

**San Pedro Creek Culture Park Subcommittee Meeting  
November 12, 2020 by Video Conference**

**ATTENDING**

*SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES: Deb Bolner Prost, Jerry Geyer, Patricia Seidenberger, Joshua Gerken, Patty Radle, Bobby Salluce, Benjamin Perry, Cathy Meyer and Lourdes Galvan.*

*STAFF & CONSULTANTS – Suzanne Scott, Allison Elder, Monica Trevino-Ortega, Carrie Brown, Marisa Andrade, Kristen Hansen, Kerry Averyt, Steve Graham, Chad Zimmerman, Hillary Lilly, John Mize, Ryan Silbernagel, Christine Clayton, Steven Dean, Tony Canez, Nicole Marshall, Xochil Pena Rodriguez, Gloria Carmona*

*MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Scott Huddleston, Laura Elvia Hall, Joey Doctor (COSA), David McBeth (COSA), Brandi Ware, Oscar Ambrocio, Stephanie Guerra and Adrien Frank, Kerim Jacama, Steve Tillotson, Reuben Bazan, Mark Liberatore, Belinda Gavallos,*

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome by Monica Trevino-Ortega at 9:03 a.m.

Monica: Under Citizens to be Heard – nothing submitted ahead of time but will provide opportunity under Chat Box at end. Please mute microphones during presentations.

Approval of October 2020 Minutes – have a quorum present

Motion to approve – Deb Bolner Prost, second – Cathy Meyer

**SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Monica Trevino-Ortega, San Antonio River Authority, Executive Office Administrator provided the following updates:*

- a. Construction E-Newsletter Update – no more street closures, project halted around AME. Went out on November 6<sup>th</sup> and then December. Emails will be sent out on any updates twice a month.

**QUESTIONS:** none

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

*Kristen Hansen, San Antonio River Authority, WPO provided the following updates:*

**Rains from the Heavens** – coating applications began in May 2020 and was completed in June. Pressure washed in July but coating began to flake off. Vendor and contractor agreed it was unsuccessful due to application. Second application was made at a 24 ml thickness compared to a 9 ml in July and August. Contractor felt a thicker coating would work but wall is experiencing flaking again when water was turned back on August 14<sup>th</sup>. SARA has provided the vendor with 2

panels to test. Results meeting scheduled for November 12, 2020. River Authority still seeking warranty resolution.

**Annual Inspection** – Phase 1.1. annual inspection took place on October 28, 2020.

Representatives present were River Authority, CoSA-TCI, CCDO and Bexar County. Discussed benches, paseos, landscaping, Rains of Heavens and warranty items. Overall went well but a couple of items will be addressed by SA River Authority staff and others will go to the project team for review.

**Questions:**

Jerry – Thank you Kristen and your crew for doing a great job. Plus appreciated her being an election official and doing this public service. Cathy Meyer also thanked Kristen.

Patricia – visited the area and thought she could park by the Italian Church, right by San Pedro Creek Culture Park? Monica – San Pedro Creek spaces are marked behind the church, along the fence line, but will work with Kristen on better visibility.

**DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE**

*Christine Clayton, San Antonio River Authority Project Manager, provided the following updates:*

**Phase 1.2**

- Substantial Completion for Spring 2022 due to the AME site.
- Houston to Commerce – Houston Street bridge drilled piers. Commerce to Dolorosa – Spanish Governor’s Palace wall under construction. Dolorosa to Nueva – jail demo ongoing.
- No movement on AME site – good buffer and waiting on Army Corps

**Site 41BX2359 Section 106 Overview – AME, Soap Works and Icehouse**

- Historic Significance Identification – Archeology research report revisions in progress
- Public involvement – USACE issues public notice and a 30- day public comment period begins. Provides opportunity for public to provide opinion and gives Corps feedback on how public feels to preserve and then decide which design option works best.
- Resolve Adverse Effects – Design team prepares and coordinates a mitigation plan with the agencies
- Amend MOA – approved mitigation plan is put into a MOA which allows construction work in the area to proceed. Slide provided the site plan with the existing channel wall and the proposed channel wall pushing out.
- Steve Graham – findings are important especially since this is a Culture Park. Need special attention to the African American history which has been underrepresented.

