

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO***

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

**Minutes**  
**March 26, 2024**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Randy Preissig, District Four  
Armando Rivera Jr, District Five  
Myrl Britten, District Six  
Don Rios, District Seven

Robert Trottmann, District Eight  
John Kent, District Nine  
Sherri Dugas, District Ten  
William Long, Mayoral Appointee

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Margarita Hernandez, Parks and Recreation  
Sofia Martino, Parks and Recreation

Chris Arrigo, Parks and Recreation  
Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Uel Trejo  
Rick Shaw  
Pantera  
Elaine Kearney

Matthew Moreno  
Brian Mast  
Frank Engallia  
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### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the February 27, 2024 meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Mr. William Long, Mayoral
  - Mr. Long stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Parade is taking place on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am and they will be riding around Woodlawn Lake with Councilwoman Gavito. Mr. Long encourages people to come out and participate.
  - Mr. Long informed everyone that starting March 26<sup>th</sup>, VIA is now allowing E-Bikes on their buses, which is great for the E-cycling community.
- Mr. Don Rios, District Seven
  - Mr. Rios stated that there is a piece of land for lease near the H-E-B off Bandera that could be a future trailhead for the Zarzamora Connection to Jane Dubel Park.
  - Mr. Rios helped at a River Aid San Antonio Event near Callahan and Bandera. He stated that there was a lot of trash there, but it could be a beautiful greenspace opportunity.
  - Mr. Rios gave a shout-out to the Parks and Recreation Department in relation to the Laven Park Public meeting that was held last week. He stated that this project was well received by the neighborhood, and he is happy to see this project develop as it shows the impact their voices have.
- Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six

- Mr. Britten announced that the Grand Opening of the Tezel Trailhead that was supposed to take place on April 13<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.
- Mr. Britten stated that a lot of work has been done to the trail between Tezel and Timberwilde for the grand opening and commended the work that has been done. He said that a lot of people are waiting for the trail to open.
- Ms. Sherri Dugas, District Ten
  - Ms. Dugas said that there are lots of bluebonnets.
- Mr. Robert Trottmann, District Eight
  - Mr. Trottmann spoke about the wide variety of users at Eisenhower Park - some who are casual walkers, while others are more fast paced on their bikes. He stated that the speed bumps were removed and suggested that signage or striping be added since it can get congested.
- Mr. Kent, District Nine
  - Mr. Kent stated that the weather has been great the past couple of days and the bluebonnets are definitely out.

**Presentation regarding Zarzamora Creek Greenway from Alderete Park to Tierra del Sol Park by Frank Engallina with the San Antonio River Authority**

- Mr. Engallina gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Zarzamora Creek Trail Project and provided the following information:
  - This project will be a 3.1 mile, 10-foot-wide trail that is funded by the Bexar County Creeks and Trail Program.
  - This project continues from the current end of trail at Alderete Park and another project is currently in progress that will connect from this project's end at Tierra del Sol Park and connect up to Ingram Road.
  - Mr. Engallina spoke about the trailhead at Tierra del Sol Park will include nose-in parking, a bioswale, mutt mitts, signage, a water fountain, and a kiosk. A trailhead will also be placed at Monterrey Park, which will include similar amenities.
  - Mr. Engallina stated that they are planning on various connections to be included as part of this project such as at Joe Blanks & 41<sup>st</sup> Street.
    - A citizen asked if there will be any improvements to the Arroyo Vista Park trail and Mr. Engallina replied that this is not part of the project scope. Staff is looking into getting this onto the list for deferred maintenance.
  - This project will have lighting along the trail to accommodate commuters who may use the trail to get to and from work or school.
    - Mr. Rios asked if there will be coordination to ensure that tree plantings are not in the way of the light fixtures. Mr. Engallina responded that he will keep this in mind.
    - Mr. Long stated that he is glad to see that we are adding lighting to extend the trail hours for commuters.
  - Mr. Engallina stated that there are several areas slated for reforestation as part of this project.
  - The project timeline for this shows 100% design complete at the end of this year, construction starting in winter 2025, and construction end in winter 2026.

**Presentation regarding Huebner Creek Greenway by Elaine Kearney with TBG Partners**

- Ms. Kearney gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Huebner Creek Greenway Project and provided the following information:
  - This trail project will be a 1.0-mile, 10-ft wide trail that goes from Floyd Curl Drive to Eckert Road. The trail will go through the new Medical Center Park, which is on a 16-acre piece of land between Floyd Curl Drive and Babcock Road.

- This project has two trailheads – one at Babcock Road that will have about 30 parking spaces and one at the Medical Center Park.
- Ms. Kearney spoke about the pedestrian bridge that will be built over Babcock Road. This is to provide a safe crossing for users.
- Ms. Kearney spoke about the second phase of this project, which is design only, and goes from Eckert Road to Leon Valley City limits. Staff is hoping to get funding for construction in the 2027 Bond. The City of Leon Valley has procured funding to continue the greenway through their city and connect to other San Antonio Greenway trails.
- This project is expected to finish design in winter 2025, start construction summer 2025, and finish construction spring 2027.
  - Dr. Pressig is very excited about this project as it is an important link and will provide the opportunity for people in this area to get exercise and improve overall public health.
  - Mr. Long suggested that outreach be done to inform the community of these resources since many don't know that they even exist. It would be good to inform people how to access these places and how to use them. Ms. Hernandez stated that the transportation department works with businesses to add bike racks and help support this infrastructure.

### **Staff Report (Brandon Ross)**

- Mr. Ross reported on the trail projects that are currently in progress.
  - Mr. Ross stated that 40% design has been completed for Hueber Creek, Beitel Creek (LBJ – Thousand Oaks). French Creek Greenway is at 70% and Maverick Creek is at 95%. Maverick Creek Greenway should be under construction in the next couple of months.
  - Mr. Ross stated that some projects are segments in the right-of-way that connect to the greenways and are being managed by public works. One project connects the San Antonio River along E Jones to the Hays Street Bridge, which also provides a connection to Maverick Park, Vincent & Berkley Dawson Park. The other street project is in District 5 along Memorial Street and will connect to the Zarzamora Creek Greenway, as well as St Mary's University and Memorial Highschool.
  - The county and the city are working on two trails in Culebra Creek which will connect the area from Cathedral Rock all the way to the Culebra-Helotes Greenway.
  - There are about 30 miles of trail in design and there aren't many new trails that have opened recently. With that, there are lots of land acquisitions going on, some being easier than others.
  - The newest trail segment is on Salado Creek from Southeast Military Trailhead to the Emory Oak Trailhead.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be held on April 30, 2024.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.