



MEETING NOTES  
MAY 12, 2016  
SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY  
100 EAST GUENTHER, BOARD ROOM  
8:30 A.M.

**ATTENDING:**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES-** Scott Baird, Ernest Bromley, Giorgio Colussi, Michael Cortez, Ed Cross, Estela de la Garza, David Garza, Jerry Geyer, Mark Penner, Andi Rodriguez

**STAFF AND CONSULTANTS-** Kerry Averyt, Tony Canez, Kerim Jacaman, Ryan Kuhl, Marianne Kumley, Jeff Mitchell, John Mize, Brice Moczygemba, Suzanne Scott, Linda Ximenes

**PUBLIC-** Dave Stafford, Don Mathis, Brad Williams, Darren Ratajski, Lea Thompson, Frank Monaco, Kenneth Walker, Robert Ramirez, Tom Welsh, Marion Welsh, Frates Seeligson, Heath Cover, Scott Ball, David Clear, Sherry Grayson, Beverly Purdy, Victoria Gonzalez, Anita Reyes, Robin Harvey, Rosemary Geyer

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS- MICHAEL CORTEZ AND JERRY GEYER,**

Michael Cortez, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and reviewed the calendar items.

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- a. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee meeting, June 9, 2016, 8:30 a.m. at 100 E. Guenther, Boardroom
- b. Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee meeting- June 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at 100 E. Guenther, Boardroom

**APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM APRIL 14, 2016**

Ed Cross moved to accept the notes and Giorgio Colussi seconded the motion, which passed.

**PUBLIC ART PROGRAM AND EVENT UPDATE**

Suzanne Scott, SARA General Manager, reported the following:

The Public Art Committee is moving forward with determining the structure, budget and framework for the public art program.

The consultants who were recently contracted will meet by phone with the Public Art

Committee on May 16, visit San Antonio on June 5-9, and then make their recommendations by late summer.

The committee would like a dynamic program that would include visual and performing arts and engage arts organizations along the creek.

The funding for the program is not finalized, so the consultants will recommend funding options as part of their report.

(More information is available in the presentation from this meeting.)

#### *Event Working Group*

Bexar County officials would like for the groundbreaking for the creek to be a Tricentennial event; a working group has been formed to plan the event and Andi Rodriguez is the San Pedro Creek Subcommittee representative on that committee;

#### **SAISD UPDATE**

Andi Rodriguez reported the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) is consolidating their corporate headquarters at Fox Tech High School. They are also planning on creating a high-performing school at the site, and are seeking ways to coordinate their efforts with the design of the creek.

#### **DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT UPDATE**

Kerry Averyt reported the following on the Design Overlay District process:

The design team will submit the final draft of the ordinance on Monday to the City to begin their review process and City Council will consider final approval in August 2016.

The modifications since the last meeting are not significant and are mostly to clarify the setbacks. He was not sure if the boundary would be extended.

There was a request to inform the subcommittee members of the review schedule so they could participate if they would like.

#### **DESIGN AND CMAR SOLICITATION UPDATE**

Mr. Averyt reported the following:

The 70 percent design for Phases 1 and 2 is progressing, but the submittal date now is June 17 due to additional design and cost changes. They should be able to make up the time and finish by the end of the year.

The changes included were to fortify the retaining walls in keeping with their historic nature; maintenance considerations; detailed path widths; changes to the interface with the Alameda Theater; and new perspectives on the amphitheater and other elements.

SARA needs to get approval from Bexar County for all of the procurements. They got the release to be able to acquire the property needed. A request was made for a list of the property acquisitions.

SARA is expects to proceed with the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) selection on May

17 and it will be on the Commissioners Court agenda.

#### ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO WESTSIDE CREEKS RESTORATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- RIO 7 Design Overlay District Update
- CMAR Update
- Update on the Public Art process

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Don Mathis asked what will happen to the rubble resulting from removal of some of the channel walls. Jeff Mitchell responded that they would likely be repurposed for landscape planting walls. They are holding detailed discussions now with the City's Office of Historic Preservation and the Texas Historic Commission on how they may be used.
- Ryan Kuhl, City of San Antonio, was asked about attendance for the Request for Interest (RFI) for the City and County Owned Redevelopment Properties. He stated the response had been good and the City has extended the deadline until June 21. They will work with a shortlist for the Request for Proposals (RFP) stage. They will be coordinating with the Downtown Design Guidelines, the Historic District Guidelines and the proposed overlay design guidelines.
- Robert Ramirez, Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Co-chair, announced that on June 4 the ribbon cutting for the hike and bike trail will open it to connect General McMullen Drive to Conception Park.
- Lourdes Galvan, San Antonio River Authority Board of Trustees, announced the opening on June 18 of the Martinez and Alazán Creek trails and the Elmendorf Lake Park grand opening will be on July 23.

#### OTHER ITEMS

Jerry Geyer announced the Casa Navarro State Historic Site application for National Historic Landmark status made it through the initial review board and will be reviewed by the National Park Service board in the fall. That would make two National Historic Landmarks along the creek.

The San Antonio Park Police will provide security on Phase 1 once it is completed, as they do for the San Antonio River; SARA provides the operations and maintenance (O&M) for segments of the San Antonio River and will likely do so for the San Pedro Creek.

There was a concern about weeds at the Riverside Golf Course. Ms. Scott stated that the Mission Reach is a natural habitat so there is limited mowing in that area, and what is seen as weeds may be natural vegetation.

#### ADJOURN

Ed Cross moved to adjourn the meeting and Ernest Bromley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.