- Don Rios, District Seven
 - Mr. Rios Reported that he recently encountered some graffiti at Gilbert Garza Pool, which he subsequently reported to 311. Mr. Rios thinks that that staff had already reported it by the time he called and expressed his appreciation for staff’s quick action to remedy the problem.

Discussion regarding Park Police and crime reporting – Lt. Juan De La Pena, San Antonio Park Police

Mr. Kent start the discussion and asked a couple of questions regarding crime on the Creekways, including questions such as:

- Is there a report that shows how much crime takes place on the Creekways?
- How many people get injured on the Creekways?
- How many people get robbed on the Creekways?
- How are the incidents identified when it comes to location on the Creekways? How does the GPS locations assist?

Lt. Juan De La Pena gave the Board Members some background on his position and followed up by answering several of the board members’ questions:

- Reporting crime data such as what has been described is not something that Park Police has the capacity to do, because it to do so would be an extremely complex task that would require an entire unit of officers to assemble.
- Park Police does however, keep records on major issues that are tracked by his staff and by Parks and Recreation staff. An example would be if someone keeps getting injured on one of the trails in the same area, he’ll identify the area and reach out to the Parks and Recreation Department to suggest signage or another solution.
- Park Police is able to track specifics incidents that are happening in the trail system that affect public safety when it’s not criminal related.
- Law Enforcement operates under the CAD System (Computer Aided Dispatch System).

Mr. Rios asked if the City has any existing database on criminal activity. Ms. Calberg responded that the Police Department has access to a database of all the crimes that occur all over the City of San Antonio and it is available for everyone to view. Lt. De La Pena responded that they can logon to the SAPD website and get information. Park Police however, does not have the ability to provide the database information as a customized package for the greenways.

Staff Report (Brandon Ross)

- Mr. Ross reported on several projects that are currently in progress.

- Mr. Frank Engallina with the San Antonio River Authority is working on two segments of trail on Zarzamora Creek, one that is funded by the City's 2022 Bond and the other funded by Bexar County. They are both in the early stages of design.
- Trail projects on Leon Creek, Huebner Creek, Beitel Creek, Maverick Creek, and others are currently in the beginning phases of design. Public works is currently working on executing design contracts for the greenway projects they are managing.
- Public meetings on these projects will begin between now and the end of 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCPAB Board members discussed and decided to cancel the July meeting, due to the likelihood of not meeting quorum requirements.

Motion: Don Rios, District Seven

Second: Sue Calberg, District Two

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:51 p.m.