



MEETING NOTES
JUNE 12, 2014
100 E. GUENTHER, BOARD ROOM
8:30 A.M.

ATTENDING: MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES- Ben Brewer, Marilyn Bradley, Michael Cortez, Stella de la Garza, Janet Dietel, Pat DiGiovanni, Caleb Etheredge, Jerry Geyer, Susan Powers, Jack Suneson **STAFF AND CONSULTANTS-** Steven Tillotson, Victor Carrillo, David Garza, Liz Burt, Tony Canez, Rudy Farias, Claude Harding, Kerim Jacaman, Marianne Kumley, Jeff Mitchell, John Mize, Brice Moczygemba, Shiva Sandrana, Suzanne Scott, Mark Sorenson, Laura Vasquez, Bridget Hinze, Jeff Tyler, Don Curry, Linda Ximenes **PUBLIC-** Robert Ramirez, John Dean, Claus Helde, Al Groves, Matt Penner, Max Penner, Brandi Ware, Chris McKnight, Frank Monaco

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Cortez, Co-chair, asked the members in attendance to introduce themselves. Jerry Geyer recognized Bridget Hinze from SARA and recognized members of the audience. Mr. Cortez reviewed the calendar items.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee meeting- July 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at 100 E. Guenther, Board Room
- b. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee meeting- July 10, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at 100 E. Guenther, Board Room

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM MAY 8, 2014¹

The meeting notes were approved with the following corrections:

- David Smith was not in attendance
- Marianne Kumley should have been listed as staff, not as a member of the public.

Ben Brewer moved and Pat DiGiovanni seconded the motion to approve the meeting notes as amended. The motion passed. Mr. DiGiovanni asked that requests by subcommittee members be attributed them in the meeting notes.

¹ Items in bold text indicate an action item. Those not in bold text are information only items and require no action.

PROJECT ACTIVITY UPDATE

Jeff Mitchell reported that data collection is on schedule; they are updating and refining the hydraulic model; meeting with stakeholders along the corridor and working with physical and architectural concepts. The hydraulics team will take the architectural cross-sections into the model to see how they affect the hydraulics.

PUBLIC MEETING DATES DISCUSSION

Steve Tillotson, Design Team Consultants, reported on the process of the design as making sure that whatever section they have is looked at carefully and is driven by the hydraulics and hydrology (H&H) engineering. They work collaboratively with the engineers at the simultaneous movement of water and people to make sure it all flows well.

He reviewed the different areas beginning with the southern end, moving upstream, describing the specific engineering and design elements, the location of the bank and walkways and the right of way, and where acquisitions might be expected. (Please see attached presentation.)

He explained they would like to have community feedback to validate and strengthen the design, so they are planning to do a series of three public meetings beginning after the July 10th San Pedro Creek meeting: the first to validate the concepts and gather input on how people care about and use the different places along the creek ; the second, in September, to review the different character areas; and the third, in November, would be about the integrated design. The workshop dates have not been finalized with the County yet.

Mr. Tillotson reviewed the general process of the first meeting, pointing out it would give them a general consensus on some of the critical elements and pinpoint areas of concern so they can be worked out.

The guiding principles for each area in the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) should be reviewed at the next SPC Subcommittee meeting in preparation for the workshops.

PRESENTATION OF PROJECT AERIAL FLYOVER

Mr. Mitchell introduced the footage taken from an aerial drone in the summer 2013 to be able to see the entire project at that time from an aerial perspective. The segment south of Alamo Street was not part of the project then. Mr. Tillotson pointed out the different characters of the areas as the video progressed.

In several areas parking lot space will be lost as a result of the project. Mr. DiGiovanni suggested that if the public is to provide input and feedback on this design, they should also have to address the issue of reduced parking and think about how to make up that loss to private property owners.

SAN PEDRO LINEAR CREEKWAYS TRAIL PRESENTATION

Rudy Farias, SARA, provided a brief update on the trails along Apache, Alazán, Martinez and San Pedro Creeks and how they would tie into this project. When the trails are completed, a person can hike or bike from Elmendorf Lake Park to the San Pedro Creek and on to the San Antonio River or to downtown. Trail construction should begin around the end of this

year. (Please see attached presentation for additional information.)

OTHER ITEMS

- Stella de la Garza, who will be the new second vice president of the San Antonio Conservation Society, will replace Janet Dietel.
- New subcommittee members from the Five Points Neighborhood Association are Marilyn Bradley and her alternate, Bob Corbo.
- Mr. Geyer emphasized the need for alternates.
- Susan Powers of the Lone Star Neighborhood Association noted that she hoped the new location for the Boys and Girls Club on Nogalitos would have access to San Pedro Creek.
- Mr. Geyer announced that the Casa Navarro Historic Site is very close to becoming a National Historic Landmark.

ITEMS TO GO BEFORE THE WESTSIDE CREEKS RESTORATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (WCROC)

There are no items to go to the WCROC for approval.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

Robert Ramirez, Co-chair of the WCROC, commented that transparency, eminent domain and private property rights have been issues in the past and a lesson that was learned was to deal with them up front.

ADJOURN

Janet Dietel moved and Pat Di Giovanni seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.