



**Westside Creeks Restoration  
Oversight Committee Meeting  
San Antonio River Authority  
100 E. Guenther  
May 15, 2018  
6:00 pm**

**Committee Members Present**

Robert Ramirez, Co-Chair  
Joanne Walsh, Downtown Residents Assoc.  
Dr. Cary Guffey, Our Lady of the Lake University  
Kathy Krnavek, SA Conservation Society  
Carmen Vazquez-Gonzalez, SAISD  
Dr. Evelyn Mitchell, St. Mary's University  
Dr. Jude Valdez, University of Texas at San Antonio

Skye Curd, West SA Chamber of Commerce  
Dr. Kamala Platt, TexasTejano.com  
Erwin DeLuna, United SA Pow Wow Inc.  
Leonard Rodriguez, Westside Development Corp  
Charles Olsten, Woodlawn Lake NA  
Gabriel Velasquez, Avenida Guadalupe Assoc.  
Matthew Purdy, Beacon Hill Area NA

**Staff and Public Present**

Kerry Averyt, San Antonio River Authority  
Sonia Jimenez, Ximenes & Associations, Inc.  
Thomas Pallena, Westside Hope in Action  
Robert Solari, Pape-Dawson Engineers

Carol Cieszinski, Friends of Casa Navarro  
Hillary Lilly, San Antonio River Authority  
Gloria Almaraz, Journalist

**I. Welcome**

Robert Ramirez, Co-Chair, opened the meeting and asked for self-introductions from the committee and attendees. After introductions, Mr. Ramirez shared that his co-chair, Olga Lizcano, would no longer be able to serve in that capacity for personal reasons. He said an official announcement would be made at the San Antonio River Authority Board Meeting the following day. He further said, the Board Member representing the area, Lourdes Galvan, would be naming her successor to serve as Co-Chair. Mr. Ramirez then announced the committee has been in existence for 10 years and congratulated everyone for being involved over the years.

**II. Citizens to be Heard**

None.

**III. Ceremonial Item – WCROC 10 Years of Service**

Hillary Lilly with SARA informed the group that there would be a ceremonial item at the next San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors meeting. She also said Olga Lizcano would be recognized at the Board of Directors meeting early on the agenda which starts at 2:00 P.M. She then gave a presentation on the history of the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee and several of the accomplishments of the group over the past 10 years. Accomplishments included the various groundbreakings and grand openings for the various creek projects. Mr. Ramirez mentioned the

conceptual plan for the Westside Creeks Restoration Projects was dated June 15, 2011 and all of the projects that the committee has worked on over the years had their start in that plan.

#### **IV. Calendar Items**

Mr. Ramirez then went over the calendar items. He mentioned several of the items are part of the programming of San Pedro Creek.

- San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors Meeting, May 16, 2018 2:00 P.M. 100 E. Guenther St., San Antonio, Texas 78204
- *Main Squeeze*, San Pedro Creek Culture Park, May 19, 2018, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- *POP*, San Pedro Creek Culture Park, May 22, 2018, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
- *Artists at Work*, San Pedro Creek Culture Park, May 26, 2018, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- *Through the Lens*, San Pedro Creek Culture Park, June 9, 2018, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- San Pedro Creek Subcommittee Meeting, June 14, 2018, 8:30 A.M., 100 E. Guenther St., San Antonio, Texas 78204
- Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Meeting, August 21, 2018, 6:00 P.M., 100 E. Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204

#### **V. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Ramirez then presented the minutes from the December 19, 2017 and February 20, 2018 for approval. Hearing no objections for either, the minutes were accepted and approved.

#### **VI. Status Report on San Pedro Creek Improvements Project**

Mr. Ramirez invited Kerry Averyt, SARA Project Manager, to provide the status report on the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project. Mr. Averyt said the estimated attendance for the grand opening was anywhere from 4,000 to 5,000 people. He said it was difficult to count given that it covered several blocks. He shared photographs from the grand opening events and said it included performing arts related to the history and heritage of the creek. He said the event concluded with fireworks at the end. Mr. Averyt said social media has grown significantly since the opening and people are responding well to the phone app. He said the app currently has around 2,500 downloads and the number continues to grow.

Mr. Ramirez asked Mr. Averyt to speak to the tree controversy. Mr. Averyt explained there was a request to remove some of the trees to be able to see the stainless-steel panels on the inlet structure better. However, if the trees are moved, they will likely die. Mr. Averyt said this discussion is ongoing with the San Pedro Creek (SPC) Committee.

