



## Meeting Notes

December 8, 2016

SARA Board Room, 100 E Guenther Street

### ATTENDING

#### *SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:*

Scott Baird, Ben Brewer, Giorgio Colussi, Bob Corbo, Michael Cortez, Ed Cross, Jerry Geyer, Susan Beavin, Patti Radle, and Andi Rodriguez

#### *STAFF & CONSULTANTS:*

Kerry Averyt, Betty Bueche, Tony Canez, Steve Graham, Claude Herding, Bridget Hinze, Kerim Jacaman, Megan Lagrone, Patrick Melancon, Jeff Mitchell, Melessa Rodriguez, Suzanne Scott, Anamaria Suescun-Fast, Patty Carvajal, Chad Yount, Veronica Robinson, Patrice Melancon

#### *MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:*

Rosemary Geyer, J Dave Stafford, Tony Cantu, Cathey Meyer, Ramiro Maldonado, Teodoro Zamora, Robert Ramirez, Michael Hardwick, Colton Powell, Frank Moreno, Camille Garcia, Frank Seeligson, Richard Garcia, Erika Haskins, Margo Argo, Mike Lackey and Abigail Rodriguez

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Cortez, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. He asked attendees to introduce themselves and then reviewed calendar items.

### CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. Community Informational Luncheon, December 15, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the Christopher Columbus Italian Society
- b. RIO 7 Zoning Overlay presented to Zoning Commission, December 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at 1901 South Alamo, 1st Floor Board Room
- c. Westside Creeks Oversight Committee meeting, December 20, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room
- d. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee meeting, January 12, 2016, 8:30 a.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room

### APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM November 10, 2016

***Ed Cross moved and Andi Rodriguez seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.<sup>1</sup>***

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<sup>1</sup> Text in bold italics indicates a decision made by the subcommittee.

## DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE

*Kerry Averyt, San Antonio River Authority, reported the following:*

- Sundt/Davila's action plan was delivered on September 27 and then was presented and approved by Commissioner's Court on October 17, 2016.
- Construction on Houston and Commerce Streets is set to begin week of December 11.

### Status of Action Plan

- Project is still on track to receive permit on January 3, 2017 from the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Expecting to have all approvals ready to be routed for signatures by December 23 with the approvals signed by later this month.
- Acquired all right of ways needed for construction from inlet to Dolorosa Street.
- Work Package 1 is set to begin week of December 11.
- Status reviewed for all other work packages 2-5 and 8.

### Status of Action Plan – Utilities

- Ongoing coordination and communication occurring in order to meet schedule goals.
- Adjustments to the construction schedule are currently being made.

### Impacts to Schedule

- Reviewed adjustments to construction schedule.
- Projected to complete up to Dolorosa Street by September 2018.

### Project Cost

- Project construction timeline will be readjusted to meet goals for construction and budget.

### Path Forward

- Currently working with construction team to make necessary adjustments to construction schedule.
- The revised schedule, including adjusted goals and deliverables, will be presented to Commissioner's Court on December 13.

***Ed Cross proposed a motion which states that the subcommittee supports the goal to complete the project up to Houston Street by May of 2018. Andi Rodriguez seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. This motion is to be presented to Commissioner's Court on December 13, 2016.<sup>1</sup>***

## INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM PLAN

*Betty Bouche, Bexar County, and Steve Tillotson, Munoz & Co., explained the following about the interpretive program plan:*

- An interpretive program plan is currently being developed to ensure all the natural and cultural resources that are most fundamental to the project are conveyed to future visitors.
- The plan will also give direction to engineer's design work and to those who will create interpretive signs, digital media etc.
- The plan will also be used to provide guidance to how business owners can effectively capitalize on the resources provided by the creek area.
- Historians, archaeologists, property owners, and various subject matter experts came together to create a story line that incorporates all points of the creek, from the creek's inlet to the confluence at the Alazan Creek.
- Steve reviewed all 8 themes of the plan with the subcommittee.
  - Area 1- Inlet Structure/Tree of Life Plaza- Place of Herons
  - Area 2- Santa Rosa Avenue Bridge to Martin Street Bridge- Restoring Harmony- People and Nature

- Area 3- Martin Street Bridge to Houston Street Bridge- Crossroads of Family
- Area 4- Houston Street Bridge to Nueva Street Bridge- Centro de Bexar
- Area 5- Nueva Street Bridge to Cesar Chavez Blvd.- Place of Accord
- Area 6- Cesar Chavez Bridge to Camp Street Bridge- Enterprise Passage
- Area 7- Camp Street Bridge to IH35 Overpass- Vida de Arroyo
- Area 8- IH35 Overpass- Place of Convergent Paths
- Steve will present this plan to Commissioner’s Court next Tuesday, December 13.

**Public Art Program**

*Ms. Hinze explained the following about the public art program:*

**Art Assessment**

- Consulting team provided a direct approach. The team met with local artists, design team, and other stakeholders various times from May through December to create the plan.

**Benchmarks**

- Team reviewed benchmarks they identified from across the country.
- The structure, budget, staffing and other key areas from 6 programs were reviewed and areas of success were identified.

**San Pedro Creek Arts Goals**

- We want to ensure all artists are promoted and represented within the creek.

**Organizational Structure**

- Bridget reviewed structure of the San Pedro Creek Arts program that the SARA Board approved in November.
- The structure will be presented to Commissioner’s Court on Tuesday, December 13.
- The initial program will be a 3-5 year pilot program that will then be reassessed.
- SARA will house curator for the program. The job is now posted and the goal will be to bring the curator on board by early next year.
- Steering committee will oversee the selection process.

**ITEMS TO PRESENT TO Westside Creeks Oversight Committee:**

Bridget will provide a subcommittee meeting recap to the Westside Creeks Oversight Committee.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND SUBCOMMITTEE**

- Andi Rodriguez asked if a fundraising goal had been established by the program, and Ms. Hinze said that once the curator is brought on board they will work closely with the foundation to establish a goal.
- Patti Radle emphasized that she would like for the students from Fox Tech to be engaged with the arts program.
- Scott Baird stressed importance of ensuring a comprehensive list of arts organizations are included as participants of the alliance.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Construction updates will be provided via email on a weekly basis to subcommittee members, Westside Creeks Oversight Committee, and individuals who have expressed interest in the project. The first update will be distributed via email on Friday, December 19.

**ADJOURN**

Ben Brewer moved to adjourn and Andi Rodriguez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.