Public Workshop #1

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Desired Outcomes:

• Provide the public information on the project.

• Identify desired uses, activities and concerns for the character areas of San Pedro Creek design.
Outreach

• Direct mail ¼ mile radius
• Print and online media
• Chambers and other civic organizations
• Email databases
• Social Media
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Attendance

• 93 members of the public
• SA-EN and Rivard Report
• County Judge Wolff
• Commissioner Adkisson
• SARA Board Member Lourdes Galvan
Overview

• Presentation on history, evolution of the initiative, and character areas

• Workshop
  ➢ Table groups
  ➢ 4/6 Character Areas
  ➢ Reports

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CHARACTER AREAS

- Alameda/Agua Antigua
- Alameda/Old Water
- Canal Principal Main Channel
- El Metateo The Meander
- Campo Abejo Lower Field
- Lower Reach
- IH-35
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• Desired Uses/Activities
  – Little Italy/Piazza Italia
  – Trailheads/Fitness/Paddling
  – Minor League Baseball/Sports Park
  – Park/Green Space
  – Educational Opportunities
  – Wi-fi
  – Amphitheatre
  – Retail and Food Options
  – Rest and Respite
  – Connection to Fox Tech
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• Concerns
  – I-35/I-10 Barrier
  – Connectivity across creek and to transportation facilities
  – Proximity to Haven for Hope
  – Management of existing housing and businesses
  – Coordination with Weston, SAISD, and private property owners

• Additional Comments
  – Visibility from I-10/I-35
  – Inlet Structure (i.e. Water Gardens, Fort Worth)
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- Desired Uses/Activities
  - Dancehall
  - Passive Uses
  - Cultural District
  - Boating/Fishing
  - Amphitheater
  - Vertical Gardens
  - Student Engagement (Ford Academy)
  - Hike-n-Bike with places to stop
  - Increase Retail and Residential
  - Connection to Mercado, Commerce Street, Alameda, Spanish Governor’s Palace
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• Concerns
  – Private vs. Public Ownership
  – Linkages to Other Areas
  – Lack of Residential
  – Access from Street to Creek
  – Parking

• Additional Comments
  – Old Spanish Trail Route
  – Maintain height restrictions
  – Call it Alameda y Laredo
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• Desired Uses/Activities
  – Creek Access/Views
  – No Commercial on Creek
  – Fishing
  – Parkland/Green Space
  – History Lessons
  – More People and Residents
  – Landscaping
  – Native Plants (River Water Irrigation)
  – Hide Jail
  – Connection to Vistana, Mi Tierra, Mercado, and Casa Navarro
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• Concerns
  – Backs of buildings
  – Nothing to draw people
  – Proximity to jail
  – Bill Miller Truck Yard
  – Industrial uses risk

• Additional Comments
  – Parking will be a challenge
  – Tie to Casa Navarro (i.e., Missions to Mission Reach)
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- Desired Uses/Activities
  - See and Interact with Water
  - Exercise Stations
  - Seating and Shade
  - Pedestrian Bridges
  - Art (Mosaics/Murals)
  - Paddling with Storage
  - Connections (HEB, COSA, Parks)
  - Amenity for Hotels
  - Plaza along Guadalupe
  - Water Feature- Not Open Culverts
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• Concerns
  – Stakeholder Inclusion
  – Property Acquisition
  – Connectivity to other areas
  – Graffiti
  – Turtle die off

• Additional Comments
  – Layer approach since channel is so narrow (i.e., Highline Park, NYC)
  – Outfall should be attractive and learning experience
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• Desired Uses/Activities
  – Fishing
  – Trailheads
  – Private Property Access
  – Amphitheatre
  – Habitat Restoration
  – 24-hour activity
  – Art Corridor
  – Connection to Blue Star, Post Office, Say Sí
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• Concerns
  – “Campo Abajo” name
  – Wildlife Protection
  – Lots of Vacant Buildings
  – Industrial Contamination
  – Not accommodating current residents
  – Warehouse area north of Camp Street

• Additional Comments
  – Bike Repair Station
  – Tribute to pecan shellers
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• Desired Uses/Activities
  – Habitat Restoration
  – Neighborhood Amenity
  – Natural and Organic
  – Connection to Southside and Mission Reach
  – Dog Park
  – Fishing Areas
  – Pecan Trees
  – Skate Park
  – Historical Education
  – Performance Space under I-35
  – Farmer’s Market/Fruit Cup Stand
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• Concerns
  – Flooding
  – Need for Connectivity
  – Utilities (take underground)
  – Stray Animals
  – Confluence
  – Forgetting history of Stockyards and Produce Row

• Additional Comments
  – Partner with KIPP Academy for joint-use resources (athletic fields)
  – Catalyst for this area
  – Trail along obsolete rail spur
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- Common Comments and Concerns
  - Signage (way-finding and interpretive)
  - Water Fountains/Spray Stations
  - ADA/Senior/Child Friendly
  - Safety/Lighting
  - Parking
  - Litter/Pet Waste
  - Bike/Walk Interface
  - In-fill Development
  - Historic Preservation
  - Rising Property Values
  - Restrooms
  - Flood Control
  - Street/Creek Interface
## Workshop Evaluation

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• New information learned:
  – History of area (floods, pecans, culture)
  – COSA is not currently contributing to the funding
  – Tunnel belongs to SARA
  – Apps can be created
  – Meeting property owners and other stakeholders
“Workshop very well done!”

“Great job!”

“It’s great to know we will rediscover, reveal and celebrate our community’s life giving water.”