



Meeting Notes

May 10, 2018

SARA Board Room, 100 E Guenther Street

ATTENDING

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:

Giorgio Colussi, Bob Corbo, Michael Cortez, Lourdes Galvan, Jerry Geyer, Kathy Krnavek, Mark Penner, Deb Bolner-Prost and Andi Rodriguez

STAFF & CONSULTANTS:

Kerry Averyt, Carrie Brown, Lindsey Campbell, Steven Dean, Matthew Driffill, Kirsten Hansen, Hillary Lilly, Suzanne Scott, Anamaria Suescun-Fast, Monica Trevino-Ortega, and Chad Yount

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Richard Garcia, Carlos Haius, Rosemary Geyer, Robert Ramirez, Cathey Meyer, Orlando Rangel, C. McKnight, Robert Amerman, Larry Stevens and Cosima Colvin

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Cortez, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. He then reviewed calendar items.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. Mums the Word, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Plaza de Fundacion
- b. Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, May 15 at 6 p.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room
- c. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee, June 14 at 8:30 a.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM April 12, 2018

There was no quorum at the May 10, 2018 meeting; therefore the April minutes could not be approved. Minutes will be considered for approval at the next San Pedro Creek Meeting on June 14, 2018.

SAN PEDRO CREEK CULTURE PARK GRAND OPENING UPDATE

Monica Trevino-Ortega, San Antonio River Authority Special Projects, reported the following:

- Ms. Trevino-Ortega shared photos of the San Pedro Creek Culture Park grand opening and Illumination Ceremony.
- Social media followers increased by 18.3 percent (Facebook), 22.3 percent (Instagram) and 12.2 percent (Twitter) from the 30-day countdown on April 5 to the May 5 grand opening.
- The San Pedro Creek Culture Park Snapchat filter was selected
- San Pedro Creek Culture Park mobile app has been downloaded 325 times since launching May 1.
- Approximately 5,000 people attended the grand opening event.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE

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

Phase 1.1 Update

- Construction is complete.

Phase 1.2 Update

- Additional archeological investigations are ongoing in the Calder Alley area.
- Mr. Averyt shared photos of artifacts found from the archeological investigations, including pottery shards, flint and pieces of old foundations.
- The west wall in phase 1.2 will remain in place and the channel will be expanded to the east by approximately 8 to 10 feet.
- Groundwater mitigation will be required in the old Dollar General building area – water can be discharged into the Creek because initial testing did not find contaminants above the minimum levels.
- Full closure of Commerce St. will begin in early June with a possible 3-month duration. One lane will open beginning in early September with 13-month duration.
- Coordination on Commerce St. closures with the City of San Antonio street project team is ongoing.
- Construction team is coordinating with VIA for buses to turn right as far down as Navarro St. during planned Commerce St. closures.
- Design team will provide the 100 percent submittal for phase 1.2 by June 15.
- Sundt Davila joint venture will provide the guaranteed maximum price for phase 1.2 by August 15.
- Executive committee will hold its next regular scheduled meeting on May 21.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM UPDATE

Carrie Brown, San Antonio River Authority Public Art Curator, provided the following update on the public art program.

- Ms. Brown shared the programming schedule for San Pedro Creek Culture Park through July 2018
- Events will take place along the Creek on select Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Ms. Brown shared photos from “The Beat of Your Drum” event along that took place along the Creek on May 8.
- Approximately 130 people attended the May 8 event.
- Tours of the San Pedro Creek Culture Park will take place in conjunction with Saturday events.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Kristen Hansen, San Antonio River Authority Watershed and Park Operations Manager, provided the following update on the San Pedro Creek Culture Park operations

- The watershed and park operations department consists of six staff.
- Operations and maintenance agreement was approved by Bexar County, the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio River Authority on April 12.
- San Antonio River Authority is responsible for vegetation, hardscape, recreational features, litter removal, signage, public art and special event support.
- City of San Antonio is responsible for maintaining the flood tunnel inlet and the pumps at the flood tunnel inlet.
- San Pedro Creek Culture Park hours of operation are 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Park Police patrol the San Pedro Creek Culture Park continuously throughout the day with bike patrol throughout the evening hours
- Centro provides trash and recycling removal, site amenity clean up and removal of graffiti and gum daily from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Signs are being added along the creek messaging that no swimming is allowed and water is not treated for drinking or ingestion – wading is permitted in the Plaza de Fundacion area only.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND SUBCOMMITTEE:

- The San Antonio River Authority is working with the City of San Antonio to identify parking opportunities and restrooms for the public along phase 1.1.
- San Antonio River Authority to investigate questions from the committee over the placement of the trees in the plaza area obstructing the view of some of the design features.

- The project team is working with the nearby apartments to delineate between their parking lots and the San Pedro Creek Culture Park space.
- Michael Cortez announced his resignation as co-chair of the subcommittee and was presented with commemorative gifts from San Antonio River Authority General Manager Suzanne Scott.

ITEMS TO PRESENT TO Westside Creeks Oversight Committee:

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

ADJOURN

Michael Cortez adjourned the meeting at 10 a.m.