

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.



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Outreach

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



PUBLIC MEETING

Bexar County and the San Antonio River Authority, in cooperation with the City of San Antonio, will host a public workshop to seek public input on concept designs for the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project.

This project will focus on efforts to:

- advance flood mitigation
- revitalize natural habitat and water quality
- reimagine the creek as a linear urban park
- enhance and catalyze cultural and economic revitalization opportunities

The community is encouraged to attend and provide input on these improvements.

Saturday, August 23, 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

★ MEETING LOCATION Christopher Columbus Italian Society
201 Piazza Italia, San Antonio

Please visit www.spcproject.org for more information, or call (210) 302-3257 or email blmcc@sanra.tx.gov



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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



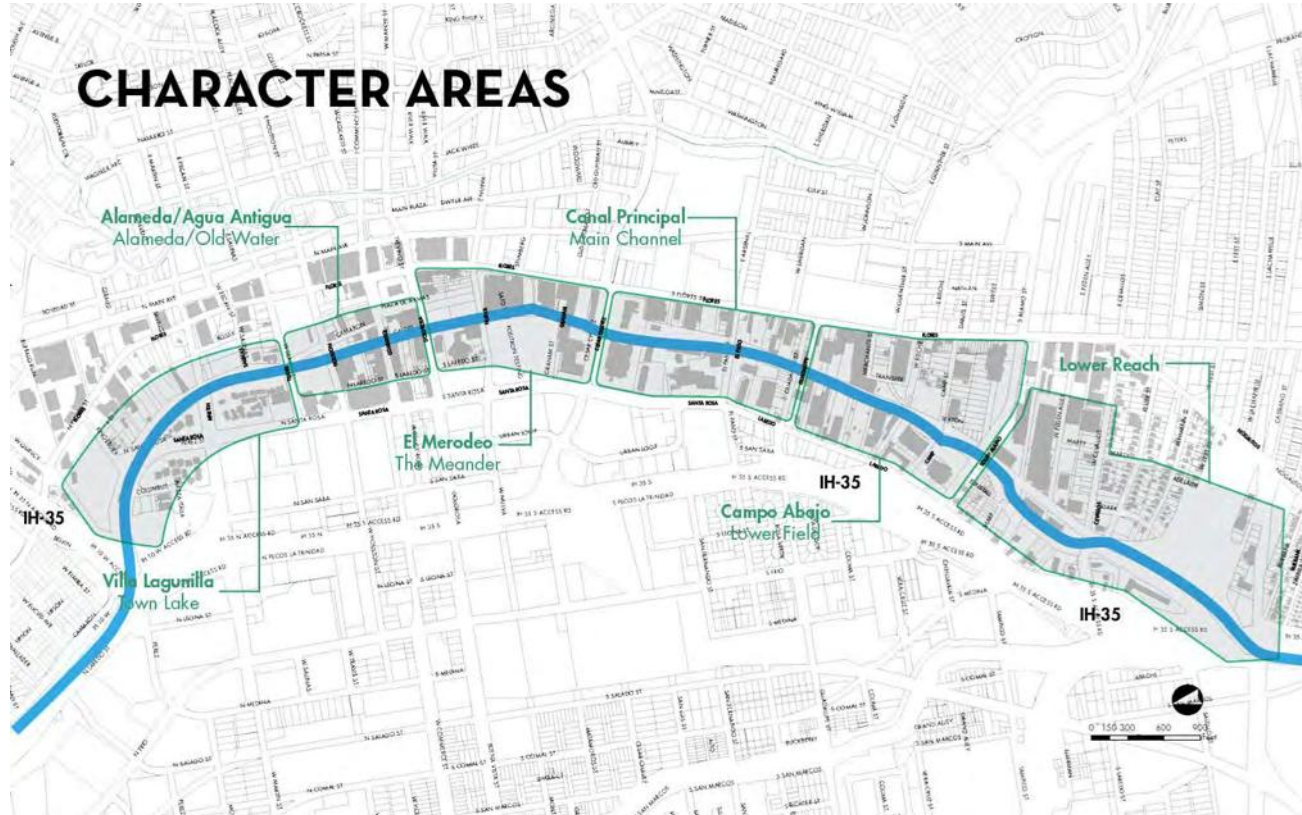
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Overview

