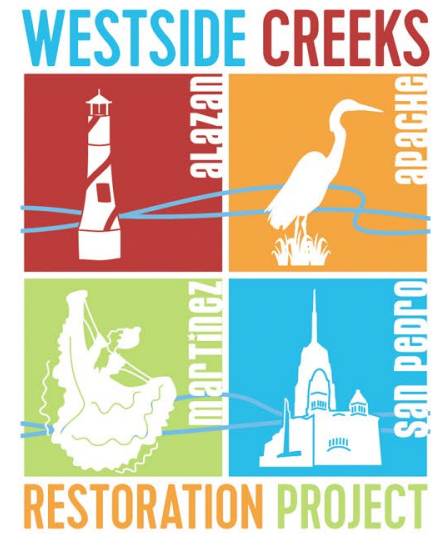


# Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

May 19, 2026



# Agenda

- I. **Welcome**
  - Robert Ramirez & Ana Sandoval, Committee Co-Chairs
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** April 2026
- IV. **Calendar Items**
  - Current Reads – San Pedro Creek Culture Park – Thursday, May 21, 6:00 PM
  - June Free Camping Weekend – Helton Nature Park – Friday to Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Cinema Night (Zootopia 2) – Helton Nature Park – Friday, June 5, 8:30 PM
  - Summer 2026 Movie Series (Goat!) – Branch River Park (Goliad) – Wednesday, June 10, 8:30 PM
  - Glow Night – Escondido Creek Parkway (Karnes) – Friday, June 12, 7:00 PM
  - Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Meeting – San Antonio River Authority - Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 PM
- V. **Project Update**  
Cris Perez
- VI. **Attendance Update**  
Noah Fuentes
- VII. **Roberto Rodriguez Dedication Update**  
Brian Mast
- VIII. **Public Comment Follow-Up**  
Committee Co-Chairs
- IX. **Citizens to be Heard**
- X. **Adjourn**
- XI. **Sub-Committees Workgroup Session**

For additional project information visit:  
[www.westsidecreeks.com](http://www.westsidecreeks.com) [www.spcculturepark.com](http://www.spcculturepark.com)

**Public Participation:**

*Comments during the public comment portion are limited to two (2) minutes and we ask that time not be transferred to another individual.*



Agenda  
May 19, 2026  
Westside Creeks Restoration  
Oversight Committee (WCROC)  
Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

# Roll Call

Organization Name	Member Name	Alternate
Co-Chair	Robert Ramirez	
Co-Chair	Ana Sandoval	
Alazan Resident Council	Gloria Mora	Rosalva Eva Ramos
Avenida Guadalupe	Gabriel Velasquez	
Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association	Jerry Lockey	Benjamin Coronado
Bexar Audubon Society	Rita Maria Contreras Avery	Britt Coleman
Historic Westside Residents Association	Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez	
Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society	Rick Hernandez	
Martinez Creek Neighborhood Association	Reb Lopez	
Opportunity Home San Antonio	Michael Lopez	Wilson Harpe
Our Lady of the Lake University	Adam Bynum	Chloe Lash
Prosper West	Melinda Gonzalez	Ryan Kuhl
Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association	Russell Felan	
River Aid San Antonio	Charles Blank	Athena Santos
San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation	Rick Rodriguez	
San Antonio Conservation Society	Mark Kusey	
San Antonio Independent School District	Anna Alicia Romero	Brooke Vasquez
San Antonio Wheelmen	Abel Ramirez	
St. Mary's University	William Buhrman	Evelynn Mitchell
Student At-Large	Maia Woodall	
TexasTejano.com	Kamala Platt	
University of Texas at San Antonio	Joshua Gerken	Michael Rodriguez
United San Antonio Pow Wow Inc.	Erwin DeLuna	
Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association	Audrey Celeste	
San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors	Lourdes Galvan	



# Approval of the Minutes

April 21, 2026

# Calendar Items

## **Current Reads**

- Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM
- San Pedro Creek Culture Park

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## **Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Meeting**

- Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM
- San Antonio River Authority and Online

# Project Update

Cris Perez, San Antonio River Authority

# WSC ER: **Design** Activity Update

- Real Estate Acquisitions
  - All acquisitions are moving forward – **Target Summer 2026**
    - TxDOT
      - USACE visiting San Antonio to collaborate with TxDot to determine revised footprint.
    - SAISD
      - Voted to approve sale of portions at Nelson and Tafolla.
    - Opportunity Home
      - Targeting BOD approval to submit HUD application after environmental assessment
  - CoSA Coordination
    - Canvassing in progress nearly complete
    - Language finalized, pending response from CPS.

# WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- City of San Antonio Maintenance and Operating agreement
  - Started working sessions to discuss boundaries and details for future ILA.
- SAWS Relocation
  - Coordinating with SAWS to determine path forward.
- Apache Creek Mediation
  - Reports being submitted to TCEQ this week.



Apache Creek Looking East

Questions?

