



**Meeting Notes  
December 14, 2017**

**SARA Board Room, 100 E Guenther Street**

**ATTENDING**

*SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:*

Michael Cortez, Scott Baird, Marilyn Bradley, Bob Corbo, Jerry Geyer, Kathy Krnavek, Maria Nelson, Andi Rodriguez, Mark Penner, and Humberto Saldana

*STAFF & CONSULTANTS:*

Kerry Averyt, Tony Canez, Allison Elder, Steve Graham, Mike Lackey, Jeff Mitchell, Brice Moczygemba, Chad Yount, Carrie Brown, Melessa Rodriguez, Anamaria Suescun-Fast, and Monica Trevino-Ortega

*MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:*

Mary Liberatore, Robert Amerman, Rosemary Geyer, Robert Ramirez, Orlando Rangel, Richard Garcia, Cathey Meyer, Jenna Stoeltje, C. McKnight, and Des Prost

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Jerry Geyer, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. He asked attendees to introduce themselves and then reviewed calendar items.

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- a. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee meeting, January 11, 2018, 8:30 a.m. at the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) Board Room
- b. Westside Creeks Oversight Committee meeting, February 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room

**APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM September 14, 2017**

***Motion was made and seconded to approve meeting notes for July 13 and August 10 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.<sup>1</sup>***

**DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE**

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

**Design Update:**

- Stakeholders along Houston to Commerce streets have been engaged and kept informed of changes.
- Construction along this portion of the project is anticipated to take anywhere from 24-30 months.
- Significant design changes have been made to that block including:
  - Full amphitheater near the Alameda Theater will now become more of an entertainment plaza that has a variety of uses.
  - Sunken gardens area now has more open space at street level and additional integrated features for people to relax and enjoy that area of the creek.
- Changes are being presented to Judge Wolff and Commissioner's Court next week.
- Work packages 11 and 12 account for an estimated total cost of about \$17 million and were submitted to Commissioner's Court for approval.

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- Demolition is expected to begin in late January with the demolition of the Dollar General and the demolition of the bridge will follow.
- Extensive road closures are planned to occur after Fiesta.
- Subcommittee member asked if the changes in design will still allow the design to keep in line with the intended purpose of the space. Mr. Averyt assured the committee that the revisions to the plans will still create the same desired results in addition to a sizeable savings in budget.
- Mr. Averyt shared the revised renderings with the subcommittee and meeting attendees. The renderings will be posted on the [San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website](#).

#### **Phase 2:**

- Design will continue once phase 1 is complete around June 2018.
- Construction for phase 2, which starts at Guadalupe Street and ends at the Union Pacific Bridge, will then begin in last 2018 or early 2019.
- The creek's water flow will have to be redirected to accommodate the construction of phase 2.

#### **Commissioner's Court:**

- Design changes will be presented for approval to Commissioner's Court on December 19.
- Currently working with Commissioner's Court to sort out additional design and preconstruction fees.
- The adjustments to design will help support value engineering.

#### **Construction Update:**

- Segment 1 phase 1 is on schedule to be completed by May 5, 2018.
- The coordination with the design team is ongoing and they are always working to find ways to streamline production.
- Drone footage of the San Pedro Creek construction site was shared with the committee and meeting attendees. Footage is being produced to be shared on website and social media channels soon.
- Tours of the project site are given quarterly. The next two tours are scheduled for January 5 and February 2. Individuals interested in participating in a future tour are encouraged to sign-up on the [San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website](#)

#### **PUBLIC ART PROGRAM UPDATE**

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

- Progress is being made with fabricating the project tiles for the murals along the creek.
- Tile samples from Adriana Garcia's mural were brought to the meeting and passed around the room.
- Ms. Brown is currently working on a comprehensive programming plan that outlines a proposed calendar of events.
- Three areas of the creek have been identified for temporary art installations and details are being discussed now. The tree areas include: deck overlook, Martin Street crosswalk and Travis Street underpass.
- Mr. Cortez suggested collaborating with schools in the surrounding area to produce art to be showcased along the creek, and Ms. Brown said they are currently working with the Henry Ford Academy and they are definitely interested in working with other schools in the future.
- Pictures of progress made by John Phillip Santos, Michael Menchaca, and Diana Kersey were shared with the group and can be viewed by accessing the meeting presentation on the [project's website](#).

#### **Next Steps:**

- Timeline for art installation and other pieces were reviewed.
- Ms. Brown is currently working with the design team to identify additional areas for art installations.
- An update on wayfinding will be shared at next subcommittee meeting.
- The arts and culture alliance meeting is scheduled to meet early next year to update them on changes and to discuss segment 1 phase 2, and a steering committee meeting is scheduled for next Monday (12/18).
- The project website will be updated soon with art content.

- Ms. Brown expressed that she is looking for feedback on draft of programming plan for segment 1 and proposed plans for segment 2's permanent art installation.

### **SAN PEDRO CREEK CULTURE PARK GRAND OPENING UPDATE**

*Monica Trevino-Ortega, San Antonio River Authority Executive Offices Administrator, provided the following update on the grand opening plans for the culture park.*

- An overview was provided of key dates from April leading up to the grand opening on May 5.
- The naming of the celebration (Bexar County 300<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Celebration) was chosen with direction from the commissioner's court and Bexar County.
- Ms. Trevino-Ortega then briefly went over the working run of show which detailed events that will occur throughout the day on May 5.
- Road closures and other logistics are currently being discussed and determined.

### **Plaza Rebranding**

- The plaza will be rebranded as the Plaza de Fundacion, a name that is more appropriate and timeless in comparison to the working name that limits its association to the tricentennial.

### **SPC Culture Park Website and Mobile App**

- The current project website will be combined with the park website which will be a user-friendly and interactive platform.
- Mobile app will include a digital tour and will launch on April 5.

### **Next Steps**

- Logistics for the grand opening celebration are expected to be set by December.
- A detailed marketing plan will be completed by January in addition to finalizing entertainment and food possibilities.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND SUBCOMMITTEE**

- The project team is working through the best approach to phasing the remaining parts of the project in addition to coordinating with the plans for the federal court house construction.
- Project segments 3 and 4 will be produced in close partnership with the city.

### **ITEMS TO PRESENT TO Westside Creeks Oversight Committee:**

- A subcommittee meeting recap will be provided to the Westside Creeks Oversight Committee.

### **ADJOURN**

***A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.<sup>1</sup>***

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