# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

# Minutes September 27, 2022

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Sue Calberg, District Two Mr. Randy Preissig, District Four Mr. Chris Yanez, District Five Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six Mr. John Kent, District Nine Ms. Sherri Dugas, District Ten

#### STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation Ms. Cynthia Uribe, Parks and Recreation Mr. Bill Pennell, Parks and Recreation

Laura Parker, Parks and Recreation Samuel Sanchez, Parks and Recreation

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

Bert Pickell Reuben Bazan Michelle Skowronek Frank Engallina Paul Skowronek Kate Ruckman Don Rios

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the August 30, 2022 meeting. *M: Sue Calberg, District Two*

S: Sherri Dugas, District Ten

Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Kristen Rothstein spoke on the 11 acres fronting Prue Rd. that indirectly connects to O.P. Schnabel Park land and how the owner is trying to develop townhomes. Ms. Rothstein showed videos and pictures of the area and what the owners are wanting to do to this area. Ms. Rothstein was very detailed with her information and is seeking help to save the property from development.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Sue Calberg, District Two
  - Ms. Calberg asked how crimes and suspicious activities are logged by Park Police or San Antonio Police Department when there is no exact address, out in the trails (between trailheads). How can citizens look up the locations and know what is going on in terms of criminal activity? Does SAPD have data concerning these crimes or suspicious activities? Mr. Ross subsequently confirmed that where there is no specific address, the closest cross street address is used.
  - Ms. Calberg stated that some of the residents who live along the Creekway in District 3 are having problems with the feral hogs. They hired a trapper who has trapped 20 to 30 of them. Ms. Calberg stated hogs are large and can be dangerous and are on the move during the daytime between Southside Lions and SE Military Drive. Ms. Calberg feels that this something that people and Park Police should be aware of. Mr. Ross subsequently passed this information along to Park Police and will consider additional warning signage or other measures.

- o Ms. Calberg mentioned that there are a couple of nice fishing nodes at the new and improved trail within Martin Luther King Park. She also said it is wheelchair accessible and people can go right up to the water area. She said it's delightful and the project saved a lot of the understory when putting the trail in.
- Myrl Britten, District Six
  - Mr. Britten mentioned that he recently saw a group of approximately eight people riding adult tricycles on the 1.8-mile trail at Tezel Road to Cathedral Rock. He stated that the signage and monolithic entry sign at the Tezel trailhead looks very nice. Mr. Britten mentioned that he's concerned about the drainage under the Timberwilde Bridge. He also stated that at the section of trail near Oscar Perez Park has a lot of debris (brush and trees). Mr. Ross stated that the trail project will be completed no later than November.
- Sherri Dugas, District Ten
  - Ms. Dugas rode from McAllister Park to Eisenhower Park and stated that the trail looks good.

## Presentation regarding Huebner Trailhead and Leon (Levi Strauss Park to Lackland Corridor) projects – Sam Sanchez, Parks and Recreation

Below are some of the highlights that Mr. Sanchez presented:

- Huebner Creek Greenway Trailhead
  - o The Huebner Creek Greenway Trailhead project provides access to Crystal Hills Park, Shadow Mist Trailhead, Ingram Transit Center Trailhead, and the Leon Creek Greenway system.
  - o The project includes a new trailhead connection at Crystal Hill Drive and includes a full shade structure, drinking fountain, bike rack, bike repair station, trash-recycle cans, bio-retention LID feature, trees, and landscaping.
- Leon Creek Greenway (Levi Strauss Park to Lackland Corridor Monument)
  - o This segment of trail is approximately two miles long from Levi Strauss Park to the Lackland Monument.
  - The project provides two major trailheads, one at Camargo Park and another at New Life Circle.
  - o At both trailheads, there are full-sized shade structures, drinking fountains, bike racks, bike repair stations, trash-recycle cans, LID parking, trees, and landscaping.
- Mr. Brandon Ross added that he and Laura Parker have been working a potential connection from the Salado Creek Greenway to Rogers Ranch.
- Ms. Dugas asked if there was a completion date for the current maintenance of the Lady Bird Johnson Boardwalk. Mr. Ross stated that it is currently closed, but is open after hours on weekdays and each weekend. He said that this current phase of repairs should be finished in October.

## Discussion and Possible Action related to naming a chairperson for the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory **Board**

After some brief discussion, Randy Preissig made a motion to appoint John Kent as Linear Creekway Advisory Board Chair.

Motion: Randy Preissig, District Four Second: Sherri Dugas, District Ten

Motion Carried.

The Board discussed naming a Vice Chair, and decided to wait until the next meeting, to provide members the opportunity to consider who they might appoint and whether they are willing to serve in this role.

Ms. Calberg asked Mr. Ross if she could post openings on the LCPAB to online trail user groups. Mr. Ross said that yes, any efforts to advertise LCPAB openings to citizens who are potentially interested are encouraged. Mr. Kent reminded his fellow LCPAB members that applicants don't have to live in the district for which they apply.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

O The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m. *Motion: Sue Calberg, District 2*Second: Myrl Britten, District 6

Motion Carried.