# Attendance Update

Noah Fuentes, San Antonio River Authority

# Attendance Update

- The approved language voted on and approved on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026:
- ***“Members who have missed two consecutive regular meetings without being represented by an alternate, and without any notice to SARA staff regarding anticipated absences, shall be contacted by SARA staff at the member’s phone number or e-mail address of record for an explanation of such absences. Additionally, SARA staff shall make reasonable efforts to convey the situation regarding chronic absences to the chief executive, or an appropriate alternate contact, of the organization affected by the chronic absences. At the next regular Committee meeting following the second consecutive absence, or as soon as is practical thereafter, the matter of such member’s absences shall be included as an agenda item, and SARA staff shall report to the Committee its communication efforts with the concerned chronically absent member and alternate. The Committee shall then vote on recommending forfeiture of membership, or voting to continue membership with or without any appropriate conditions. Should the Committee vote in the affirmative to terminate the absent organization’s membership, the matter shall proceed to the SARA Board for consideration of termination of membership on the Committee.”***

# Attendance Update

- The highlighted organizations have missed **2 or more consecutive regular meetings without being represented by an alternate, and without any notice to SARA staff regarding anticipated absences** since November 2025.
- All 5 organizations have been contacted by SARA staff seeking a resolution to their ongoing absences.



## Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

Member Roll Call

Quorum = 8/24

Organization Name	Member Name	Attendance
Co-Chair	Robert Ramirez	
Co-Chair	Ana Sandoval	
<b>Alazan Resident Council</b>	Gloria Mora / Rosalva Eva Ramos	
<b>Avenida Guadalupe</b>	Gabriel Velasquez	
<b>Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association</b>	Jerry Lockey / Benjamin Coronado	
Bexar Audubon Society	Rita Maria Contreras Avery / Britt Coleman	
Historic Westside Residents Association	Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez	
Los Bexareños Genealogical Society	Rick Hernandez	
Martinez Creek Neighborhood Association	Reb Lopez/Austin Kelm	
Opportunity Home San Antonio	Michael Lopez / Wilson Harpe	
Our Lady of the Lake University	Adam Bynum / Chloe Lash	
Prosper West	Rebeca Canizales / Ryan Kuhl	
<b>Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association</b>	Russell Felan	
River Aid San Antonio	Charles Blank / Athena Santos	
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Questions?

# Roberto Rodriguez Recognition Update

Brian Mast, San Antonio River Authority

# Roberto Rodriguez Recognition Update

## The Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem



### A VISION RESTORED

The transformation you see today began with a memory. Roberto Rodriguez, a dedicated member of the San Antonio River Authority Board (2001–2013) and the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board (2005–2011), remembered a childhood where the Westside Creeks were the heart of the community. He spoke fondly of days spent swimming, fishing, and catching crawdads in these waters with his friends.

Inspired by vision of the Mission Reach Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project, Mr. Rodriguez became the driving force behind returning that same vitality to the Apache, Alazán, Martínez, and San Pedro creeks. He also successfully advocated for funds to develop a system of greenway trails along the Westside Creeks.

### A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

In 2008, Mr. Rodriguez was instrumental in forming the citizen-led Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee (WCROC). His tireless advocacy ensured that these urban waterways would be restored to their natural beauty and function, creating a healthy ecosystem for both wildlife and neighbors to enjoy.

### THE ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ WESTSIDE CREEKS ECOSYSTEM

To honor his unwavering dedication, the WCROC petitioned for a permanent tribute to his leadership. In December 2025, the San Antonio City Council unanimously voted to name this restored landscape the Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem.



Roberto Rodriguez with Mayor Ron Nirenberg, District 5 Councilwoman Teri Castillo, and Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee members.  
Photo courtesy of the City of San Antonio.



Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) along Alazan Creek.

### UNA VISIÓN RESTAURADA

La transformación que hoy se observa comenzó con un recuerdo. Roberto Rodriguez, dedicado miembro de la Junta Directiva de la Autoridad del Río San Antonio (2001–2013) y del Comité Asesor de Parques de Corredores Lineales (2005–2011), recordaba una infancia en la que los arroyos del Westside eran el corazón de la comunidad. Evocaba con afecto los días en que nadaba, pescaba y atrapaba cangrejos de río en esas aguas junto a sus amigos.

Inspirado por la visión del Proyecto de Restauración del Ecosistema y Recreación del Mission Reach, el Sr. Rodriguez se convirtió en la fuerza impulsora para devolver esa misma vitalidad a los arroyos Apache, Alazán, Martínez y San Pedro. Asimismo, promovió con éxito la asignación de fondos para desarrollar un sistema de senderos de áreas verdes a lo largo de los arroyos del Westside.

### UN LEGADO DE LIDERAZGO

En 2008, el Sr. Rodriguez desempeñó un papel fundamental en la creación del Comité de Supervisión de la Restauración de los Arroyos del Westside (WCROC), liderado por la comunidad. Su incansable labor de gestión garantizó que estas vías fluviales urbanas fueran restauradas a su belleza y funcionalidad naturales, creando un ecosistema saludable del que tanto la vida silvestre como los residentes pudieran disfrutar.

### EL ECOSISTEMA DE LOS ARROYOS DEL WESTSIDE ROBERTO RODRÍGUEZ

Para honrar su inquebrantable dedicación, el WCROC solicitó un reconocimiento permanente a su liderazgo. En diciembre de 2025, el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de San Antonio votó por unanimidad designar este paisaje restaurado como el Ecosistema de los Arroyos del Westside Roberto Rodríguez.



# Roberto Rodriguez Recognition Update



# Roberto Rodriguez Recognition Update



Questions?

# Public Comment Follow-Up

WCROC Co-Chairs

Questions?



# Citizens to be Heard

Comments limited to two (2) minutes



# Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>