- Presentation on history, evolution of the initiative, and character areas
- Workshop
 - Table groups
 - 4/6 Character Areas
 - Reports
- Memory Lane



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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



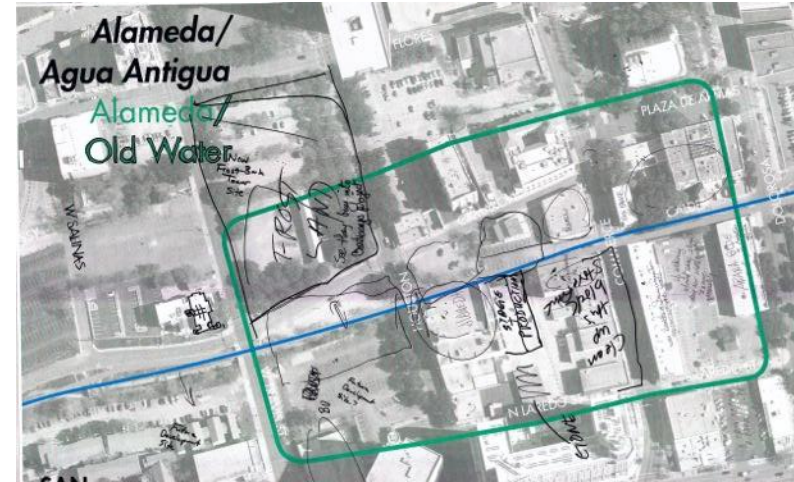
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- Concerns
 - I-35/I-10 Barrier
 - Connectivity across creek and to transportation facilities
 - Proximity to Haven for Hope
 - Management of existing housing and businesses
 - Coordination with Weston, SAISD, and private property owners
- Additional Comments
 - Visibility from I-10/I-35
 - Inlet Structure (i.e. Water Gardens, Fort Worth)



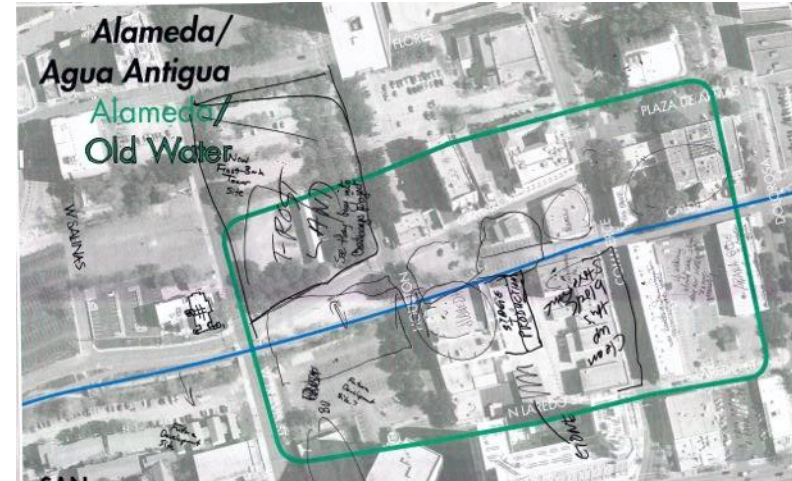
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- Desired Uses/Activities
 - Dancehall
 - Passive Uses
 - Cultural District
 - Boating/Fishing
 - Amphitheater
 - Vertical Gardens
 - Student Engagement (Ford Academy)
 - Hike-n-Bike with places to stop
 - Increase Retail and Residential
 - Connection to Mercado, Commerce Street, Alameda, Spanish Governor's Palace



