



**COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2014**  
**SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY**  
**100 E. GUENTHER, BOARD ROOM**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**1. Welcome and Introductions- Michael Cortez and Jerry Geyer, Co-chairs**

Co-Chair Jerry Geyer welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. Calendar Items**

Co-Chair Michael Cortez reviewed the calendar items below and asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.

- a. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee meeting- November 13, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at 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

**3. Approval of Meeting Notes from September 11, 2014**

Patti Radle made a motion to approve the September 11, 2014 meeting notes. Marilyn Bradley seconded it and the notes were approved as drafted.

**4. Project Activity Update- Jeff Mitchell, HDR Design Team Consultants**

Mr. Mitchell explained that previous efforts were focused on data acquisition and it has now changed to coordination and use of that data. The information is being used in the planning and what can be designed in the apparent right-of-way. The surveying is complete and the team now has existing ground surfaces information instead of aerial survey data. The geotechnical has progressed. Draft reports are complete for the bridge locations and reports are being developed for the channel, walls, and other design elements. Subsurface utility coordination, including relocation strategies, is occurring with utility owners. There are seven bridges being replaced including Houston Street, Commerce Street, Nueva Street, Cesar Chavez, and Graham Avenue. These seven have been scoped from the beginning and there are another 24-25 smaller/private areas and access points being designed.

Two committee members suggested that VIA Transit be brought into the planning process for coordination. Mr. Mitchell assured them that coordination is currently occurring with VIA and will continue throughout the design process.

In terms of the Environmental Site Assessments (ESA), the design team is reviewing the Phase 2 upper reach preliminary results and draft report. One property is still pending sampling. For the lower reach, the draft scope is currently under review. It is anticipated to be complete next month.

The design team is moving forward determining the layout and organization for project elements, walkway design, and civil engineering. The technical team is continuing the study and design for the hydraulics and hydrology. The floodgate facilities criteria and function are being defined as well as the location and placement. The team will be holding an internal workshop in November to further the floodgate components. Mr. Mitchell showed photos of potential locations for the floodgates. He wrapped up this presentation by informing the committee that stakeholder coordination will continue and the team is preparing for the second public workshop. Please see the full presentation for additional information.

The committee asked a couple of questions regarding the floodgate design. Mr. Mitchell clarified that the exact look has not been decided and the gates will not impede trail traffic. A good example of what the gates may look like is the floodgates at the S. Alamo Street Bridge near Blue Star. A committee member suggested that some type of art component be integrated into the design.

#### **5. Briefing on Second Public Workshop- Jeff Tyler, SARA and Sonia Jimenez, Ximenes & Associates**

Mr. Tyler, River Authority Project Manager, began the briefing by informing the committee that the second workshop has been postponed to December. The postponement will allow for the team to better prepare the preliminary design, inform the project executive committee, and ensure stakeholder coordination prior to the next public engagement. He then turned it over to Sonia Jimenez with Ximenes & Associates.

Ms. Jimenez provided the committee with the workshop information including location and format. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 9 a.m. –noon at the St. Henry Church Hall off of S. Flores. She explained that the workshop purpose is to gather public comment on the initial design in terms of function and appearance; how the character areas relate to the creek and each other. Ms. Jimenez also stressed that part of the committee members charge is to take this information back to the organization's they represent. Notice will be sent to the various databases and those who provided an email at the first workshop.

The committee requested a copy of the meeting notice for them to distribute and help get the word out.

#### **6. Other Items**

Marilyn Bradley asked for an update on the San Pedro Creek team meeting with the Waller Creek representatives. Suzanne Scott, River Authority General Manager, informed her the meeting is likely to take place in January. The plan is to discuss hydrology aspects and other design elements.

In other business, Ms. Bradley requested that Milkweed be considered for the plantings

along the creek. She explained the Milkweed flower attracts Monarch butterflies. The Monarch population has significantly decreased. Steve Tillotson with Munoz and Company explained that the specific plants have yet to be identified but noted her suggestions. Ms. Scott reassured the committee that eco-restoration is an objective of the project.

Finally, Mr. Geyer informed the committee that San Pedro Creek will have a presence at the Founder's Day Celebration at Alamo Plaza. He said if volunteers are needed, he will send the information to Ximenes & Associates for dissemination.

**7. Items to present to WCROC**

The information related to workshop #2 was requested to be presented along with the workshop #1 outcomes.

**8. Comments from the Public**

None.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:37 a.m.