

# Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

August 20, 2024



# Agenda

- I. **Welcome**
  - Robert Ramirez & Skye Curd, Committee Co-Chairs
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes, June 2024**
- IV. **Calendar Items**
  - Yoga on the Creek – Monday’s at 6:00pm – St. James A.M.E.C. Culture Crossing at San Pedro Creek Culture Park
  - Historic Plaza Days – Friday, August 23, 10:30am – 1:30pm – Main Plaza, 115 N. Main Ave
  - Campside Cinema – Friday, August 23 at Dusk – Helton River Nature Park, Floresville
  - COSA Public Hearing Regarding Naming of Westside Creeks Ecosystem – Thursday, September 5 at 6:00pm - Westside Family YMCA, 2900 Ruiz Street
  - Race the River: Downtown Riverwalk – Friday, September 6, 7pm – 11pm
  - Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee – Tuesday, September 17, 6:00 PM – San Antonio River Authority Boardroom
- V. **General Manager Update**, Derek Boese, River Authority
- VI. **Project Status Update**, Rebecca Krug, River Authority
- VII. **Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem Naming Update**, Nadia Canales, City of San Antonio Public Works
- VIII. **USACE Cultural Resources Survey Update**, Zia Burns, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- IX. **Citizens to be Heard**
- X. **Miscellaneous items**
- XI. **Adjourn**

**Public Participation:**  
*Comments during the public comment portion are limited to three (3) minutes and we ask that time not be transferred to another individual.*

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



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August 20, 2024  
Westside Creeks Restoration  
Oversight Committee  
(WCROC) Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

# Roll Call

Organization Name	Member Name	Alternate Member
Co-Chair	Robert Ramirez	
Co-Chair	Skye Curd	
Alazán Resident Council	Christina Barbosa	
Avenida Guadalupe	Gabriel Velasquez	
Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association	Jerry Lockey	Benjamin Coronado
Bexar Audubon Society	Rita Avery	
Historic Westside Residents Association	Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez	
Los Bexareños Genealogical Society	Rick Hernandez	
Opportunity Home San Antonio	Michael Lopez	Wilson Harpe
Our Lady of the Lake University	Brianna Salas	Adam Bynum
Prosper West	Ramiro Gonzales	
Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association	Geremy Landin	Russell Felan
River Aid San Antonio	Charles Blank	Athena Santos
San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation	Rick Rodriguez	
San Antonio Conservation Society	Patricia Seidenberger	
San Antonio Independent School District	Anna Alicia Romero	Brooke Vasquez
San Antonio Wheelman	Abel Ramirez	
St. Mary's University	William "Bill" Buhrman	Evelynn Mitchell
TexasTejano.com	Kamala Platt	
University of Texas at San Antonio	Albert Salgado	
United San Antonio Pow Wow Inc.	Erwin DeLuna	
Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association	Charles Oisten	

# Approval of the Minutes

June 18, 2024

# Calendar Items

## **Yoga on the Creek**

- Monday's at 6:00 PM
- St. James A.M.E.C. Culture Crossing at San Pedro Creek

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- Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Westside Family YMCA, 2900 Ruiz St

## **Race the River: Downtown Riverwalk**

- Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 11:00 PM

## **Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee**

- Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- San Antonio River Authority, 100 E Guenther St

# General Manager Update

Derek Boese, River Authority



# New Committee Shirts

- River Authority has new, project-branded shirts for committee members
- Short-sleeve polo and t-shirt
- If you are not in person at today's meeting, please coordinate with Kendall to pick up your shirts



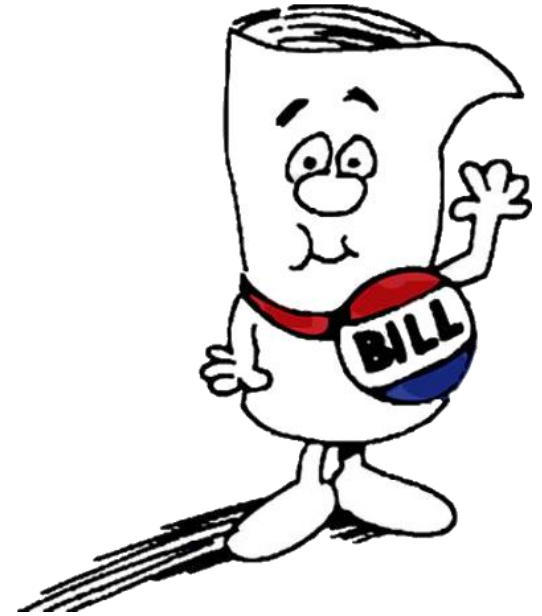
# Bexar County Creeks and Trails Program