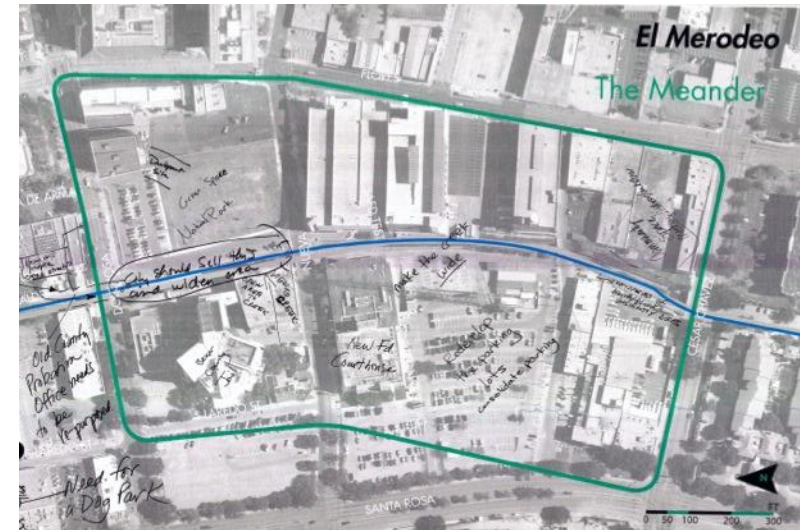
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- Concerns
 - Private vs. Public Ownership
 - Linkages to Other Areas
 - Lack of Residential
 - Access from Street to Creek
 - Parking
- Additional Comments
 - Old Spanish Trail Route
 - Maintain height restrictions
 - Call it Alameda y Laredo



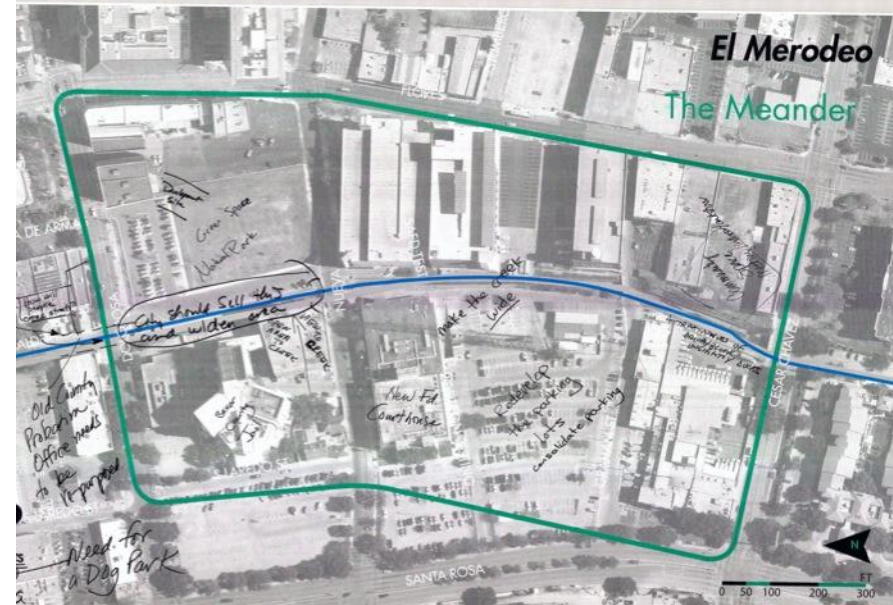
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- Desired Uses/Activities
 - Creek Access/Views
 - No Commercial on Creek
 - Fishing
 - Parkland/Green Space
 - History Lessons
 - More People and Residents
 - Landscaping
 - Native Plants (River Water Irrigation)
 - Hide Jail
 - Connection to Vistana, Mi Tierra, Mercado, and Casa Navarro



