

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

October 28, 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. Robert Puente	<i>San Antonio Water System</i>
Mr. Stephen Graham	<i>San Antonio River Authority</i>
Mr. Rogelio Garcia	<i>San Antonio Economic Development Foundation</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Melinda Cerda, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation
Grant Ellis, Natural Resources Manager, 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

GUESTS PRESENT

Name	Organization
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Jeff Francell	The Nature Conservancy
Doug Dillow	Green Spaces Alliance
Matthew Fischer	Green Spaces Alliance
Scott Halty	San Antonio Water System
Patricia Seidenberger	San Antonio Conservation Society

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 September 23, 2020 meeting. Mr. Steve Graham motioned for approval of the minutes. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. Dr. Romero completed a roll call vote. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Covington stated that Mr. Robert Puente had been appointed as representative for San Antonio Water System on the Conservation Advisory Board (CAB). Mr. Covington also stated that Dr. Francine Romero, Ms. Jessica Alderson, Mr. Brock Curry, Mr. Rogelio Garcia and Dr. Russell Persyn have all been re-appointed as members of the CAB.
- Mr. Covington stated that the Monier Ranch conservation easement closing occurred on October 16th. Mr. Covington also stated that there is now a total of 161,511 acres protected under the EAPP.
- Mr. Covington stated that the Brown Ranch conservation easement would be presented for City Council approval on November 12th. Mr. Covington also stated if approved, the total land protected under the EAPP would be 163,114 acres.
- Mr. Covington stated that CAB members would need to select a meeting date for the next CAB meeting. He provided December 2nd or December 9th as possible dates for the last CAB meeting of the year and could be further discussed later in the meeting.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens to be heard.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Election of Officers

- a. Mr. Covington stated that an election of the CAB officers would need to take place with the recent appointment of Mr. Puente as a new CAB member and re-appointment of the other CAB members. He asked the CAB members for nominations or re-nominations for the chair and vice chair positions. Mr. Brock Curry motioned for the nomination of Dr. Romero to continue as chair of the CAB. Mr. Steve Graham seconded the motion. Mr. Covington completed a roll call vote. Motioned carried. Dr. Romero motioned for the nomination of Mr. Curry as vice chair of the CAB. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded the motion. Mr. Covington completed a roll call vote. Motioned carried.

2. Discussion & Update regarding the Rothe Martin Addition, Pearce property, Kolinek property, Galewsky property, Mazurek Ranch, Khadem property, Hilton Ranch, Smart Ranch, Shut In Ranch, and Klaus Ranch: The Nature Conservancy

- a. Mr. David Bezanson stated that the due diligence for the Klaus Ranch had not been completed and would be presented at the next CAB meeting.
- b. Mr. Bezanson presented the Rothe Martin Addition for stage 1 approval.
- c. Mr. Bezanson presented the Pearce, Kolinek, Galewsky and Towles (Jagge Foley Neighbor) properties for stage 1 approval.
- d. Mr. Bezanson presented the Mazurek Ranch for stage 2 approval.
- e. Mr. Bezanson presented the Khadem property for stage 2 approval.
- f. Mr. Bezanson presented the Hilton Ranch for final approval.
- g. Mr. Bezanson presented the Smart Ranch for final approval.
- h. Mr. Bezanson presented the Shut In Ranch for final approval.

3. Bluehill Pass Addition: City Staff

- a. Mr. Covington presented the Bluehill Pass Addition for stage 1 approval.

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

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 Executive Session & Opened Regular Session at 2:18 pm.

4. Action on proposed acquisitions in Bexar, Medina, and/or Uvalde Counties:

- Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions and a roll call was taken to ensure a quorum and a vote on the motion:
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for final approval on the Shut In Ranch. Mr. Steve Graham seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for final approval on the Smart Ranch. Dr. Francine Romero seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for final approval on the Hilton Ranch. Mr. Steve Graham seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- Mr. Brock Curry motioned for stage 1 approval on the Jagge-Foley Neighbor properties. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for stage 2 approval on the Mazurek Ranch for the cost discussed. Mr. Steve Graham seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for stage 1 approval on the Bluehill Pass Addition. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brock Curry motioned for stage 1 approval on the Rothe Martin Addition. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
5. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington stated that there were not any significant changes on the fiscal report. He also stated that the amounts would be updated when the Brown Ranch has been approved by City Council next month and those amounts would be provided at the meeting.
6. Monitoring status report: Mr. Phillip Covington stated that there were no outstanding issues on the site inspections.
7. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – December 2, 2020 at 1:00 pm, via a virtual meeting.
8. Adjournment at 2:32 pm.