- River Authority briefed all county elected officials and the county manager on the BCCT Program
- Generally agreed that WSC is a project outside of BCCT program funding consideration
- County is supportive of the WSC project



# Water Resources Development Act

- The bill has passed both the House and the Senate
- House version of the bill specifically authorizes Alternative 7, a full restoration of Martinez Creek in order to match the full restoration of the other three creeks
  - Favorable language
- Senate version of the bill authorizes an additional study on Alternative 7
- We are working with the House and Senate to keep the House language in the final bill



Questions?

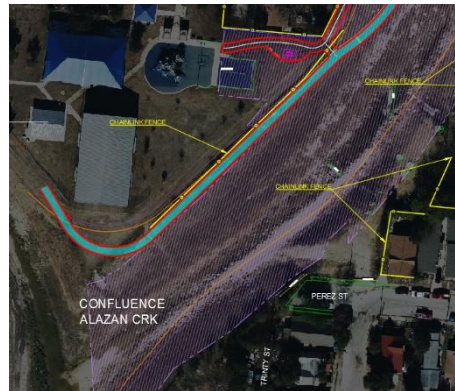
# Project Status Update

Rebecca Krug, River Authority



# WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- Response for Betterments/Additional Work expected this month
- Cultural Resources field work estimate completion by end of August
- Martinez Trail Extension to Farias Park – design in progress and alignment options are under review with CoSA Parks and USACE



# WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- Real Estate Acquisitions – prep work with public entities in progress
- Easement was sufficient for SACIP construction; however, USACE requires Ecosystem Restoration projects to have fee ownership
- Coordinating with City agencies for project lands
  - Opportunity Home, SAISD, CoSA
  - Land use agreements with VIA, SAWS, CPS and other utility owners



# WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- Railroad bridges cut out of the project to eliminate need for real estate acquisition – saves project time and money!
- Ongoing coordination with TxDOT for project lands



<https://fox59.com/2024-olympics/ilona-maher-won-a-bronze-medal-but-thats-not-what-earned-her-4-million-followers/>



<https://www.planetmountain.com/en/news/competitions/first-photos-paris-2024-olympic-climbing-walls.html>

# WSC ER: **Schedule** Update

## 65% Design

- Targeting September 2024
- USACE is assessing future schedule impacts for real estate
- Public information sessions targeted for early **October**
  - Dates and locations TBD

## Project Team attending:

- SACA Barrio Block Party – August 9<sup>th</sup>
- Say Si temporary art exhibit for Xicanx Month – August 24<sup>th</sup>  
@ Brazos St. Trailhead  
5:30-8:30 PM





# WSC ER: Apache Creek Remediation Update

- 100% plans under review
- Working with CoSA on Task Order for construction funding
- Construction solicitation est. November 2024
- Construction - Summer 2025
- Project complete before start of Apache Restoration

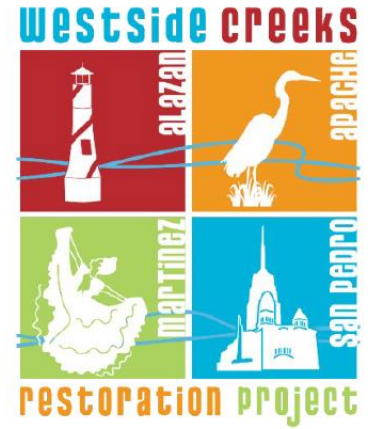




Questions?

# Roberto Rodriguez Westside Creeks Ecosystem Naming Update

Nadia Canales, City of San Antonio Public Works



# USACE Cultural Resources Survey Update

Zia Burns, USACE





# CULTURAL STATUS

ZIA BURNS

- ❑ Westside Creek Area of Potential Effect (APE) survey completed of over 100 land parcels.
  - Continuing planning, engagements, and coordination of investigations
  - Draft report expected in early 2025
  
- ❑ Potential inclusion of minor Martinez Creek areas to support project will cause additional cultural survey and assessment efforts.
  
- ❑ USACE will continue consultation and coordination with impacted communities. Additional opportunities include
  - Early October – intermediate design review public comment period
  - Summer 2025 – final design review public comment period

# Citizens to be Heard

Comments limited to three (3) minutes

# Miscellaneous Items

# Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>