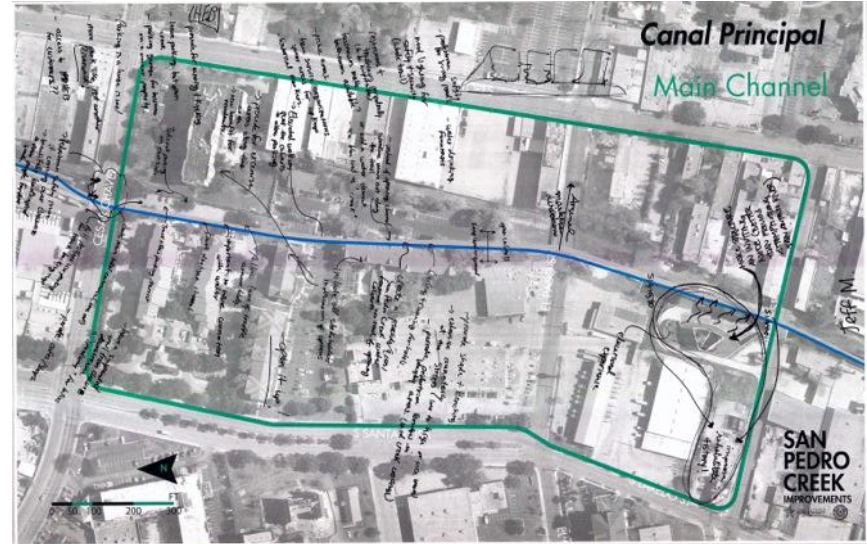
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- Concerns
 - Backs of buildings
 - Nothing to draw people
 - Proximity to jail
 - Bill Miller Truck Yard
 - Industrial uses risk
- Additional Comments
 - Parking will be a challenge
 - Tie to Casa Navarro (i.e., Missions to Mission Reach)



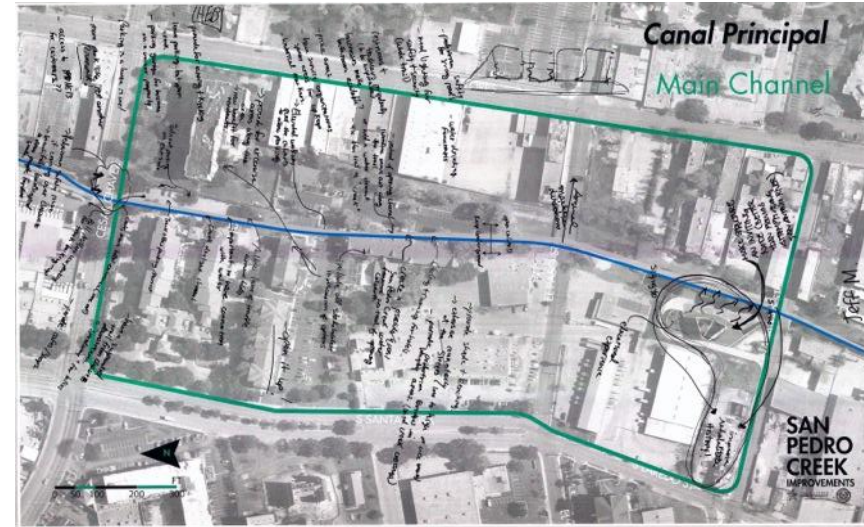
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- Desired Uses/Activities
 - See and Interact with Water
 - Exercise Stations
 - Seating and Shade
 - Pedestrian Bridges
 - Art (Mosaics/Murals)
 - Paddling with Storage
 - Connections (HEB, COSA, Parks)
 - Amenity for Hotels
 - Plaza along Guadalupe
 - Water Feature- Not Open Culverts