**Phase 1.3 and Phase 2**

- Substantial completion in February 2023
- Nueva crest gate wall being worked on (North of Nueva). Phase 1.3 & 2 drilled shaft next week.
- Street closures – nothing new to report. Nueva, Graham, Camp Street, Guadalupe and Alamo still closed.

### **Phase 3 and Phase 4**

- Received approval from the County to begin design.
- Working with design team to get the design efforts started
- Work with goal of the westside creeks.

### **Partner Coordination – TPR, Ruby City, County, City**

- Camaron Street – additional ROW procured
- Commerce Street – construction has started
- Phases 3 & 4 outreach to business owners and community

### **Executive Committee – not scheduled**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Cathy Meyer – update on meter readings and construction impact. Christine – don't have information directly but will look into it, but no negative impacted. Kerry – put vibration monitors on all adjacent buildings and set on a threshold on a level to stop activity if it reaches it. There's been 3 triggers but no issues.

Patty Radle – comment: along river there are beautiful murals, it's great to spell out the history of the site in order to have compromise. Monica – agreed its' important to capture input and opinions of all stakeholders involved.

Tony Cantu – Who and which groups are you working with on the AME focus group?  
Monica – Bexar Historical Commission, County appointees, Conservation Society and couple of individuals.

Jerry – water is dammed up north around AME for next 2 years, what about flood control?  
Christine – yes, been fortunate with dealing in Flood control but will need to consider an alternate. Kerry – temporary dam is a couple of feet from the water level, not take much so have to pump it downstream into Phase 1.3 into the tunnel.

### **ART UPDATE – Project Update and Events**

*Carrie Brown, San Antonio River Authority Public Art Curator, provided the following updates:*

- **Digital Programming Update** – Events will remain virtual through March 2021 – yoga, drum circle, etc. Recordings archived on Facebook and soon website. Upcoming will be Fit & Flow on November 21.
- **STREAM by Adam Frank** – Sculpture is complete. 3<sup>rd</sup> on site mockup (TBD) and working with TPR and Penners to coordinate exterior lighting.
- Phase 1.2 – Poetry and historical text of John Phillips Santos for Alameda Gardens at Commerce Street and the lawn between Dolorosa and Nueva provided to the Committee. Another element of telling the “story” of San Pedro Creek.
- Phase 1.2 – custom tile patterns of Michael Menchaca were provided to the Committee to view.

- **Joe Lopez Mural repair** – Waiting for bid to repair work, delay is not causing any further damage, maintenance crew is keeping an eye.
- **Illume: Making Spirits Bright** – listed all the chefs, performers, temporary artwork and special guests. Chefs and closing remarks from Deb Bolner Prost and Lourdes Galvan were filmed on site yesterday. Event will air on Facebook on December 12 at 7 pm (no onsite activity this year)

**QUESTIONS:**

Jerry – status on the artwork that will be behind the Governor’s Palace. Carrie – still in design process; revised design to the County this month, hope to report and show designs next month.

Jerry – replacement tiles in Phase 1.1 (Menchaca patterns), will they look the same? Carrie – look a little more vibrant but many glazes have a matte finish to complement what is already there.

Jerry – wanted to mention that Carrie took a day off from office and worked the whole day at a polling site, thank you for working the election.

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- November 16, 23, 30 – Yoga on the Creek (virtual)
- November 17 – Westside Creek Restoration Oversight Committee Meeting
- November 21 – Fit & Flow: Tai Chi (virtual)
- December 10 – SPCCP Subcommittee Meeting
- December 12 – Illume: Making Spirits Bright (virtual)

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC AND SUBCOMMITTEE**

- No comments from public in advance
- Lourdes – people doing research on what was there first – AME, Icehouse or Soap Works. Christine – Soap Works was there first, then AME church rented for a few years and expanded the space then Icehouse, who added more components plus added a brewery.
- Jerry – appreciates being involved in a project of this magnitude.

**ADJOURN**

***Motion to adjourn – Cathy Meyer, second – Lourdes Galvan***

***Adjourn 10:13 a.m.***