



**Minutes of the  
Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee (WSCROC) Meeting  
September 13, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the San Antonio River Authority’s Boardroom, 100 East Guenther Street, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

**Committee Members Present:**

Robert Ramirez, Co-Chair  
 Abigail Kinnison, Beacon Hill N.A.  
 Abel Ramirez, San Antonio Wheelmen  
 Gabriel Velasquez, Avenida Guadalupe  
 Lourdes Galvan, West San Antonio Chamber  
 of Commerce  
 Rod Radle, San Antonio Alternative Housing

Olga Lizcano, Co-Chair  
 Santiago Garcia, Westside Development Corporation  
 Dr. David Estes, Our Lady of the Lake University  
 Joanne Walsh, Downtown Residents Association  
 Erwin DeLuna, United San Antonio Pow Wow  
 Roberto Hinkson, San Antonio Conservation Society

**Staff and Members of the Public Present:**

Roberto G. Rodríguez, San Antonio River  
 Authority Board Director, District 2  
 Erin Newberry, SARA  
 Bob Perez, SARA  
 Bruce Cole, SARA  
 Gloria Rodriguez, SARA  
 Sonia Jiminez, Ximenes and Associates  
 Burton Johnson  
 R. Baron  
 Rhett Smith  
 Angela Garcia  
 Mardi Baron  
 Charlette Kohl  
 Diane Lang

Suzanne Scott, SARA  
 Rudy R. Farias, SARA  
 Brian Mast, SARA  
 Nova Robbins, US Army Corps of Engineers  
 Stacy Gray, US Army Corps of Engineers  
 Narcisco Cano  
 Jerry Geyer  
 Rosemary Geyer  
 Jacque Thomas  
 Paula Jaramus  
 Henrietta LaGrange  
 Dorian French  
 David Parkhill  
 Jamie Macias

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Welcome**

Co-Chairs Olga Lizcano and Robert Ramirez called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Ms. Lizcano introduced San Antonio River Authority Board Director, Roberto G. Rodríguez and San Antonio River Authority General Manager, Suzanne Scott and welcomed them to the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of Minutes for July 20, 2011**

Ms. Lizcano presented the minutes to the Committee and asked if there were any corrections. As there were none, Mr. Rod Radle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Erwin DeLuna seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: City of San Antonio Linear Trails Update**

Rudy Farias, SARA, provided a briefing on the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board Recommendation. The total recommended amount by the Advisory Board is \$10,116,980. It is allocated based upon the following creek reaches:

- Apache Creek (Commerce to 24<sup>th</sup> Street) - \$587,400
- Apache Creek (Renovations of Existing 5' Path) - \$1,140,000
- San Pedro Creek (Apache Creek Trail to SA River) - \$3,232,000
- Alazan Creek (Woodlawn Lake to Lombrano) - \$614,000
- Martinez Creek (Fredericksburg Road to Cincinnati) - \$720,980
- Undesignated Westside Creeks - \$3,831,600

Mr. Farias explained the Undesignated Westside Creeks budget could be used for trail expansion into reaches where there is synergy occurring due to revitalization or redevelopment of the area. The recommendation will be sent to City Council on Thursday, September 15, 2011 as part of the budget package. Mr. Farias will be present at the City Council meeting should any questions arise.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: US Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study Update**

Ms. Nova Robbins, US Army Corps of Engineers, provided a presentation and update on the Westside Creeks (WSC) National Pilot Study. Ms. Robbins updated the actions the Corps has been working on to create a basis for Ecosystem Restoration and identifying Other Social Effects criteria. The first project review (In Progress Review – IPR) is scheduled for October 2011. Running parallel to this process, Corps teams in conjunction with SARA experts are developing scoping documents, costs, and timelines for each technical area such as environmental restoration, hydraulics and hydrology, geomorphology, recreation, and economics to name a few. The Corps will then write the federal interest story in accordance with new Corps guidelines for the Pilot Study's first decision point. The Decision Point 1 meeting is scheduled for late November/early December. At this meeting the decision will be made to continue the study along an 1) authorized track, 2) technical track, or 3) discontinue the study.

Ms. Suzanne Scott, SARA General Manager, stated the WCROC will provide input into the study process as key stakeholders. Sometime after Decision Point 1, public meetings will be hosted and local stakeholders will play a great advocacy role in the study process. Ms. Scott also reminded the Committee that regardless of the Corps decision following Decision Point 1, the decision will not preclude the Corps role in the restoration, nor will the restoration process end. The Corps will be involved in the permitting process and SARA will continue to advance the restoration efforts.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: City of San Antonio 2012 Bond Election**

Mr. Jeff Kauffmann, City of San Antonio Capital Improvement Management Services Department staff member, provided a briefing and update on the 2012 Bond Program, to include the bond committees, schedules and guiding principles. Mr. Kauffmann encouraged the Committee to be involved with the bond committees to stay engaged in the process of citizen input for projects.

Mr. Farias explained the City's recommended projects list was still underdevelopment and had not been released but some potential projects based upon community input may focus around Elmendorf Lake, the Guadalupe Street Area (La Zona Cultural), or around Market Square. Director Rodríguez asked Mr. Farias if the list of opportunities were in any specific order, to which Mr. Farias stated they were not, and were solely based upon input received at Cultural Zone meetings and the Westside Economic Development meetings. Director Rodríguez stated the Veteran's Memorial within the Elmendorf Lake Economic Catalysts was very important to the community and the many veterans in the community.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discuss and Approve ROC Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Farias asked the Committee if meetings should continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month or every other month, as needed. The Committee agreed the second Tuesday of every other month will remain as the scheduled meeting day, however, the next meeting date of November 8, 2011 is Election Day. The Committee approved the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Miscellaneous Items**

Mr. Gabriel Velasquez, Avenida Guadalupe, asked Mr. Geyer if he was aware of the multiple concept plans that are being looked at for the Cultura Zona. Mr. Velasquez wanted to ensure avenues of communication are open and everyone is respecting the historical areas of the Westside.

Ms. Sonia Jimenez, representing Basura Bash, solicited tributary segment sponsors and volunteers for Basura Bash on February 25, 2012. If there is any interest, please contact Ms. Jimenez or go to the website, [www.basurabash.org](http://www.basurabash.org).

Director Rodríguez thanked the Committee and the public for supporting Westside Creeks. Director Rodríguez reminded those present the Westside Creeks covers Districts 1, 5, 6 and 7 and strongly suggests and recommends the public to call their District Representative and remind them the Mayor supports and approves of the recommended \$10.2M for the Linear Creeks on the West Side. Director Rodríguez stated there are other segments of the creeks that can be placed on the 2012 Bond Election. Director Rodríguez also encouraged the Committee to make their presence known to their representatives and be enthusiastic about the projects for Westside Creeks.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Next Meeting Date**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:34 pm.

Approved by Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee at a meeting held on November 15, 2011

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OLGA LIZCANO, CO-CHAIR

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ROBERT RAMIREZ, CO-CHAIR