

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (LCPAB)

MINUTES

June 29, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Appointee
Ms. Cosima Colvin, District One
Ms. Nina Dang, District Two
Mr. Forrest Cobb, District Three

Dr. Randy 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

GUESTS PRESENT

Mr. Jeff Jordan
Mr. Jorge Tijerina
Ms. Laura Matthews
Mr. Tim Golian
Mr. Richard De La Cruz
Mr. Rick Shaw

Ms. Patricia Seidenberger
Mr. Ruben Bazan
Ms. Brenda Gonzalez

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Motion and approval of the minutes from the May 25, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

DISCUSSION ON LINEAR CREEKWAY PARK PROGRAM

Board Member Reports

- Elaine Kearney, Mayoral Appointee
 - Ms. Kearney said she recently visited the Salado trails with her family and saw improvements going in south of the Oakwell Trailhead on Ira Lee Road. Her out of town guests from Oregon were very impressed. There was a little trash in the land along the creek bed from recent storms, but less than normal.
- Cosima Colvin, District One
 - Ms. Colvin asked about the status of the 350 trees that were recently planted (after the recent storms). Were any of the trees damaged in the storm?
 - What's the current status of the Alazan Creek Greenway and when will it be completed? *Mr. Ross subsequently routed her questions to Daniel Leal to get answers to her.*
- Forrest Cobb, District Three
 - Mr. Cobb discussed the most recent information on the Salado Creek Restoration Oversight Committee.
 - He anticipates that Commissioners Court will review the document at an August meeting.

- The budget range is anywhere from \$25 million to \$50 million for implementation.
 - The committee discussed naming the project “Salado East”.
 - Mr. Cobb also discussed the possibility of presenting the SCROC report as an item at a future LCPAB meeting.
- Randy Preissig, District Four
 - Peter Onofre (New Life Christian Church and community activist) has been working on planning efforts related to the Port San Antonio area. He is on the last step of getting funding that will benefit the HWP Greenway Trails and the vehicular transportation network around Lackland and Port SA.
 - He said that he thought a letter of support from the LCPAB would help the cause.
- Myrl Britten, District Six
 - Mr. Britten walked Cathedral Rock Park recently, where there is some brush clearing underway. Brandon confirmed that it’s the beginning work by the contractor on the Culebra Tributary (Cathedral Rock Park to Tezel Road) on clearing the trail route.
- Rob McDaniel, District Eight
 - Mr. McDaniel rode the Leon trails some and noticed quick work on cleaning up the trails after storm events.
- John Kent, District Nine
 - Mr. Kent said that at the Salado trail under Loop 1604 the trail looks good, but there is some significant erosion on the side of the trail under the bridge (18 to 24 inches). Mr. Ross subsequently reported this to the construction contractor, who is obligated to fix it under the one-year warranty period.
- Sherri Dugas, District Ten
 - Ms. Dugas asked Mr. Ross about the completion of the Leon section to connect to Salado. Brandon responded that the trail would be completed in September.
- Greg Hammer, District Seven
 - Mr. Hammer said that there has recently been a lot of interest in Mud Creek, especially by those opposed to the greenway expansion. He said that conversations would continue and that the issue should be discussed in the larger context of city-wide connectivity and trails expansion.

**Staff Report on Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails Program 6/29/21
(Brandon Ross, Parks and Recreation)**

- **Salado to Wilshire Terrace Park Connection/Trailhead** – Mr. Ross showed the board members a project rendering and some pictures and said that the project would be opened to the public soon.
- **Salado (Southside Lions to SE Military Drive)**
 - Currently under construction
 - To be completed by Spring 2022.
- **Salado (SE Military Drive to Monte Viejo Neighborhood)**
 - Mr. Ross showed the board members a conceptual plan for the proposed trail and the trailhead, which includes parking, a shade structure, and a drinking fountain.
 - To begin construction by early 2022.
- **Zarzamora Creek connection to Leon Creek Greenway (7.1 miles) – RAISE Grant application**
 - RAISE = “Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity”
 - The project will include 7.1 miles total from Zarzamora Creek Greenway (Alderete Park) to Leon Creek Greenway, including the section proposed under the SARA Rivers and Creeks program.
 - 4.9 miles along Zarzamora Creek from Alderete Park to Ingram Road.
 - 2.2 miles along Ingram Road from Zarzamora Creek to Leon Creek Greenway at the Ingram Transit Center Trailhead.
- **Leon Creek Greenway (Rim to Eisenhower Park)** – Under construction. Completion estimated Sept 2021.

- **Mud Creek Greenway** – Mr. Ross acknowledged that there had recently been a petition in opposition of the greenway trail, including a brief media report. He said that the comments have left the larger context/plans largely unaddressed, but briefly discussed some of the project objectives, including:
 - Accessibility for people of all abilities.
 - Connectivity northward four miles to Bulverde Road (trailhead location) and beyond.
 - Great Springs Project vision to use this area to connect a regional trail to New Braunfels and ultimately Austin.
 - Continued expansion (citywide) of open space preservation and greenways trails, natural surface trails, and other outdoor recreational opportunities afforded by the HWP greenway trails program.
- Mr. Ross said that in coordination with the Council District 10 office, the Mud Creek trail route was chosen among other options as the shortest and clearest feasible route that would have the least impact to the ecology of the park space. A route along a CPS easement was also investigated but found to be infeasible.
- Mr. Ross said there would public meeting scheduled soon.

Greenway Projects Under Construction – approximately 15 miles:

- Leon (Rim to Eisenhower Park) – 1.8 miles
- Leon Creek (Levi Strauss Park to Lackland Monument) – 1.9 miles
- Salado (Southside Lions to SE Military Dr.) – 3.1 miles
- Culebra Tributary (Cathedral Rock Park to Tezel Road) – 1.8 miles
- French Creek Greenway (Leon Creek Greenway to Nani Falcone Park) – 1.3 miles
- Apache Creek (19th Street to Cassiano Park) – 1 mile
- Apache Creek – Brazos Street Connection Project – .1 mile
- Zarzamora Creek (General McMullen to Alderete Park) – 1.5 miles
- Alazan Creek (Lombrano to Apache Confluence) – 2.9 miles

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Ms. Colvin asked when the SARA Rivers and Creeks Proposal would go to Commissioners Court. Mr. Ross responded that SARA was planning to take the package to Commissioners later this summer.
- Ms. Kearney asked about when the LCPAB could convene in person. Mr. Ross responded that COSA boards and commissions were not meeting in person yet but could possibly be cleared to meet in person this coming fall. Nikki also mentioned that the location would need to be discussed, because in the downtown area there is currently a significant amount of construction ongoing. Mr. Whitworth suggested for the meetings to be either in person or virtual (Webex), but he advised not to have a hybrid meeting.