

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

September 28, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member Name	Agency Represented
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks & Recreation Board</i>
Ms. Melinda Cerda for Mr. Homer Garcia	<i>COSA Parks & 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>
Mr. Rogelio Garcia	<i>Greater SATX</i>
Dr. Russell Persyn	<i>Medina County</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Grant Ellis, Natural Resources Manager, Parks & Recreation
Susan Courage, Senior Management Analyst, EAPP
David Bernal, Management Analyst, EAPP
Victoria Shum, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office (via WebEx)

GUESTS PRESENT

Name	Organization
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Rebecca Neill	The Nature Conservancy
Doug Dillow	Green Spaces Alliance
Clay Thompson	Green Spaces Alliance
Karen Bishop	San Antonio River Authority
Dr. Vikram Kapoor	UTSA
Dr. Drew Johnson	UTSA

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 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 August 24, 2022, meeting. Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for approval of the minutes. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. Minutes approved. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Grant Ellis stated that the Dillingham Ranch and Mikeska Ranch conservation easements would close on October 5, 2022, which after the closing of these two acquisitions, would increase the total protected acreage for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP) to 173,592 acres. Mr. Ellis also stated the Schneider property conservation easement would be presented to City Council on October 20, 2022, and the Swain Ranch conservation easement, as well as the Land Acquisition Team contracts for renewal would be presented to City Council on November 3, 2022. And, if CAB issued final approval on the Hampton tract in today's meeting, the conservation would also be presented to City Council on November 3, 2022.
- Mr. Ellis stated that Mr. Phillip Covington presented an overview of the collaboration between the EAPP and the Compatible Lands Foundation at the 2022 Private Lands Conservation Forum in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Mr. Ellis stated that there would be a presentation of the new funding source for the EAPP at the next CAB meeting in October.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens to be heard.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Briefing and update on University of Texas at San Antonio's Proposition 1 funded Fecal Source Pollution study: San Antonio River Authority & UTSA

a. Ms. Karen Bishop introduced the item and stated that Dr. Vikram Kapoor and Dr. Drew Johnson of the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). Dr. Kapoor presented the results of the final report for the Fecal Source Pollution Study. The results of the study tracked the predominant sources of fecal pollution in the Edwards Aquifer area to avian, ruminant, dog and human. Dr. Kapoor stated that to address these types of pollution he recommended that the City of San Antonio focus on public education, improvement of the stormwater management programs, to include promotion of Low Impact Development (LID), and implementation of best management practices to the site-specific conditions. Dr. Kapoor also stated other recommendations such as future studies on mitigation of human fecal pollution from On-site Sewage Facilities and underground sewer infrastructure.

2. Discussion & Update regarding the Hoesen Ranch: The Nature Conservancy

a. Ms. Rebecca Neill presented the Hoesen Ranch for stage 1 approval.

3. Discussion & Update regarding the Bendele Ranch: Green Spaces Alliance
 - a. Mr. Clay Thompson presented the Bendele Ranch for stage 1 approval.
4. Discussion & Update regarding the Hampton Property: City Staff
 - a. Mr. Grant Ellis presented the Hampton property for final approval.

Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session started at 1:50 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 2:03 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 Hampton property. Dr. Russell Persyn seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for stage 1 approval on the Hoesen Ranch. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for stage 1 approval on the Bendele Ranch. Mr. Brock Curry seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
6. Program fiscal report: Mr. Grant Ellis stated that the remaining balance of Proposition 1 funding had already been committed to properties that are currently being pursued for acquisition. Mr. Ellis also stated that the EAPP would work with the Parks & Recreation Finance Office to schedule a presentation at the October CAB meeting or last CAB meeting of the year to explain the next funding source for the EAPP to begin to take effect in the fiscal calendar year 2023.
7. Monitoring status report: Ms. Susan Courage stated that there were no updates to report on the monitoring activities.
8. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – October 26, 2022, at 1:00 pm, at the San Antonio River Authority.

Adjournment at 2:09 pm.