Ms. Kathy Krnavek said she was the one that brought it up at the SPC committee and the landscape architect said he was not opposed to taking the tree out especially since the original landscape plan did not factor in the decorative panel. He said he thought it was just going to be a plain screen. She said he only agreed to removing one tree. Mr. Ramirez said that if you take the middle tree out you can see a good portion of it.

Gabriel Vasquez asked if this involved new trees. He recommended following Steve Tillotson's, SPC Lead Consultant, direction to accomplish his vision. Mr. Ramirez reiterated that Mr. Tillotson laid out his plan prior to the stainless-steel panels being envisioned. Another committee member encouraged committee members to look at it from various perspectives before making a decision because you can see the panels when sitting on the surrounding benches. Another committee member asked if there was a way to project what it would look like once the Cypress trees grew and also an idea of how long it would take for them to mature. Mr. Ramirez said he was not sure but expected that Mr. Tillotson would know. Mr. Averyt said that any tree that is removed would need to be planted somewhere else and a tree would need to be added. Mr. Ramirez asked how it would be removed. Mr. Averyt said at this point, they would simply bring in a crane from the street and pull it out.

Another member of the committee said the trees also help block some of the noise from the highway. She said that while cypress trees do not grow fast, they do live a long time. Mr. Velasquez said this is a very important conversation because it raises several questions about what the committee values. He said one of the things that are not valued enough are trees. He said if we do not want to plant trees because we will not be around to enjoy them, then we are never going to plant trees like Cypress trees.

A member of the audience said they would value the trees. Mr. Averyt also said there are several photos on social media with unobstructed views of the water wall. Mr. Ramirez asked Mr. Averyt to take the feedback from the Oversight Committee back to the SPC Committee and to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Mr. Averyt said he had a new phase map to share. He said Phase 1.2 to Nueva has already started. He said they demolished the Dollar General on the west bank and would start putting in drill shafts the following week. Mr. Averyt said early work package 11 was underway and during the utility relocation in Calder Alley they came across some artifacts. As a result, they had to do some trenching and have some archeologist come in. The team feels there is a significant chance of finding some significant artifacts at around 7 feet.

He then showed some pictures of the trenching work. He said they found some foundations. He showed pictures of some of the artifacts including flint, pottery chards, and nicely laid rocks that looked like they were put in place to prevent erosion. The work also hit some ground water, as expected, and is part of early work package 12, which includes heavy civil construction. He said the first tank they were able to discharge but

that they would have to do continual testing for contaminants before discharging the water into the creek. Next to the Alameda Theatre there is much more potential for having to treat the groundwater before discharging.

Mr. Averyt said the Commerce Street construction has been somewhat contentious as it coincides with a City of San Antonio project that is taking Commerce Street down to three lanes and is widening sidewalks from St. Mary's Street to Laredo Street. The SPC project requires complete closure of the bridge for 3 months. He said after that there will only be one lane open for about 13-months. Mr. Averyt said there has been quite a bit of outreach to local businesses and others. He said it might be more beneficial to take a section of the City project from Camaron to Laredo and add it to the SARA project. He said he thinks it can be done because the project is bond-funded and the San Pedro Creek also has City bond funding.

Mr. Averyt said on the design side, the team is working on having a 100% completion submittal for Phase 1.2. He said they had hoped for a final submittal by May 31 but in the rush to complete Phase 1.1, Phase 1.2 slipped a little. It is still anticipated that QA/QC will be delivered by May 31 with a final submittal on June 15. He said this will also push the Guaranteed Maximum Price to about August 15 and then they will look at going to Commissioner's Court in August or September, as well as City Council.

Mr. Averyt then reported on partner coordination. He reviewed the members of the Executive Committee which include David Smith with Bexar County (BC), Lori Houston with the City of San Antonio (COSA), and Suzanne Scott with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA). He said with the addition of the bond monies, Mike Frisbie, the City Engineer, was also added to the Executive Committee. He said he coordinates closely with Mr. Frisbie and the next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for May 21. Mr. Averyt also reported that on April 12, 2018 the COSA City Council approved the Operation and Maintenance Agreement between COSA, BC, and SARA. He said the agreement covers SARA's duties including upkeep of vegetation, hardscaping, recreational features, litter, vandalism, cleaning up after rain events, and establishes the hours of operations. The park is operating under the COSA parks ordinance with hours being 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. The park will have regular coverage by park police with bike patrol and Centro will also participate with their ambassadors answering questions and helping with litter.

