



**MEETING NOTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**  
**SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY**  
**100 E. GUENTHER, BOARD ROOM**

**ATTENDING: COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES-**Ben Brewer, Marilyn Bradley, Michael Cortez, Caleb Etheredge, Jerry Geyer, Humberto Saldaña, Jennifer Powers, Giorgio Colussi  
**STAFF AND CONSULTANTS-** Michael Arrington, Liz Burt, Dan Curry, Rudy Farias, Homer Garcia, David Garza, Steve Graham, Bridget Hinze, Kerim Jacaman, Sonia Jimenez, Marianne Kumley, Jeff Mitchell, John Mize, Brice Moczygemba, Russell Persyn, Steve Tillotson, Jeff Tyler, Xavier Urrutia, Linda Ximenes **PUBLIC-** Rosemary Geyer, Robert Ramirez, Beverly Purdy, Chris McKnight, L.P Stevens, Sonny Collins, John Dean, Frank Monaco, Brandi Ware, Mitchell Penner, Max Penner

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Jerry Geyer welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

Michael Cortez reviewed the calendar items and asked everyone to introduce him/herself.

- a. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee meeting- October 9, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. , 100 E. Guenther, Board Room
- b. Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee (WCROC) meeting- October 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at 100 E. Guenther, Board Room

**MEETING NOTES**

A quorum was not present, so the meeting notes were not accepted during this meeting. [They were sent later to the committee members via email for their approval.]

**PROJECT ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Jeff Mitchell reported on the following:

- Stakeholder coordination for the first public workshop on August 23, 2014 .
- Meeting with Weston Urban regarding the Frost Tower building construction
- Programming the gate facility to control the flow of water through the project- After an initial programming session and a field visit, they will probably use crest gates at several locations along the creek.
- Data collection for survey, geotechnical, subsurface utility coordination, environmental and cultural resources is on schedule.
- The hydraulic and hydrology study and design continue to advance as do the layout and design of the upstream character areas of Agua Antigua/Alameda and Villa Lagunilla.

(For more information, please see the attached PowerPoint presentation, "2104-09-11

Subcommittee Presentation.”)

Kay Hinder at the Preservation Office has been very involved and informed.

Jerry Geyer expressed his appreciation for Xavier Urrutia’s presence and the kind of integration necessary for the parks and trails along the creek.

**PRESENTATION ON THE AUGUST 23, 2014 PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Sonia Jimenez, Ximenes & Associates, reported on the following:

- Outcomes and outreach done for the workshop.
- Attendance at the workshop was good (93 people attended) and there was good media attention and several elected officials came and spoke briefly.
- An overview of the workshop process
- A new element was the “Walk Down Memory Lane” where workshop participants were invited to share their memories about San Pedro Creek.
- There was more interest in areas that are more developed and there was a lot of great input for all of them
- Review of the suggested uses, concerns and additional comments for each of the six segments of the San Pedro Creek Project.
- Parking came up as a concern in almost every single group. Other comments common to several segments were listed.
- Workshop evaluations were positive; people agreed they had received new information about the project.
- The workshop report will be finalized next week and posted to the website once it has been approved by SARA and the County.

(For more information, please see the PowerPoint presentation- “SPC Workshop #1 Presentation.)

Mr. Cortez commented on the good participation. Mr. Geyer noted that people were engaged in the process even if they were not quite sure about the project just yet and that many of the community leaders who attended stayed until the end; several elected officials attended and made positive comments. He emphasized the need for coordination with the City and the County regarding architecture, and design as well as transportation and utilities. He urged everyone to attend the second workshop on November 8 to see how the input given at this workshop has been integrated into the next phase of the design.

**Robert Ramirez thanked all the volunteers and Ximenes for the good job. He asked for the presentation on the workshop to be made at the next WCROC meeting.** <sup>1</sup>

Humberto Saldaña asked why people were saying that the City was not currently contributing to the funding. Mr. Geyer clarified that the City’s contribution so far has been in the millions, but has been in property donated, not actual funds. Staff from the Downtown Development Office has participated also.

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<sup>1</sup> Text in bold type indicates an item that needs action or follow-through.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. Saldaña asked when the stakeholders would be involved. Jeff Tyler, Project Manager, responded that the intention is to have meetings directly with stakeholders and SARA staff has been meeting with property owners for a while. Mr. Geyer added that SARA would need to meet with stakeholders to do the executable design since there are many properties that need to be taken into account.

**ITEMS TO PRESENT TO THE WROC**

- The presentation on Workshop #1.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- The River Arts Festival hosted by SARA and the San Antonio River Foundation (SARF) will be held at the Confluence Park facility to show appreciation for the art that can be developed from the river and the natural environment.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.