

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

MINUTES

April 27, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Appointee
Ms. Cosima Colvin, District One
Ms. Nina Dang, District Two
Dr. Randall Preissig, District Four
Mr. Myrl Britten, District Six

Mr. Greg Hammer, District Seven, Chair
Mr. Rob McDaniel, District Eight
Mr. John Kent, District Nine
Ms. Sherri Dugas, District Ten

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Nikki Ramos, Parks and Recreation
Mr. Steve Whitworth, Office of the City Attorney

Mr. Agdel Rivera, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Lisa Reese, Parks and Recreation

GUESTS PRESENT

Mr. Jeff Jordan
Ms. Brenda Gonzalez
Mr. Jorge Tijerina
Ms. Laura Matthews
Ms. Meera Keshav
Ms. Patricia Seidenberger
Mr. Ruben Bazan

Mr. Richard De La Cruz
Mr. Rick Shaw
Mr. Scott Huddleston
Ms. Sue Calberg
Mr. Tim Golian
Mr. Zachary Bellicini

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the March 30, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Sue Calberg commented regarding the Salado Creek Restoration Oversight Committee (SCROC) upcoming meeting schedule and invited members of the LCPAB and the public to participate.

DISCUSSION ON LINEAR CREEKWAY PARK PROGRAM

Board Member Reports

- Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Appointee – Ms. Kearney reported that she and her family have done some trail segments and has started a map to track all the segments that they have done. She commented that as the trail systems continue to grow and begin to be completed, the work will transition into an exercise in managing events & user experience
- Dr. Randy Preissig, District Four – Dr. Preissig said that Peter Onofre arranged a meeting with Councilwoman Rocha-Garcia regarding the effort to program infrastructure funds for the planning area around Leon Creek, Lackland Air Force Base and Port San Antonio. He and Peter also met with representatives from Bexar County on the same topic. He expressed the importance of seeking and requesting those funds.

- Mr. Rob McDaniel, District Eight
 - Mr. McDaniel recently expressed to Councilman Pelaez his desire to get greenway trails up into Leon Springs area. He noticed the construction work occurring on the Leon (Rim to Eisenhower project) and is interested in the continued expansion of Leon Creek Greenway in this area.
 - He said there seems to be a significant increase in mountain bike traffic recently and asked if there are rules specifically concerning single track dirt trails. Mr. Hammer replied that rules would be difficult to regulate on mountain bike trails (if for example they were made to be one-way) and went on to say that South Texas Off-road Mountain Bikers (STORM) has done a great job on managing the natural surface trails.
- Mr. John Kent, District Nine – Mr. Kent said that on Facebook, he noticed that there is a 1700-member group of San Antonio bike riders. He said that they are reposting Parks & Rec trail closures and other info.
- Ms. Sherri Dugas, District Ten – Ms. Dugas said she rode her bike on the trails today. She asked Mr. Brandon Ross about the closure and detour at North Loop Road. Mr. Ross responded that this section of the Salado Creek Greenway was being worked on by SAWS, but that the detour remains active during the trail closure.
- Mr. Greg Hammer, District Seven – Mr. Hammer reminded everyone that new elected officials would be taking office soon as a result of the upcoming Council member elections. Mr. Ross reminded the LCPAB members that they would be on hold-over status, as new Council members are elected (until new appointments or reappointments are made) and reminded board members to request to be re-appointed if they want to continue as an LCPAB member.

Staff Report on Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails Program (Daniel Leal, Parks and Recreation)

- Mr. Daniel Leal showed map of San Antonio's Westside Creek Greenway trail system and generally described the greenway projects located on Apache, San Pedro, Alazan, Martinez, and Zarzamora Creeks, along with the Brazos St. Connection at Apache Creek.
- The Westside Creek Greenway trail system will include almost 13 miles when these projects are completed.
- Apache Creek Greenway
 - Designated National Recreation Trail (all 3.5 miles of the Apache Creek Greenway trail system)
 - SAWS construction continues on one mile from Elmendorf Park to Cassiano Park.
 - Mr. Leal showed picture of the San Luis St. Trailhead.
- Brazos St. Pocket Park – Mr. Leal gave details on site amenities, including Public Art San Antonio (PASA) art sculptures and shade structures.
- Zarzamora Creek Greenway – 1.5 miles of trail will connect to existing Apache Creek Greenway trails at General McMullen St. The main trailhead is located on San Ignacio St. A new bridge has been installed across the creek. Completion is expected in June-July 2021.
- Alazan Creek – The project will add 2.8 miles to existing 0.5-mile trail segment. The project is co-funded by The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) for \$2 million. Mr. Leal showed a picture and rendering of the trailhead design. Sculptures are located at Farias Park.

Discussion on staff report

- Ms. Colvin recognized and thanked Mr. Leal for his work. She said it's great to get the National Recreation Trails (NRT) designation and getting the FHWA grant.
- Ms. Kearney asked if anyone had looked at the possibility of building trails on Alazan north of Woodlawn Lake Park to St. Mary's.
 - Daniel and Brandon discussed the challenges with extending the trails further up smaller access routes and across the grid of residential streets (like on Alazan for example). Brandon commented that although Apache and Alazan pose significant challenges, a route may be feasible in the future along Zarzamora Creek to Monterrey Park, Tierra Del Sol Park, and Joan Price Park with the eventual goal of connecting with the Leon Creek Greenway trail system along street routes between the creeks.
 - Ms. Colvin also mentioned extending Martinez Creek Greenway northward but said that the trailhead at Fredericksburg Road is hard to access (only used by local residents). However, she said that some have

been looking at potential to reconnect communities that have been divided by highway projects (such as I-10 where Martinez trail may be able to be routed under the highway and continue northward toward the Beacon Hill neighborhood).

- Daniel mentioned his and Mr. Ross's involvement with ActivateSA, which is working on complementary street-based connections to increase bike & pedestrian connectivity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Ramos said that the Trail Survey was presented to the Community Health and Equity Committee and staff is working on getting a landing page on the website so it can be shared out by LCPAB members and others.
- Ms. Kearney said that she has also been involved with ActivateSA and will be working with Jim Bailey to lead a discussion on the Great Springs project at an upcoming conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm.