

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

July 8, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member Name	Agency Represented
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks & Recreation Board</i>
Ms. Jessica Alderson	<i>Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.</i>
Mr. Homer Garcia	<i>COSA Parks & Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brock Curry	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority</i>
Mr. Scott Halty	<i>San Antonio Water System</i>
Mr. Stephen Graham	<i>San Antonio River Authority</i>
Dr. Russell Persyn	<i>Medina County</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Melinda Cerda, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation
Phillip Covington, Special Projects Manager, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)
Susan Courage, Senior Management Analyst, EAPP
David Bernal, Management Analyst, EAPP
Steve Whitworth, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Victoria Shum, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Brandon Ross, Special Projects Manager, Parks & Recreation
Daniel Leal, Project Manager, Parks & Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Name	Organization
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Jeff Francell	The Nature Conservancy
Doug Dillow	Green Spaces Alliance
Matthew Fischer	Green Spaces Alliance
Karen Bishop	San Antonio River Authority
Nic Maloukis	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Bonnie Conner	Consultant
Kathleen Dove	Citizen

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by Chairwoman Romero. Roll call was called by Dr. Romero.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Romero asked for approval of the minutes for the December 11, 2019 meeting. Mr. Scott Halty motioned for approval of the minutes to include Dr. Francine Romero's recusal from the SARA presentation during the February CAB meeting. Mr. Brock Curry seconded.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the Lisa Pack, Chapman, Gruendler and Ann Graham conservation easements had all closed.
- Mr. Covington stated that the Crane Bat Cave fee simple purchase was completed.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens to be heard.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Briefing and Possible Action on Technical Advisory Committee Recommendations for Proposition I Water Quality Projects: San Antonio River Authority

- a. Ms. Karen Bishop provided a summary of the top four stakeholder priorities identified during the Technical Advisory Committee meeting on 9/16/2019 which included: the importance of protecting watersheds in the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone; evaluating the long-term effectiveness of Best Management Practices (BMP) and maintenance; public education & communication; and surface/groundwater correlation. Ms. Bishop reported that ten (10) projects have been funded to date with a funding commitment of \$9,334,809 which includes San Antonio River Authority's project management agreement. Ms. Bishop advised that a Request for Proposals would be released in September 2020 for project proposals with a focus on long term BMP effectiveness and maintenance over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone in order to utilize the remaining balance of the \$10 Million approved for water quality demonstration projects.

2. Discussion & Update regarding Monier Ranch, Shut-In Creek Property, Brown Ranch, Jagge-Foley Addition, Smart Ranch, Klaus Ranch, Hilton Ranch, and Mazurek Ranch: The Nature Conservancy

- a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Monier Ranch for final approval.
- b. Mr. Bezanson presented the Shut-In property for stage 2 approval.
- c. Mr. Bezanson presented the Brown Ranch for stage 2 approval.
- d. Mr. Bezanson presented the Jagge-Foley addition for stage 2 approval.
- e. Mr. Bezanson presented the Smart Ranch for stage 2 approval.
- f. Mr. Bezanson presented the Klaus Ranch for stage 2 approval.
- g. Mr. Bezanson presented the Hilton Ranch for stage 2 approval.
- h. Mr. Bezanson presented the Mazurek Ranch for stage 1-A approval.

3. Discussion & Update regarding Headwaters Ranch and Khadem Property: City Staff

- a. Mr. Phillip Covington tabled the Headwaters Ranch for future discussion.
- b. Mr. Covington presented the Khadem property for stage 1 approval.

Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session at 1:39 pm.

4. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 552.071 (consultation with an attorney).

Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session at 3:08 pm.

5. Action on proposed acquisitions in Bexar, Medina, and/or Uvalde Counties:
 - Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions and roll call was taken to ensure a quorum:
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for final approval on the Monier Ranch. Dr. Russell Persyn seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for stage 2 approval on the Shut-In property. Mr. Scott Halty seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for the conditional stage 2 approval on the Brown Ranch. Dr. Francine Romero seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Scott Halty motioned for stage 2 approval of the Jagge-Foley addition. Dr. Russell Persyn seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Scott Halty motioned for stage 2 approval of the Smart Ranch. Dr. Russell Persyn seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Scott Halty motioned for stage 2 approval of the Klaus Ranch. Dr. Russell Persyn seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Scott Halty motioned for stage 2 approval of the Hilton Ranch. Dr. Russell Persyn seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for stage 1-A approval of the Mazurek Ranch. Mr. Scott Halty seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for stage 1 approval on the Khadem property. Mr. Scott Halty seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
8. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the fiscal report was updated to reflect the latest expenditures on acquisitions.
9. Monitoring status report: Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the monitoring visits were postponed in March and continued in June due to concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Covington reported that some monitoring visits had been postponed due to landowner concerns regarding the

pandemic. Staff is currently considering the option of conducting remote monitoring via aerial imagery on properties with no development and those with no prior history of compliance issues.

10. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – August 26, 2020 at 1:00 pm, via a virtual meeting.
11. Adjournment at 3:31 pm.