Mr. Averyt said another issue that has come up and been covered by media outlets concerns coming into contact with the water in the creek. He said the cascade area was intended for wading not swimming or submersion, and certainly should not be for drinking. He said bicycles will be allowed on the paseos but segways and other motorized vehicles will not be allowed. He also said they have put up some signage since the grand opening advising people to wade and not swim and that additional signage is coming asking people to share the trail. Ms. Jimenez asked if the ban on motorized vehicles included scooters. Mr. Averyt said he was not sure but his initial reaction was that those would be allowed. A committee members asked if skateboarding would be allowed. Mr. Averyt said it was allowed on the paseos but not

on the walls or benches. He said several of the treatments used on the walls and benches have anti-skateboard and anti-sleeping treatments. A member of the committee asked if railing was planned as it seemed easy for someone to get pushed into the creek. Mr. Averyt said that rails are required whenever the walkway is 30 inches or more above the water. He said where this requirement is met, there are rails put in but this issue has come up particularly under the Travis Street Bridge. He also said that while this is often expressed as a concern, there are actually very few people who ever fall into the Riverwalk. Mr. Averyt said that if this starts to be an issue they will definitely look at putting in rails.

Ms. Krnavek asked what the function was of the gatehouse near the giant shrimp artwork. Mr. Averyt said it was primarily for aesthetics. He said it is to get better interaction with the water. He said anytime you have water cascading over, it helps to put more oxygen into the creek. Ms. Kamala Platt asked about the flora of the plants. She said there are sections where the flora is all the same. She wanted to know if that would remain. Mr. Averyt said it would and he said this was part of the landscape design. Mr. Ramirez said he sees trash collecting on the side of the creek where the water does not flow as much and asked who would be collecting this trash. Mr. Averyt said that SARA was responsible for this and also said he had observed algae building up in certain areas that may need to be skimmed.

Mr. Leonard Rodriguez asked about the displacement issue. He asked if there had been any follow-up regarding this issue. Mr. Averyt said there were some folks near Cevallos concerned about property values and expressed similar concerns. At one of those meetings, Councilman Trevino said it was a very complex issue and they have been working closely with the people living at Soap Works and Town Centre residents. SARA does not have an official statement or position on the issue. He said SARA is not in a position to effect policy to help these people so SARA is really looking to the City to help with these concerns. Mr. Ramirez said that the Mayor has a Housing Task Force and he has made recommendations to that group and also recommended a housing impact study that accompanies catalytic projects such as San Pedro Creek. Mr. Rodriguez said this might also have impacts on the other Westside Creeks and to what degree they are developed and what impact they will have on the households that back up on to the creek. Mr. Velasquez asked if it makes sense to send a letter of support to the Mayor's Task Force that encourages consideration of items that support cultural equity and prevention of displacement of residents.

Mr. Ramirez said he would be happy to draft something and Ms. Platt said she would review the letter. The committee passed a motion to have the chair draft a letter to the Mayor recommending serious considerations of residents who have voiced concerns over gentrification. Ms. Platt said that gentrification is larger than what the committee oversees but that given that Soap Works is right on San Pedro Creek and there does seem to be a direct correlation. Mr. Velasquez said this really has to do with cultural equity. Irwin DeLuna said this whole time they have been working towards having those residents living near the creeks to have access to the creeks. Joann Walsh said her larger concern is for the remaining creeks rather than for San Pedro Creek because

there is so much low-income housing and there is a big danger that people will be forced off the creeks. Mr. Rodriguez agreed and said it is unfortunate these creeks were not improved years ago so the people who have lived there for years could have enjoyed them.

Skye Curd said she lives in front of Apache Creek and she said the property taxes of her neighbors are unbelievably low. She said she did not think a small increase in taxes would force people out. She said improvements should happen for everyone to enjoy, especially those who do work hard and pay their bills.

Motion to deliver to the letter from the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee to examine the concerns raised by community members regarding gentrification along the creeks. Mr. Velasquez accepted the amendment to his motion and Ms. Platt seconded the motion. All in all, nine committee members were in favor, two were opposed, and two abstained.

Mr. Rodriguez then asked if security measures have been put in place in case of heavy rains. Mr. Averyt said that anything up to a 100-year event can be contained within the channel. Mr. Rodriguez said he was talking about the access. Mr. Averyt said that once you get to Travis there will be a paseo at street level and one at the creek level and the creek level paseo is designed to go under water with a two-year event. He said if you are referring to an alarm or warning system he said there is nothing like that on the creek.

Ms. Curd asked if social media was being used to collect input from the community as well. Mr. Averyt said they do have some avenues to get comments and questions including a hotline and website. Ms. Curd recommended using social media to let people know about upcoming workshops, meetings, or events.

A member of the audience then asked what was going to happen to the artifacts. Mr. Averyt said they would be sent to UTSA for curation and the hope is to have an exhibit in the future and put them on display but there are no set plans yet.

## **VII. Update on Public Art for San Pedro Creek Improvements Project**

Mr. Averyt provided the update and stated that Ms. Brown was at a SPC event. He said Ms. Brown is programming free public events on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Saturday mornings from 8:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. He said she has already had a couple of events and they have all been successful. Mr. Rodriguez asked who pays for the programming. Mr. Averyt said that SARA funds the programming but that he does not know how much money is being spent. He will get the information on the programming costs for the next meeting. Ms. Platt asked what other means are being used to get the word out about the events, besides what is online. Mr. Averyt said he does not have all that information but Ms. Brown could provide it. He said they are also working with the DeBerry Group to get the word out.

Jude Valdez, UTSA, asked what percentage of the project was dedicated to the arts. Mr. Averyt said that he did not know what the specific percentage was for this project. Ms. Walsh also said she saw the current event advertised on the news.

A committee member asked if there was a calendar or a way to check what events are coming up. He said events are listed on the SARA website, the San Pedro Creek website, and the social media channels. Mr. Ramirez thanked SARA for programming the creek and placing such an importance on the arts. He also asked if Ms. Brown was working on finding additional funding. Mr. Averyt said Ms. Brown was working with the San Antonio River Foundation on the Plethora (sculpture for plaza) to get additional funding to make it happen, as well as funding for more programming.

### **VIII. Elmendorf Lake Park Pool**

Ms. Lilly provided the update and started by talking about Alazan Creek and the Elmendorf Lake Park Pool. She said all of the creeks are at 95% design phase and are getting really close to a completed design phase. She said Elmendorf Pool is at 70% design and should be at 100% by the end of the month. She said for Apache Creek SARA is coordinating with the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) on the pipeline installation. SARA is working with them since the creek is being designed wider and this will affect their pipeline installation.

With regards to the Elmendorf Lake Park Pool, she said Terra Design Group is working on the design and the original cost estimate came in higher than the budget allowed so there were some modifications made in order to meet the budget. This included making the restrooms smaller and reducing the lap lanes by one. It also required adjusting the size of the mechanical room.

Ms. Lilly said SARA expects 100% designs by June with the project going out to bid in July. She said the total project will take around 10 months to build and the hope is to open the pool by the summer of 2019. Mr. Ramirez had asked about water features. Ms. Lilly stated that SARA asked the design team about the splash features and they informed us that it would require a different form of pump system so we are going back to the bubblers in order to stay within our budget. The bubblers will be in a foot to 18 inches of water. The construction fencing will be wrapped with images of the pool and people playing. Ms. Lilly said it is on schedule now and should open next summer.

Ms. Curd asked what type of fence there would be after construction. Ms. Lilly said she was not sure but that she could find out. Ms. Curd said she did not want a chain link fence that kids could climb after hours. Mr. Rodriguez asked what the depth of the pool was and Ms. Lilly said she was not sure but that she could find out. Ms. Jimenez said that the previous minutes showed a depth of 5 feet. Ms. Curd asked if the restrooms would be the same restrooms that are there now or if they would be new. She also asked how many stalls it will hold. Ms. Lilly said she could find out and bring that information back. Mr. Rodriguez said one of the things he wanted to know is if it is larger or smaller than the original pool. Mr. Velasquez asked if the pool is smaller than the

pool that was there before would it be too late for the committee to raise an objection. Ms. Lilly said that at this point it would be, due to the budget availability. Mr. Ramirez said the money is fixed. Ms. Jimenez said what happened with the bond is that the project costs were set when construction costs were lower. Since then, several natural disasters have increased the cost of construction labor and materials. She said this is something that other city bond projects are running into as well.

