



Meeting Notes

February 8, 2018

SARA Board Room, 100 E Guenther Street

ATTENDING

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:

Michael Cortez, Deb Bolner-Prost, Marilyn Bradley, Lourdes Galvan, Jerry Geyer, Kathy Krnavek, Maria Nelson, Andi Rodriguez, and Mark Penner

STAFF & CONSULTANTS:

Alison Elder, Carrie Bradley, Steve Graham, Hillary Lilly, Melessa Rodriguez, Lindsey Campbell, Anamaria Suescun-Fast, and Kerry Averyt

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Rosemary Geyer, Ken Enfurth, Robert Amerman, Jack Finger, Robert Ramirez, Ed Ramirez, Tony Cantu, Cathy Meyer, Chris McKnight, Cosima Colvin, and Richard Garcia

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jerry Geyer, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. He asked attendees to introduce themselves and then reviewed calendar items.

CALENDAR ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM January 11, 2018

There was no quorum at the February 8, 2018 meeting, therefore the January minutes could not be approved. Minutes will be considered for approval at the next San Pedro Creek Meeting on March 8, 2018.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE

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

Design Update:

Phase 1.1 Update

- Contractor is on schedule to complete this segment by May 5.
- Construction crew is currently working weekend hours to complete.
- The flagstone has been installed and they are ready to begin installing the time and other elements.
- In addition to construction tours, we are also facilitating tours for individuals when they're in town for various conferences.
- Mr. Averyt shared images of construction progress with the group. The images can be viewed on the [San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website](#).

Phase 1.2 Update

- The demolition of the Dollar General building is scheduled to begin on February 19 and the utility relocation has started and will be ongoing for the next several weeks.
- Work package 12, which includes demolition in the channel, is expected to begin in March.

- The first work will begin between Dolorosa and Commerce, and full construction is set to begin in late summer or early fall.
- Mr. Averyt discussed how they will resolve the issue with the pooling water once the next phase begins.
- The water fall feature is an ongoing process and the lighting plan for the area will be reviewed at a future meeting.
- The team is currently locating areas for maintenance facilities to prepare for May 5 so that the area can be cared for in the appropriate way, similar to Museum and Mission Reach.

Phase 1.2 Timeline

- The 90% submittal will be provided to the contractor by February 28 with 100% on May 31 to acquire pricing by July 31.
- Work packages 11 and 12 will start this month.
- Once we get to 90% the Sundt-Davila Joint Venture team will work to come up with a more detailed timeline for construction.
- Additional investigation of the Commerce to Dolorosa Street blocks will occur before work is started.
- At today's City Council meeting, they will be reviewing approval of temporary construction easements, which is beneficial to construction costs.
- A regularly scheduled meeting with the city has been set to ensure coordination is occurring.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM UPDATE

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

- The word art images were reviewed with the group for approval.
- All tile murals are currently in production and a studio visit will be occurring in the next couple of weeks to review how things are going.
- Ms. Brown discussed the process of replacing tiles in the future should there be a need.
- Ms. Brown plans to bring digital photos of the gatehouse progress along the creek to the next meeting.

Programming

- Once the park is open, there will be a calendar of events to detail how the space will be activated.
- There will be plenty of opportunities to bring people to the creek to enjoy the space.
- For instance, regular monthly tours will be scheduled to highlight artwork and history.
- The temporary art installations will be focused in the plaza area so it is activated in advance of the statue being completed and installed.
- The next Arts and Culture Alliance meeting is scheduled for March 13.

SAN PEDRO CREEK CULTURE PARK BRANDING UPDATE

Anamaria Suescun-Fast, The DeBerry Group, provided the following update on San Pedro Creek Culture Park branding.

- An overview of the branding, which includes how the positioning statement will evolve into imagery to visualize the transition from project to park, was reviewed with the group.
- The focus will be on three aspects: culture, art, and nature.
- All story elements will align, and actual images from the park will be juxtaposed to the purpose elements of the park.
- Our goal will be to teach the community about the purpose of the park and to show them that the park's purpose extends further than just the visible elements.
- We are currently working through a marketing plan to determine how the pieces will come together.
- On April 5, we will bring Fiesta medals to the press conference so the group can handout.
- The purpose of the park's new website is to be informational, while the park's app will be more interactive and will include a scavenger hunt, culture trivia, and opportunities to create photo collages.
- An overview of the countdown to transition marketing plan, which begins on April 5, was provided to the group.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND SUBCOMMITTEE

- Casa Navarro was officially provided with a historical designation and on February 24 there will be an annual observance of Navarro's birthday.
- Concerns about Plethora were discussed and addressed by the committee.
- The impact of construction to the people in the area, especially those living in the Soapworks Apartments, was discussed.
- Tomorrow the executive committee will be meeting and the Director of TCI will be in attendance.

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 10:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.¹

¹ Text in bold italics indicates a decision made by the subcommittee.