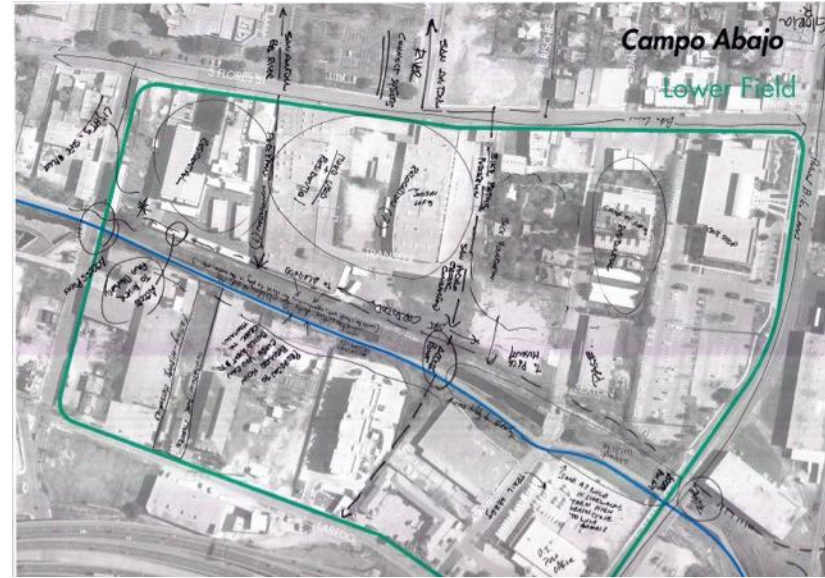
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- Concerns
 - Stakeholder Inclusion
 - Property Acquisition
 - Connectivity to other areas
 - Graffiti
 - Turtle die off
- Additional Comments
 - Layer approach since channel is so narrow (i.e., Highline Park, NYC)
 - Outfall should be attractive and learning experience



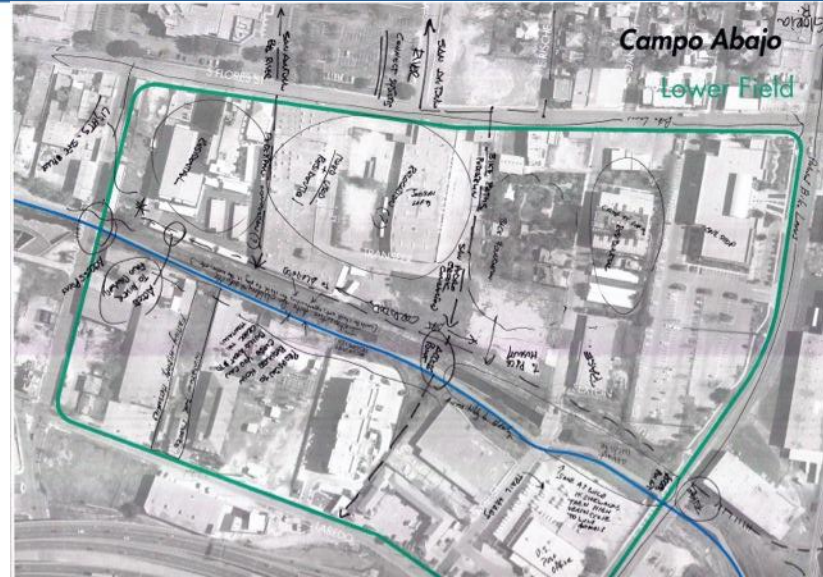
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- Desired Uses/Activities
 - Fishing
 - Trailheads
 - Private Property Access
 - Amphitheatre
 - Habitat Restoration
 - 24-hour activity
 - Art Corridor
 - Connection to Blue Star, Post Office, Say Sí



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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



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Workshop Evaluation	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. The objectives of the meeting were clear to me.	1118	1116	1110	1110
2. I was able to participate in the discussion with my table group.	1120	1114	1110 1111	1110
3. The facilitator at my table was helpful and kept the group on task.	1119	1115	1110	1110
4. Our group was able to come up with some good ideas for the character area.	1118	1116	1110	1110
5. This meeting helped me to understand better what the potential is for San Pedro Creek.	1120	1112	1111	1110
6. I am interested in attending other meetings for the development of the creek design.	1121	1113	1110	1110

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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



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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



“Workshop very well done!”

“Great job!”

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