Mr. Rodriguez said if the pool is smaller than what was there before, then it really should be increased in size because there are not enough activities for the children in this area. Ms. Curd asked if there is seating. Ms. Lilly said there is seating in and around the pool. Mr. Velasquez said he felt strongly that the pool should be larger and more accommodating of future growth consistent with the growth projections of SA Tomorrow. He said it should be easier to invest more money in the pool before it goes in rather than try to make it larger later. He said the committee is obligated to the mass number of children who want to go to the pool here. Mr. Velasquez said it would be good to have a separate children's pool. Further, this pool has to be at least the same size of what was there before. We had previously promised the community an Olympic sized pool and they are not going to buy that construction costs have gone up because they are going to look around the city and see all the money that is being spent elsewhere. Mr. Velasquez said the Westside should not be short-changed when projects such as the Hardberger Land Bridge are being funded. He pointed out this is one of the densest parts of the city in a location where there was already a pool and it needs to be replaced at an appropriate level of investment. He finished by saying the pool needs to be at least the same size as the previous pool, if not larger.

Mr. Rodriguez questioned why San Pedro Creek is benefiting from programming dollars when Elmendorf Park is receiving none. He said it seemed like some parks have actual foundations that create another revenue element that this city park does not have at its disposal. It seems like something is necessary to develop this park in an equitable manner and a way that does not create a disparity. Mr. Velasquez made a motion to ask staff at SARA to explore if there is an opportunity to make the new pool larger more accommodating for future growth consistent with growth projects of SA Tomorrow, considering cost increases that resulted in amenity reductions.

Mr. DeLuna seconded the motion and there was no additional discussion. A member of the audience thanked the committee for their work. She said she was a native San Antonian who had moved back from Minneapolis four years ago and believes the growth in San Antonio is utterly fantastic. She thanked the committee for the green spaces being created for the citizens. She also encouraged people moving to the city to enjoy San Antonio but not just the northside but all of San Antonio. Twelve members of the committee were in favor of the motion, zero against, and one abstained.

Mr. Velasquez also urged SARA to embark on a campaign against pollution and litter. He said he was hoping the partners could do some pro-active campaigns to encourage people to keep from littering. SARA has a new be water-friendly program that goes out to the schools but we need to do our part too and take the word back to our



organizations. Mr. Rodriguez asked if there is an Adopt-A-Creek program. Mr. Velasquez said the river could really use a campaign with billboards, bus stop advertising, and other campaign materials to promote the protection of the river. Mr. Ramirez asked who would be responsible for an Adopt-A-Creek program. Ms. Jimenez said the Adopt-A-Creek program used to be run by Keep San Antonio Beautiful but then it died off so it would be bringing a program back to life that was once already here. Another committee member said having availability of trash receptacles will be very important.

## **IX. Status Report on Westside Creeks Improvements Projects**

Ms. Lilly went on to report on Alazan Creek. She said it was at 95% design. She said SARA is currently working with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). She said SARA has received an exception from UPRR and an engineering agreement but USACE has not provided comments or an approval. She said SARA is waiting on that but is hoping to stay on schedule with a bid later this year and starting construction in early 2019. If the schedule does slide, she said SARA would go out to bid in early 2019 and then start construction later that year. Mr. Rodriguez said the USACE tracks various projects on their website and asked when this project might show up on their website. She said they had not received comments from them yet so it probably would not be added until it is approved.

Ms. Lilly then presented an example of the Alazan Creek Trail street connections. She said the budget allows for street connections. She said each connection would provide maps, rules, seating, shade, waste bins, lighting, water fountains, and bike fix it stations, and a full wayfinding package. She then provided renderings of proposed concepts. She said each street connection will have access to public transportation. Hearing no questions, she then introduced Robert Solari with Pape-Dawson Engineers to provide an update on Martinez and Zarzamora Creeks.

Mr. Solari said for Martinez Creek they are having ongoing coordination with the USACE and with SAWS. He said with SAWS they are coordinating to make sure there are no conflicts when going to construction. He said they finished the 40% design and 70% design, as well as the public meetings. He said the 95% design plans are scheduled for June submittal with the project going to bid in late 2018 and construction to start in late 2018 as well. He said the trail was 7,700 linear feet with 10 street connections and two with trail heads, and the trail itself would be 10 feet wide.

Mr. Solari said they are trying for at least a minimum of 8 foot clearance under the bridges and for the most part there will be more clearance than that. He said there are two low-water crossings. He said at these locations, the trail will be on one side of the creek or the other.

