



Meeting Notes

June 8, 2017

SARA Board Room, 100 E Guenther Street

ATTENDING

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:

Michael Cortez, Ben Brewer, Scott Baird, Trey Whiddon, Noah Almantez, Kathy Krnavek, and Andi Rodriguez

STAFF & CONSULTANTS:

Kerry Averyt, Carrie Brown, Steve Graham, Claude Harding, Kerim Jacaman, Marianne Kumley, Jeff Mitchell, Chad Yount, John Chisholm, and Mike Lackey

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Ken Erturth, Charles Haile, Larry Stevens, Robert Ramirez, Robert Amerman, Don Mathis, Jenna Stoeltje, Richard Garcia, Nita Shaver, Michael Hardwick, Cathey Meyer, and Marianna Lujan

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Cortez, 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. Westside Creeks Oversight Committee meeting, June 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the San Antonio River Authority Board Room
- b. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee meeting, July 13, 2017, 8:30 a.m. at the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) Board Room

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM May, 2017

There was no quorum at the May 11, 2017 meeting, therefore the May minutes could not be approved. Minutes will be considered for approval at the next San Pedro Creek Meeting on July 13.

U.S. Federal Courthouse Update

Steve Tillotson, Munoz and Company, reported the following:

Mr. Tillotson reviewed courthouse project updates:

- The project is moving forward with the project and reached about 50% of design and development last year.
- Project is situated where old police station was on San Pedro Creek.
- The site plan was reviewed with the group and additional slides can be found on the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website.
- The singular feature is the 120-ft long bridge that spans across.
- Project has experienced some setbacks because of security reasons.
- Most of the project site was formerly used as farmland, which is highlighted in the character of the landscape.
- The courthouse will be constructed with limestone and other local materials. The footprint includes a 4-story building and a 2-story wing.
- A two-story lobby with exposed glass strives to create an open and inviting place where the public feels they are invited to the judicial system.
- Public art will be included in the building to bring color, culture and life to the space.
- The working drawings will be completed by the end of 2017.
- Construction of the courthouse is anticipated to take approximately two years and is expected to be complete by 2020.
- The project will still be under construction by the time San Pedro Creek construction is complete in the area.

- Public access to the court house property from the creek will not be allowed. The high bank paseo along the west bank and the low bank paseo along the east bank will provide access to the creek.
- County is currently exploring ways to allow for the creek to engage with areas near the parking garages in addition to identifying other areas of opportunity, but nothing is definitive yet.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE

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

Construction Activities:

- Mr. Averyt included images captured at the construction site, which can be viewed on the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website.
- Construction of the lid features have been completed.
- Demolition and excavation of the channel is now complete.
- Though the area has experience significant rain events, construction has continued to progress.

Upcoming Construction Activities:

- Crews will continue installation of the telecommunication and utility infrastructure.
- Stabilization of the historic wall north of Martin Street will be taking place.
- Excavation between Santa Rosa and Martin Streets, and installation of retaining wall under the Santa Rosa Street Bridge will occur. The Santa Rosa Street Bridge will remain open during the installation.
- The plan is to fully close Commerce Street beginning in November to begin utility work and bridge demolition and is expected to be close for three months. Houston Street and Santa Rosa Street will remain open during that closure.
- Sundt-Davila Team is working with the City of San Antonio to ensure traffic flow will be accommodated during holidays and high traffic dates.
- Additional construction activities and lane closure information can be found on the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website.

Design Development:

- The team was working to complete design up to 90 percent for phase 1 segment 2, which is from Houston Street to Cesar Chavez Street, in addition to phase 2 by early July with a cost estimate presented to Commissioner's Court by early August.
- The large amount of focus placed on the art elements in segment 1 has required the design team to revise the schedule. This will not impact the overall construction schedule and the team is still expected to reach completion to Houston Street by the city's Tricentennial celebration.
- Design team is working to revise the design completion schedule.
- The team requested for Commissioner's Court to approve for their focus to be placed on Phase 1 Segment 2. Once the art has been finalized then design can be finished and price for Phase 1 can be secured. The goal is to complete the 90 percent design submittal by July 31.
- Then the budget will be reviewed and a decision will be made about whether additional funding will be required for Phase 2.
- Final presentation of art plan will be made to Commissioner's Court on June 20.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM UPDATE

Carrie Brown, SARA Public Art Curator, provided the following update:

Pre-Qualified List of Artists

- Deadline for artists to submit application to be considered on the pre-qualified list of artists is June 30. Applications are available at www.PublicArtists.org. A list of artwork opportunities is included in the meeting presentation which can be found on the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website.
- Public artist information meeting was held on June 7 and details from the meeting will be posted on the San Pedro Creek website for those who were unable to attend.
- About 100 applications have been started and 43 have been completed, to date.

- Outreach efforts are currently underway to encourage artists to apply to be considered for the pre-qualified list, and outreach will continue through the deadline.

Organizational Chart

- Carrie reviewed the organizational chart with those in attendance to further emphasize that elements of the art plan are now underway.
- The steering committee, which is meant to oversee the development of the program, is meeting monthly and met for the first time on May 23.

Arts & Culture Alliance

- The first alliance meeting held on May 31 and there was a great turnout of local artists and art organizations interested in engaging with the creek.
- The group will be meeting quarterly with the goal of collaborating and engaging with the group to plan future projects and phases of the creek's development.
- There were many comments regarding the choices of art along the creek at the alliance meeting. Ms. Brown noted that she will be following up on the questions raised, especially with questions regarding Plethora. A community survey will also be sent out soon so she can begin tracking the feedback and then work with relevant partners to address the concerns.

Mural Concepts

- Carrie briefly reviewed the four artists who have been selected to paint murals along the creek.
- The artists include Katie Pell, Adriana Garcia, Alex Rubio and Joe Lopez.
- Mural concept images were shared in Ms. Brown's presentation and they can be found on the San Pedro Creek website.
- Artists are working on a deadline to complete murals by the end of this month. Ms. Brown mentioned that the artists are all working to utilize color palettes that are suitable for their location on the creek.
- Ms. Brown reviewed the type of materials that will be used for the murals. The murals will be completed by using a digital transfer of the artists painting. The digital image will then be placed on ceramic tile, which is more durable than a painting.

Tricentennial Plaza

- Jorge Rodriguez-Gerada, Plethora artists, was in town a couple of weeks ago.
- The artists is working to finalize structural drawings and other details for the structure.
- Ms. Brown will provide a more comprehensive update about Plethora to Commissioner's Court on June 20 and to the San Pedro Creek Subcommittee at their July meeting.
- Commissioner's Court received an art update this past Tuesday.

ITEMS TO PRESENT TO Westside Creeks Oversight Committee:

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

OTHER ITEMS

- San Pedro Creek Subcommittee Member Ben Brewer has accepted a job in Houston and will no longer be a part of the committee. Mr. Brewer said he would like to be kept on the project's email list so that he can stay up to date on the latest project updates.

ADJOURN

As there was not a quorum present a motion to adjourn was not required. Mr. Cortez adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.