

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

Meeting Notes December 6, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Cosima Colvin, District One
Dr. Randy Preissig, District Four

Mr. Greg Hammer, District Seven, Chair
Mr. John Kent, District Nine
Elaine Kearney, Mayoral

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Melinda Cerda, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Cynthia Uribe, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Agdel Rivera, Parks and Recreation
Mr. Steve Whitworth, Office of the City Attorney

GUESTS PRESENT

Ms. Ellen Ott
Mr. Reuben Bazan

Mr. Rick Shaw

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM.
- No Motion and approval of the minutes from the August 31, 2021 meeting due to no Quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No Comments

DISCUSSION ON CREEKWAY PARKS PROGRAM

Board Member Reports

- Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral appointee
 - Ms. Kearney congratulated the team on the successful and well-attended ribbon cutting for the connection of the Salado and Leon Creek.
 - Ms. Kearney stated that in her professional role she's advocating for a potential new connection on Huebner Creek to be funded by the 2022 Bond. If funded, this project will tie in the Medical Center area which is currently disconnected from the greenway trails system.
- Ms. Cosima Colvin, District 1
 - Ms. Colvin stated that she had the opportunity to take Councilman Mario Bravo on a tour on the Alazan Creek trails, which will soon be opened to the public. Ms. Colvin stated that it was exciting to have this huge connection. Because people can start at the trailhead at Woodlawn Park and (using the Alazan, Apache, and San Pedro trails) travel to the Mission reach which connects to Mitchell Lake and Medina Natural Area. It also provides a good and safe way for people on the Westside to get downtown.
 - Ms. Colvin spoke about the importance of safety on trails and the homeless that are living there. She stated that her Councilman has contacted the Department of Human Services to start making contacts with the

groups that are living under the bridges in advance of the trail openings. Ms. Colvin stated that her Councilman was impressed and that it was a good trip.

- Mr. Greg Hammer, District 7
 - Mr. Hammer stated that he didn't attend the ribbon cutting at Eisenhower Park, but is excited about the connections. He also stated that the more connections are made, the more reliable it will become as a transportation alternative.

Staff Report on Progress on Projects - Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation

- Mr. Brandon Ross stated that the connected sections of Leon and Salado trails combined allow for a continuous 40-mile ride from Leon at W. Military Drive to Salado at John James Park.
- Mr. Ross went over the proposed 2022 Bond projects on a map, which included Maverick Creek, French Creek which comes out through OP Schnabel and goes up to Loop 1604. Mr. Brandon showed the members on the map the connection that will take place at the Medical Center which will go through Leon Valley and connect to Huebner Creek. Mr. Ross pointed out that the Medical Center has invested a lot of money in their own trails.
- Mr. Ross stated that Alazan, Martinez and Zarzamora trails are almost completed.
- Mr. Reuben Bazan, San Antonio River Authority, gave a briefing on Zarzamora Creek which is almost completed, with the exception of landscaping. This project will soon be open to the public.
- Mr. Bazan also gave an update on the Alazan Creek, which has all the concrete completed. SARA is currently working with the contractors to resolve issues with establishing vegetation cover. There's also been a lot of vandalism and graffiti, but SARA staff have been diligently mitigating it.
- Mr. Ross spoke about the Culebra Creek trail project which is under construction. This project goes through Cathedral Rock Park to Oscar Perez Park and up to Tezel Road. Public works is working on a new community facility for District 6 that will also be located at Tezel Road..
- Mr. Ross reminded the members about the grant that the City has received for \$3 million from the AAMPO to supplement the Ft. Sam project.
- Mr. Brandon Ross stated that the Salado project from Southside Lions to SE Military Dr. will be done in the Spring along with greenway trails on Alazan, French, and Leon.
- Mr. Brandon Ross showed some pictures of various locations of the trails with improvements and new development areas.
- Mr. Ross stated that the Medina Greenway trail has been closed recently due to repairs and construction, but will be reopened soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Ross introduced Ms. Cynthia Uribe, Executive Secretary with the Parks Department.
- Mr. Brandon stated that there is a final Bond Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. If anyone is interested it will be held at the Convention Center at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 pm.