



**Meeting Notes
January 12, 2017**

SARA Board Room, 100 E Guenther Street

ATTENDING

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:

Scott Baird, Ben Brewer, Giorgio Colussi, Bob Corbo, Michael Cortez, Ed Cross, Pat DiGiovanni, Jerry Geyer, Kathy Krnavek, Patti Radle, Andi Rodriguez, and Trey Whiddon

STAFF & CONSULTANTS:

Kerry Averyt, Tony Canez, Steve Graham, Claude Herding, Bridget Hinze, Jeff Mitchell, Veronica Robinson, Melessa Rodriguez, Suzanne Scott, Anamaria Suescun-Fast, and Chad Yount

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Arturo Herrera, Michael Hardwick, Kelly O'Connor, Ken Erfurth, Rosemary Geyer, Jenna Stoettje, Cathey Meyer, Ron M., R. Ramirez, Greg Bailey, Pedro Garcia, Kamala Platt, and Juan Lopez

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Cortez, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. He asked attendees to introduce themselves and then reviewed calendar items.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee meeting, February 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room
- b. Westside Creeks Oversight Committee meeting, March 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM December 8, 2016

Giorgio Colussi moved and Scott Baird seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.¹

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE

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

- Mr. Averyt reviewed the information presented to Bexar County Commissioner's Court in December 2016 along with actions taken at Commissioner's Court. He also demonstrated how to locate construction updates on the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website.

Background

- Project timeline reviewed with subcommittee and explained how project was broken down into 10 different work packages to be released for bids.
- This process is considered a "hybrid" CMAR process.

Schedule Revisions

¹ Text in bold italics indicates a decision made by the subcommittee.

- The time required to relocate utilities, telecommunication, and charter infrastructure required revisions to the project schedule.
- Physical constraints to relocate utilities led to a revised work schedule.
- Originally proposed the complete closure of Commerce Street for approximately one year in order for project to be completed up to Dolorosa by the Tricentennial celebration, but City of San Antonio denied the closure because of the tremendous impact to the local residents and impact to the businesses in the area.

Project Cost

- The breakdown of smaller packages is hindering bid cost and cost savings.
- Construction market is currently saturated and the risk of the project is high, which makes it more difficult to attract bids.

Moving Forward

- A recommendation was made to Commissioner's Court to revise completion goals to allow for completion from the tunnel inlet to Houston Street in time for the City's Tricentennial Celebration.
- The design for the first segment will be completed by February, and in the next few days, construction will begin in the channel to prepare for the civil work.
- Additional work packages will not be released until 90% design completion is reached for remainder of Phase 1 and for all of Phase 2.
- Delivery method will be evaluated to determine if CMAR will be used for the remainder of the project.

December Commissioner's Court

- Commissioner's Court approved:
 - Revised goal to complete construction from tunnel inlet to north of Houston Street by Tricentennial Celebration in May 2018.
 - Authorized work packages 1, 2, and 4 and upfront cost for project mobilization.
 - Authorized to continue development of the Interpretive Art Program Plan and the launch of San Pedro Creek Arts.
- Court made unanimous decision to approve revised work schedule.

Construction Update

- Received permit from USACE on Dec. 22, 2016.
- Revised construction schedule is being prepared.
- Utility relocations are still being discussed and coordinated.
- SAWS board approved work to proceed with their utility relocations

Utility Relocations

- Commerce Street boring was completed along the creek and conduits are in place to begin next step to pull in cables. These activities will not require full street closure.

Construction Updates (Website and Email)

- Mr. Averyt reviewed weekly construction email updates that are sent to subcommittee members, Westside Creeks Oversight Committee, and individuals who have expressed interest in the project.
- Construction updates are also available on the San Pedro Creek Improvements website.

Other Updates

- Commerce Street will be fully closed for approximately 3 months this coming summer.
- Coordination and conversation with the City of San Antonio to consider alternative routes for access to the west is ongoing.

- Interviews for the Art Program Curator position will continue through the next month. Approximately 90 applications have been received for the position.
- Rio 7 approval process is ongoing and it is on the City Council agenda for January 19 to receive final approval.
- Project rendering updates are being made to the website along with an updated list of media coverage.

ITEMS TO PRESENT TO Westside Creeks Oversight Committee:

A subcommittee meeting recap will be provided to the Westside Creeks Oversight Committee.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND SUBCOMMITTEE

- Casa Navarro was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior.
- The county will host an event on January 21 to celebrate the opening of Elmendorf Lake Park.

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.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 a.m.