

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Minutes
September 26, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Natalie Garza, District One

Leslie Provence, District Three

Sherri Dugas, District Ten

Myrl Britten, District Six

Don Rios, District Seven

William Long, Mayoral

STAFF PRESENT

Margarita Hernandez, Parks and Recreation

Sofia Martino, Parks and Recreation

Sam Sanchez, Parks and Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Diane D Baird-Barger

Bert Pickell

Rick Shaw

Linda McMillion

Agdel Rivera

Matthew Moreno

Jeff Tyler

Steve Graham

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.
 - Short introductions were given by each of the board members and staff.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the June 27, 2023 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Mr. Don Rios, District Seven
 - Mr. Rios shared a document with information on Bandera Road and expressed concern because there is a gap between Nani Falcone and O.P. Schnabel Park due to Bandera Road being too low for the trail to pass under. Mr. Rios stated that there is a redevelopment plan for Bandera Road and that the bridge may be raised so he has asked his councilwoman to facilitate communication between the various parties involved in this project to allow the trail to pass under in the future. Margarita Hernandez stated that conversations were had with TXDOT regarding this project and that they are planning to raise the bridge higher than 8 feet, so we should be able to continue our trail underneath.
 - Mr. Rios pointed out that there is not sidewalk in this area, so he is pleased to hear that a shared use path will be added as part of the TXDOT program as well.
- Ms. Sherri Dugas, District Ten
 - Ms. Dugas stated that she has been out of town but believes that District Ten has been in good shape. Ms. Dugas also stated that it is too hot to go out.
- Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six
 - Mr. Britten reported that he got a call from a SAWS representative regarding two projects for stormwater and redoing the sewage in an area near the trail. They want to present at the next Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board meeting. The representative stated that they work with the Parks Department to save trees and will be doing a lot of boring. They want to present the project in March next year. There are two parts to it – one in District Seven and the other in District Six. They will both be two-year projects.

- Ms. Leslie Provence, District Three
 - Ms. Provence reported that she has been walking Mission Reach and it is in great shape.
- Ms. Natalie Garza, District One
 - Ms. Garza stated that she hasn't been out recently but will have a report next month.
- Mr. William Long, Mayoral
 - Mr. Long stated that he lives in District Ten and has been enjoying Los Patios. Mr. Long shared information about the TXDOT Bike Plan and virtual public meeting that is going on from September 7th to October 9th.
 - Mr. Long stated that there is a cycling advocate who is doing a five-hundred-mile bike run to raise money for Earn a Bike, a local cycling organization. Mr. Long stated that the cyclist will be doing one hundred miles each day.

Presentation regarding West College Link Project

- Ms. Martino gave a PowerPoint presentation on the West College Link Project and provided the following information:
 - The West College Link project will go along Memorial Street from Culebra Road to Zarzamora Creek. It will be a 0.80 mile, 12-foot-wide shared use path.
 - Notable connections include St. Mary's University, Memorial High School, and Zarzamora Creek Greenway.
 - This project will have lots of trees planted along the shared use path. A feature called Silva Cells or Soil Cells will be implemented to provide more soil space for trees so they can grow bigger and live longer. The system uses milk crates to hold up the concrete above and reduce soil compaction. This allows air and water to flow more easily within the soil.
 - The project will include a small trailhead on the south side connecting to the Zarzamora Greenway. Amenities include a water fountain, bike racks, and landscaping.

Presentation regarding Maverick Creek Greenway Trail Project

- Jeff Tyler and Sam Sanchez gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Maverick Creek Trail Project and provided the following information:
 - Mr. Tyler gave a summary on the HWP Greenway Trails. There are 101 miles completed, over 1600 acres of creek land acquired, 12 miles of trail in design, 18 miles of trail funded through the bond, and 24 miles funded by Bexar County.
 - This trail project is an extension of the existing Maverick Creek Greenway. It will go along Babcock Road from UTSA Boulevard to Loop 1604. The trail will be 10 feet wide.
 - Parcel from UTSA Boulevard to Babcock to 1604 is owned by UTSA.
 - The trail will pass under UTSA Boulevard. There are three creek crossings. Bottomless box culverts will be used for low water crossings to prevent disturbance to the native ground.
 - Currently there is no sidewalk on Babcock from UTSA Boulevard to 1604, so this trail will provide a safe connection for students.
 - Connection to existing pollinator garden at UTSA. Will have trailhead amenities here but no utilities. There will also be a connection to the UTSA campus near the fire station. There will be a drinking fountain at this location.
 - The area has lots of trees so there will be lots of shade. The trail was designed to keep as many trees as possible.
 - The trail will end at 1604 but allow space for future extension of trail underneath 1604.
 - Project design should be completed in mid-2024 and construction should begin by the end of 2024.
 - Mr. Sanchez spoke about the public meeting they held. He stated there was good attendance and that they received good feedback from the community.

Staff Report (Margarita Hernandez)

- Ms. Hernandez reported on several projects that are currently in progress.
 - There are several bond projects that are currently in design, and planned construction start in Fall 2024, with Maverick Creek being one of the first ones to break ground.
 - Public meetings are being held and there is a lot of support from the community, but there are also questions from some residents regarding trail safety and trail proximity to property lines.

- The greenway trails staff have been keeping track of the TXDOT bike plans and attending meetings to make sure that TXDOT is providing connections to the Greenway Trails as part of their plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCPAB Board members discussed and decided to move the October meeting (originally scheduled for October 31) to November 1st. They also decided to combine the November and December meetings and hold one meeting on December 5th.

Motion: Sherri Dugas, District Ten

Second: Leslie Provence, District Three

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m.