



Meeting Notes

April 12, 2018

SARA Board Room, 100 E Guenther Street

ATTENDING

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:

Scott Baird, Marilyn Bradley, Giorgio Colussi, Bob Corbo, Jerry Geyer, Kathy Krnavek, Maria Nelson, Patti Radle, Andi Rodriguez and Deb Bolner-Prost

STAFF & CONSULTANTS:

Kerry Averyt, Carrie Brown, Lindsey Campbell, Tony Canez, Steven Dean, Steve Graham, Kristen Hansen, Kerim Jacaman, Jeff Mitchell, Melessa Rodriguez, Suzanne Scott, Anamaria Suescun-Fast, Monica Trevino-Ortega, Chad Yount, Abigail Bush, Hillary Lilly, Matthew Drifill

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Rosemary Geyer, Mark Liberatore, Robert Ramirez, Richard Garcia, Mohamad Issa Jamal, C. McKnight, Nita Shower, Diane Sopko, Elaine Vetter, Cathey Meyer and Jenna Stoeltje

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jerry Geyer, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. He asked attendees to introduce themselves and then reviewed calendar items.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. San Pedro Creek Culture Park Grand Opening Celebration, May 5 from 12 to 9 p.m. at the San Pedro Creek Culture Park
- b. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee, May 10 at 8:30 a.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM January 11, 2018, February 8, 2018 and March 8, 2018

Motion was made by Deb Bolner-Prost and seconded to approve meeting notes from January 11, February 8 and March 8 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.¹

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE

Kerry Averyt, San Antonio River Authority, reported the following:

Design Update:

Phase 1.1 Update

- Mr. Averyt shared photos of construction progress with the group.
- Testing of pumping water into the channel has begun.

Phase 1.2 Update

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- The 90 percent design submittal was completed on March 31.
- There are some remaining anticipated design changes in the Houston St. to Commerce St. block, working in coordination with Texas Public Radio.
- Some minor design requests have already been accommodated.
- There will be a design charrette with Bexar County taking place this afternoon (April 11).
- On track for 100 percent design submittal by May 31.
- Mr. Averyt shared renderings from phase 1.2.
- The renderings include a bridge, but there are no plans to build a bridge behind the Spanish Governors Palace.
- Construction on the Nueva St. bridge and gatehouse will be included in phase 1.3.
- Work in early work package 11 is ongoing – demolition of the Dollar General building is complete, utility work is on hold until after Fiesta.
- Archeologists are working in exploratory trenches along Calder Alley and have found pottery shards, flint, horseshoes, pieces of an old sword and some limestone walls.
- Mr. Averyt shared photos of work on early package 11 and some of the artifacts found.
- Work on early work package 12 is ongoing – demolition of the Alameda walkway is complete.
- Construction crews are considering the possibility of a full closure of Commerce St. to minimize overall impact to the area.
- Mr. Averyt shared a diagram detailing where the creek channel will be deeper and wider in order to remove 30 acres from the 100-year floodplain.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM UPDATE

Carrie Brown, San Antonio River Authority Public Art Curator, provided the following update on the public art program.

- Ms. Brown shared a diagram of where the art projects exist in phase 1.1.
- Ms. Brown shared photos of some of the artwork that has currently been installed.
- Color has been added to the word art on concrete to increase the visibility.
- The Adriana Garcia, Joe Lopez and Alex Rubio murals have all been installed without issue, installation of the Katie Pell mural is still in progress.
- Diana Kersey's ceramic artwork has been installed and grouting will be finished by next week.

Programming

- Total of six events planned throughout May – three on Tuesday evenings and three on Saturday mornings.
- Tuesday evening and Saturday morning events will also take place once a month in June and July.
- Reaching out to major events in the city – including Culinaria – to talk about the possibility of having a preview featurettes at the creek.
- Ideas for programming include strolling musicians, food and flower vendors and drum lessons.
- Looking into the possibility of three to four temporary installations in phase 1.1 throughout the next year, dependent on the artists suggested time period.
- List of pre-qualified artists has been established and will be activated following the opening of phase 1.1.

GRAND OPENING AND WEBSITE/APP UPDATES

Monica Trevino-Ortega, San Antonio River Authority Special Projects, provided the following update on the San Pedro Creek Culture Park grand opening and website/app updates

- The 30-day kick-off press conference was well received and featured remarks from Judge Nelson Wolff, Commissioner Paul Elizondo and Suzanne Scott.
- The San Pedro Creek Culture Park culture ad ran on Sunday in the San Antonio Express-News, LOCAL Community News, Rivard Report and the San Antonio Current.
- Ms. Trevino-Ortega shared some of the other advertisements that will run throughout the month of April
- San Pedro Creek Culture Park Fiesta medals have received great reception.
- Grand opening programming will begin at 12 p.m. with family-friendly activities including food trucks, live music and historical presentations.

- The Illumination Ceremony presented by Bexar County will begin at 7:30 p.m. and feature the lighting of the creek and the murals.
- The parking map for grand opening is being finalized and will be available on the website prior to the event.
- Ms. Trevino-Ortega shared a preview of the San Pedro Creek Culture Park website (spcculturepark.com) which is now live.
- The spcproject.org site now redirects to spcculturepark.com – everything was transitioned over from the project site to the park site.
- The mobile app will launch and be available for download on May 1.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND SUBCOMMITTEE:

- The San Antonio River Authority, the City of San Antonio and Bexar County have worked in coordination to assess flood risk.
- The construction fencing in phase 1.1 is anticipated to come down on April 30.
- Construction on the four Westside Creeks will be completed and linked to San Pedro Creek in 2020.
- There is a public meeting about the design of Martinez Creek on April 16 at 6 p.m. at the Woodlawn Theater.

ITEMS TO PRESENT TO Westside Creeks Oversight Committee:

- Westside Creeks Oversight Committee meets quarterly and will not meet again until May 15.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Scott Baird and seconded by Kathy Krnavek to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.¹

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