

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD***

## **MINUTES**

June 22, 2022

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Agency Represented</b>
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks &amp; Recreation Board</i>
Ms. Jessica Alderson	<i>Texas Parks &amp; Wildlife Dept. (TPWD)</i>
Mr. Homer Garcia (via WebEx)	<i>COSA Parks &amp; Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brock Curry	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA)</i>
Mr. Steve Graham	<i>San Antonio River Authority (SARA)</i>
Mr. Scott Halty for Mr. Robert Puente	<i>San Antonio Water System (SAWS)</i>
Dr. Russell Persyn (via WebEx)	<i>Medina County</i>

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Grant Ellis, Natural Resources Manager, Parks & Recreation

Phillip Covington, Special Projects Manager, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)

David Bernal, Management Analyst, EAPP

Victoria Shum, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Doug Dillow	Green Spaces Alliance
Clay Thompson (via WebEx)	Green Spaces Alliance
Karen Bishop	San Antonio River Authority
Thomas Marsalia	Edwards Aquifer Authority

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairwoman Francine Romero. Roll call was taken by Dr. Romero.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Romero asked for approval of the minutes for the May 25, 2022, meeting. Mr. Steve Graham motioned for approval of the minutes. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. Minutes approved. Motion carried.

## **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- Mr. Covington stated that the Pearce Ranch conservation easement was presented to City Council on June 16, 2022, and closing would occur in mid to late July. Mr. Covington also stated that with this acquisition that would raise the protected acreage to 172,745 acres.

## **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

No citizens to be heard.

## **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

1. Briefing & Update on University of Texas at San Antonio's Proposition 1 funded water quality project in the Leon Creek Watershed: San Antonio River Authority
  - a. Ms. Karen Bishop presented a briefing on the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Leon Creek Watershed & Living Laboratory (L3) projects. Ms. Bishop stated that there were events and tours of the L3 facilities. She also stated that the L3 projects would require an 18-month extension that would take it through the first quarter of 2024 with no additional funding for the purposes of stormwater sampling and monitoring due to weather, supply chain and COVID delays. Ms. Bishop stated that the post-construction monitoring fell behind and in SARA's estimation an 18-to-24-month delay in qualifying stormwater events.
2. Discussion & Update regarding the Fern Springs Ranches, Mikeska Ranch, Morrow Addition and Stoner Ranch: The Nature Conservancy
  - a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Fern Springs Ranch for final approval.
  - b. Mr. Bezanson presented the Mikeska Ranch for final approval.
  - c. Mr. Bezanson presented the Morrow Addition for stage 2 approval.
  - d. Mr. Bezanson presented the Stoner Ranch for stage 2 approval.
3. Discussion & Update regarding the Manteufel and Littleton properties: Green Spaces Alliance
  - a. Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the Manteufel property would be tabled and not presented.
  - b. Mr. Clay Thompson presented the Littleton property for stage 1 approval.
4. Discussion & Update regarding the Hampton Property: City Staff
  - a. Mr. Phillip Covington presented an update on the Hampton Ranch.

## **Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session started at 1:26 pm.**

Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 552.071 (consultation with an attorney).

## **Closed Executive Session & Opened Regular Session ended at 1:44 pm.**

5. Action on proposed items and acquisitions from Agenda items 2-4.
- Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions and a roll call was taken to ensure a quorum and a vote on the motion:
    - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for final approval of the Fern Springs Ranches conditional on the Garrison Tract be appraised within 10 percent of the other properties' values. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
    - Ms. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 2 approval on the Morrow Ranch Addition. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
    - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for final approval on the Mikeska Ranch. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
    - Mr. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 2 approval on the Stoner Ranch. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
    - Mr. Jessica Alderson motioned for stage 1 approval on the Littleton Ranch. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
    - Mr. Steve Graham motioned for stage 2 approval on the Hampton property conditional on lease back option negotiated with TPWD and restrictive use on the property regarding single family residential and industrial operations. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. Ms. Jessica Alderson recused. No further discussion. Motion passed.
6. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington provided CAB members with copies of the EAPP Proposition 1 Spending Plan for Acquisition for the remaining balance of the funds. Mr. Covington also presented an updated expenditure report that reflected additional due diligence expenses.
7. Monitoring status report: Mr. David Bernal provided updates on the ESS Ranch and Monier Ranch annual conservation easement monitoring site visits. Mr. Bernal stated that the ESS Ranch had unpermitted disposal of construction materials that would need to be addressed with the landowner. Mr. Bernal also stated that the Monier Ranch had a crude septic system at one of the hunting cabins that would need to be addressed with the landowner.
8. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – August 24, 2022, at 1:00 pm, at the San Antonio River Authority.

Adjournment at 1:56 pm.