

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

March 24, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member Name	Agency Represented
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>
Dr. Russell Persyn	<i>Medina County</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
Doug Dillow	Green Spaces Alliance
Matthew Fischer	Green Spaces Alliance
Jim Boenig	Edwards Aquifer Authority
Andrea Beymer	San Antonio Water System
Keith Martin	San Antonio Water System
Tracey Lehmann	San Antonio Water System
Bruce Haby	San Antonio Water System
Patricia Seidenberger	San Antonio Conservation Society
David Cupit	Contractor

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by Vice Chairman Brock Curry. Roll call was taken by Mr. Curry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Curry asked for approval of the minutes for the February 24, 2021 meeting. Mr. Steve Graham motioned for approval of the minutes. Dr. Russell Persyn seconded. Mr. Curry called for a voice vote. Approval of the minutes was unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the Hilton Ranch and Shut-In Creek Ranch conservation easements closed in early March which brought the current total land protected to 163,736 acres under the EAPP.
- Mr. Covington stated that the Smith, Smart, Klaus and Jagge-Foley addition projects were targeted for consideration on the April 1st City Council meeting agenda. Mr. Covington also stated that with those conservation easements that would bring the total land protected to 164,277 acres under the EAPP. Closings would most likely occur in late April/early May.
- Mr. Covington provided an update on the San Antonio River Authority Interlocal Agreement extension and the University of Texas at San Antonio demonstration project approved at the February 2021 CAB meeting. He stated both items are targeted for City Council consideration in late May or early June of this year.
- Mr. Covington thanked the CAB members for submittal of the financial disclosure reports.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens to be heard.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Discussion & Update regarding the High Places Ranch LLC & Moos Ranch: The Nature Conservancy

- a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the High Places Ranch LLC for stage 1 approval.
 - Vice Chairman Curry opened the floor for motions and a roll call vote was taken for a vote on the motion.
 - Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for stage 1 approval on the High Places LLC Ranch. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
- b. Mr. Bezanson presented the Moos Ranch for stage 1A updated geological assessment approval.

- Vice Chairman Curry opened the floor for motions and a roll call vote was taken for a vote on the motion.
 - Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for stage 1A approval for re-evaluation on the geological assessment on the Moos Ranch. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
2. Briefing & possible action regarding infrastructure easement requests: San Antonio Water System
- a. Mr. Covington provided an overview of the Chapman and Gruendler conservation easements. He also introduced Mr. Tracey Lehmann of San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS). Mr. Lehmann presented the proposed SAWS infrastructure project which will require an easement for water and sewer pipelines through the Chapman and Gruendler conservation easements to support an incoming development on Specht Road. No action taken.

Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session – none.

3. 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 - none.

4. Action on proposed acquisitions in Bexar, Medina, and/or Uvalde Counties:
- Vice Chairman Curry stated that motions to be voted on were previously done in Individual Items.
5. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the expense tracker was updated to reflect the closings of the Shut-In Creek and Hilton Ranch conservations easements. He also stated that highlighted were Smith, Jagge-Foley addition, Smart and Klaus Ranch properties which were scheduled for City Council consideration on April 1st and closings would take place in late April or early May. Mr. Covington also stated that there were no major changes with the due diligence on the current properties under consideration.
6. Monitoring status report: Mr. Phillip Covington stated that there were no issues to report.
7. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – April 28, 2021 at 1:00 pm, via a virtual meeting.

8. Adjournment at 2:22 pm.