

**Westside Creeks Restoration
Oversight Committee (WCROC) Meeting
Tuesday, September 9th, 2008
6:00pm**

Meeting Notes

Attending:

Roberto Rodriguez, District 2 Trustee, SARA Board of Directors
Olga Lizcano, Co-Chair WCROC
Robert Ramirez, Co-Chair WCROC
Rudy Farias, Project Manager-SARA
Gloria Rodriguez, IG/CR-SARA
Abigail Kinnison, Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association
Greg Brockhouse, Little Flower Basilica
Catherine Rainwater, Our Lady of the Lake University
Thomas C. Lopez, San Antonio Independent School District
Abel B. Ramirez, San Antonio Wheelmen
Erwin J. DeLuna, United San Antonio Pow Wow, Inc.
Jose Gallegos, West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
Ray Flores, Westside Development Corporation
Ashley Hernandez, Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association
George Martinez, Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association
Santiago Garcia, Westside Development Corporation
Emma Hersh, Westside Development Corporation
Jesse H. Valdez, Resident
Theodore E. Ozuna, Donaldson Terrace Neighborhood Association
Jordan Mergele, City of San Antonio, Public Works-Storm Water
Pam Martinez, Woodlawn Lake, C.A.
JoAnn Hernandez, Woodlawn Lake, C.A.

The meeting was called to order by the WCROC Co-Chairs Robert Ramirez and Olga Lizcano.

1. Welcome – Roberto Rodriguez was introduced and welcomed new members. He then asked committee members to introduce themselves. A brief background on Westside Creeks was given.

2. Update and Introduction of the Westside Creeks Restoration Project, Conceptual Design Phase, Design Team - Rudy Farias, SARA, provided a brief

overview to the committee on the selection process for the consultant and the entities involved in the selection process (various SARA departments, Bexar County and the City of San Antonio, Public Works Department). Rudy then introduced the TCB/AE COM as the selected consultant and Ed Garza, who will act as Project Manager for TCB/AE COM during the Conception Design Phase.

3. Discussion on Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee – Composition, Roles, and Responsibilities – Rudy R. Farias, SARA, gave a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities for the Oversight Committee, as well as the sub-committees for each creek. He also discussed the importance of open communication between all committee members and the impact on the project the committees will have.

4. Other

- a. Alternate Representatives for Committee Members – Gloria Rodriguez, SARA, asked each of the committee members present to ensure that they each have a reliable alternate for contact purposes and to provide the information to her.
- b. Sub-Committees – Robert Ramirez, Co-Chair of the WCROC, discussed the importance of the creek sub-committees and how each sub-committee will come together, providing their ideas/thoughts for their creek.
- c. Time and Dates of Future Meetings, Olga Lizcano, Co-Chair of the WCROC, discussed the times and locations of future meetings. Right now, the monthly meetings are held at the Sana Antonio River Authority (SARA) Boardroom the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. Due to scheduling conflict, the boardroom is not always available on those evenings. Ms. Lizcano asked committee members present if they wanted to continue the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm, even though the larger Boardroom may not be available. It was concluded that the WCROC would continue on the same dates and times as scheduled and a smaller room would be used at SARA.

5. Questions and Answers –

Mr. Erwin DeLuna, United San Antonio Pow Wow, asked if the WCROC contact list would be made public and what the design parameters would be. Mr. Ed Garza, Project Manager, discussed the feasibility and communication feedback necessary for the designs, as well as the possibilities of the parameters. The

contact list may also be made available on the website that would be created for the Westside Creeks project.

Ms. Emma Hersh, Westside Development Corporation asked how often the sub-committees would be and was informed that they would be meeting once a month. There will also be a facilitator at each meeting to assist the sub-committees.

The next meeting of the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee (WCROC) was set for October 14th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. After this, the meeting was adjourned by the co-chairs.