



Capital Improvements Management Services Department — City of San Antonio

CIMS

MISSION STATEMENT

- Together, Dedicated to Our Community ... Building a Great San Antonio

OUR CORE VALUES

- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking

SLAVENS NAMED SENIOR ENGINEER

Andrew W. Slavens, P.E., has been promoted to Senior Engineer for the CIMS Department.

Slavens, a City of San Antonio employee for three years, will oversee the utility coordinators; facilitate utility coordination meetings; manage the Program Management contracts; interact with and provide guidance to the project managers assigned in the Horizontal Division; assist each manager with design and project challenges; and serve



Andrew Slavens is a former assistant city engineer in the Hoosier State.

projects) coordinator for CIMS, among other duties.

The Indiana native received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Valparaiso University.

Slavens' experience includes serving as Assistant City Engineer for Crawfordsville, Ind.; Engineering Director for the Abijah Group; Director of Surveying Services for GE Reaves Engineering Inc.; and Project Manager for Rosin-Johnson Inc.

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NEW IGO LIBRARY FEATURED IN MAGAZINE

The new **John Igo Branch Library** has opened the next chapter in the design and construction of these public buildings.

The 17,000-square-foot branch, located at 13330 Kyle Seale Parkway in Council District 8, was featured this spring in *American Libraries* magazine in an article titled, "The Bold and the Beautiful: Spotlight on Design and

Construction."

City Architect **Chester Slimp** was the Project Manager for the Igo Library, which is named for the longtime educator and author who grew up near the location of the library.

Rehler Vaughn & Koone Inc. was the project architect



and F.A. Nunnally Co. was the construction contractor. James Hetherington provided design enhancement.

The library opened in December 2007.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR BY MIKE FRISBIE – CITY ENGINEER

Greetings CIMS employees! Welcome to the first issue of **The CAPital Letter**, a newsletter designed to bring you news and tidbits in a quick and easy-to-read format.

I will bring you a message from the "Director's Chair" each edition. I will share the latest developments in the 2007-2012 Bond Program and capital improvement projects.

CIMS has revolutionized the way the City does business with our community.

For example, **City Council** recently approved the appropriation of all funds from the Bond Program that had not been previously released for a total appropriation of \$509.7 million. This decision eliminated the need for separate Council action for the sole purpose of appropriating funds and provides accurate project status information to be available on a real-time basis.

More recently, Council approved the selection of 78 prime design consultants for

121 projects, along with an additional 120 subconsultants. This process will help us stay on budget and on schedule to have all Bond projects substantially complete by June 2012.

By having the design consultants on board, we will take advantage of the market since other entities' design and construction work has diminished, and the private-sector residential work has slowed down. Sooner means cheaper. The design consultants will team with us to work out design issues in time for construction.



Mike Frisbie
CIMS Director



Enjoying every day!

CITY HONORED FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION

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lauded as one of
three
Conservation
Success Stories*

The **City of San Antonio** was recognized for its initiatives to acquire sensitive properties located over the Edwards Aquifer in what is seen as one of the largest and most successful land conservation efforts in Texas.

San Antonio was honored at the 2008 Texas Land Trust

Conference, "Conservation at Work in Your Community," in Austin. The City was lauded as one of three

Conservation Success Stories.

The City purchased about 6,500 acres in Bexar County

for aquifer protection through the initial \$45 million program approved in 2000. Following the success of that program, voters in 2005 instated a new 1/8-cent addition to the local sales tax to collect up to \$90 million to acquire interests in sensitive properties located over the aquifer.

San Antonio has protected an additional 21,381 acres, bringing the current total of protected land to 27,881 acres over the aquifer in Bexar, Medina and Uvalde counties, primarily through conservation easements.

Projections anticipate another 40,000 to 60,000

acres will be protected before completion of this program. Many of the properties are former ranches and estates that are characterized by unique natural and man-made features and hilltops.

Before the 2000 and 2005 elections, there were no programs designed to identify and protect sensitive land located over the aquifer.

Following acquisition, the environmental characteristics of each of the acquired properties will continue to be evaluated. Protection of their natural assets is carefully considered before funding is allocated.



EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



Mike Frisbie presents a 30-year certificate to Capital Project Officer Patricia Mota.

CIMS Director **Mike Frisbie** welcomed employees to the quarterly meeting in April at the Central Library.

In addition to providing updates since the previous quarterly meeting, Frisbie recognized numerous employees for their years of service to the City.

Patricia Mota was recognized for 30 years as a City employee. Employees with 25 years are **Evelyn McRae** and **Juan Martinez** (Construction Inspections Manager, photo unavailable).

Twenty-year employees are **Juan “Johnny” Saldaña** and **Carlos Castañeda** (Fiscal Officer, photo unavailable). **Gary Trenkelbach** received a 10-year pin.

Employees receiving 5-year pins were **Fernando Lopez**, **Marc Ripley**, **Jesse Rodriguez**, and **Julio Gomez** (Construction Inspector I, photo unavailable).



Senior Construction Inspector Fernando Lopez gladly accepts his 5-year service pin.



Management Analyst Evelyn McRae receives a 25-year certificate.



Contract Coordinator Marc Ripley has some fun after receiving his 5-year pin.



Real Estate Supervisor Juan ‘Johnny’ Saldaña proudly holds his 20-year key chain.



Drafting Technician Gary Trenkelbach is recognized for 10 years of service.



Horizontal Technician Jesse Rodriguez is honored for 5 years of service.

DON'T FORGET TO WATCH CIMS SHOW ON TVSA

CIMS recently joined other City departments in producing a 30-minute show for the TVSA government access channel.

“Capital Ventures” airs on cable Channel 21 at the following times — 8 a.m. Mondays; 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and 1:30 p.m.

Fridays. CIMS Public Relations Manager **Roland Martinez** is the host.

Guests for the initial show were City Manager **Sheryl Sculley** and CIMS Director **Mike Frisbie**, both of whom gave an overview of the 2007-2012 Bond Program.

The second show was taped recently and will begin airing in June. Guests for this segment are **Terrell McCombs**, chairman of the Citizens Bond Oversight Commission, and Frisbie. Future programs will continue to give viewers the latest on the Bond and capital improvement programs.



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WHAT'S AHEAD?

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**Together, Dedicated to Our
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- Flag Day – Saturday, June 14
- Father's Day – Sunday, June 15
- Zarzamora Street construction groundbreaking ceremony – 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 18 – St. Leonard's Catholic Church parking lot, 8510 S. Zarzamora St.
- First day of summer – Saturday, June 21

The CAPital Letter

If you have news to share, please call Roland Martinez, CIMS Public Relations Manager, at 207-1011 or e-mail at roland.martinez2@sanantonio.gov.

PICNIC BRINGS CIMS FAMILIES TOGETHER



Saturday, May 17, at McAllister Park