He said they are expecting to submit a 95% submittal flood study for the creek. He then showed an example of one of the trailheads. He said the trailheads are to provide

access points to the creek and to connect to landmarks, public parks, and also for safety. He said Martinez will have two trailheads. He then showed several renderings of what is planned for Martinez Creek. He said the number of trailheads was based on budget and right of way constraints. A member of the creek asked for a map showing the trail heads. A member of the committee asked if shade was being considered. He said they were taking this into consideration.

Mr. Solari said that Zarzamora Creek is basically at the same place in the process and schedule as Martinez. He said the plan is to go to bid and construction late this year. He said the design team is also coordinating with SAWS to avoid potential conflicts. He said this trail would need to be broken up into two phases due to funding constraints. Phase 1 will go up to Memorial Drive. He said it will include eight street connections and two trailheads. He said he is also working on a flood study similar to Martinez Creek. He then showed a trailhead concept. Mr. Rodriguez asked if there would be public art and if so when this would occur. Ms. Lilly said that it would come into play once SARA hands over the trails to the City of San Antonio. She said PASA handles funding for public arts on trails. Mr. Rodriguez then asked if there was still a plan to connect to the creek that runs through St. Mary's University. Dr. Mitchell replied that working with the engineering department at the school to see if the students could build a path from Apache Creek Trail and it fell through and is hoping the design will be produced over the next academic year.

Mr. Rodriguez asked how this can be pursued so that we can extend the creek onto St. Mary's University. He said if the creek is constructed in the right manner the creek could be a real amenity to St. Mary's University. He wanted to know how the committee could push for this. Mr. Averyt said the SARA is always going to be looking for ways to improve the creeks and trails along the creeks. He also suggested visiting with elected officials directly to make sure the committee is heard directly and not just through SARA.

Mr. Solari then presented another example of a smaller trailhead. He then showed a community area with a connection to a freespan pedestrian bridge just west of Gen McMullen at 29<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated the bridge is part of Phase 2 and is not currently funded. He said most areas will have trails on embankment with retaining walls and the trailhead on top of bank. Mr. Rodriguez asked if it is the work with USACE that affects everything below the trail. Mr. Rodriguez wanted to know why SARA did not do what was done on SPC.

Ms. Lilly said Zarzamora Creek was not approved initially for restoration but Martinez was part of the USACE initiative. Mr. Solari said as such they are adding the trails in a way that has minimal impact on the channel. Mr. Rodriguez asked when the committee could expect to see restoration of Zarzamora Creek. He wanted to understand why San Pedro Creek moved so quickly and it seemed this project was moving so slowly. Mr. Averyt said the historical significance of San Pedro Creek coupled with the Tricentennial allowed that project to move forward faster. Mr. Rodriguez asked when a restoration

rendering could be presented. Ms. Lilly said this was not available yet but it could be similar to the Mission Reach but on a smaller scale.

Mr. Ramirez then asked to get back to the current presentation. Ms. Curd asked if the benches are made out of wood. Mr. Solari said he wasn't sure exactly as it was the architect that would be selecting the furniture. Ms. Curd said what she saw at Elmendorf is that wood attracts vandals. Mr. Solari said there have been discussions about using anti-graffiti elements for the tables and benches. Mr. Rodriguez asked if there would be lighting. Ms. Lilly said there would be lighting at the trailheads but not along the trail.

Mr. Solari then showed examples of signs and wayfinding elements that follow the Howard Peak Greenway guidance. He said street connections will have smaller directional signs. He also said they would be replacing street signs within 150 feet from creek. He finished with saying the design team hopes to have a "here we come" meeting in the summer of 2018. A committee member asked about the specs for the signage specifically the ability to read them.. Mr. Averyt said he felt the lettering would be large enough to be read from a distance. Ms. Lilly said bilingual signage is also being discussed.

#### **X. Miscellaneous Items**

Mr. Ramirez said he went to the website and did not see Zarzamora Creek on the website. He asked SARA staff to please add it. He also noted that under upcoming events there were no meetings found. He asked this area of the site be updated. He also noted and requested that the branding for SPC be updated to say Culture Park and not Improvements Project.

Mr. Rodriguez asked that the Westside Creeks updates be moved to the front end of the agenda and that the San Pedro Creek updates be moved to the end for future agendas. Mr. Ramirez said he would consider the switch.

#### **XI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:38 P.M.