

San Antonio River Commission Board Meeting
April 22, 2008
Municipal Plaza Room C

Members present: Dr. Julian H. Trevino, *Chairman*
Lynda Billa Burke, *Community Category*
Lionel Sosa, *Tourism Category*
David Strauss, *Business Category*
Darryl Byrd, *Conservation Category*

Staff Present: Penny Post oak Ferguson, *Assistant City Manager*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*; James LeFlore, *CIMS – Public Art*; Ann McGlone, *Planning & Community Development*; Colleen Swain, *Assistant Director of Downtown Operations*; Patrick Howard, *Planning & Community Development*; Steve Whitworth, *City Attorney's Office*; Aaryn Hernandez-Smith, *City Manager's Office*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trevino at 9:12 a.m.

Minutes from March 25th, 2008 meeting were approved. (*Linda Billa Burke motioned, Lionel Sosa second*)

Briefing on the amenities that have been authorized for funding by the San Antonio River Foundation to date (and the funding amounts)

Catherine Cook, Executive Director of the San Antonio River Foundation, gave an update on progress for the funding by the Foundation.

With regard to funding to the current bridge railings and under passes: Linda Burke asked if there is a material used on bridges for graffiti.

Catherine mentioned that they have a maintenance fund for graffiti and James LeFlore explained that there are graffiti coatings you can apply where nothing adheres to the material.

Darryl Byrd asked if there was a program that does outreach to schools that involves students.

Catherine said no, but it's planned for next fiscal year. Kim Abernathy has been hired as a Deputy Director for the Foundation. Kim was running similar programs for Cibolo Nature Center in Boerne.

Briefing and Possible Action on the San Antonio River Art Master Plan and Review Process (memo and slides attached)

James LeFlore, Capital Improvements Management Services

Motion to discuss: Linda Burke, Lionel Sosa-second

James gave background on the public art plan for the river walk.

The "Currents & Eddies" Public Art Master Plan was passed around for review. It can also be viewed online at www.sariverfoundation.org.

The Project Review Process (5 steps from development aspect to completion of review process)

- Art & Architectural Committee
- River Foundation Board
- River Oversight Committee
- COSA Public Art Committee
- Historic & Design Review Commission

Darryl Byrd wanted to know what the process for approval is to engage private property owners and developers that have opportunity for public art on their own properties. James LeFlore answered that they were provided with the master plan and need to continue to educate, inform and have a recurrence of updates.

James offered to mail the copies of the Master Plan to the River Commission members.

No action was taken.

Briefing on Technical Advisory Committee Update

Lynda Billa Burke, River Commission and Penny Postoak Ferguson, Assistant City Member

The River Water Quality Group gave a B Session presentation to City Council (that was given to the River Commission at the last meeting).

SAWS is working with Downtown Operations and Public Works, Storm Water Division to isolate the pipes and maybe do additional smoke testing regarding the 2 outliers with high bacterial sampling. Once the contributors are identified, SAWS will work with the City and ask the property owners to come into compliance. If that doesn't work the options are: for SAWS to step up the enforcement and ultimately plug lines.

Penny commented on the need for a central voice from the City regarding the river walk. She also mentioned that the City is reviewing options for providing staff for that initiative and exploring having a river "go to" person that would work full time on River topics.

Trey Jacobson volunteered to draft a letter for circulation/comments that would express the River Commission's views and echoing the views of the Oversight Committee and send to the Mayor and City Manager.

Scheduling of July – December 2008 River Commission Meetings

Trey Jacobson asked if the River Commission could accommodate Moule and Polyzoides River North Presentation during May 28-30 in order to provide more detail on the River North Plan.

*Lionel Sosa made a motion to move the May 20th meeting to either May 28th, 29th, or 30th.
Darryl Byrd-second*

Penny suggested taking the December meeting off the schedule and having it as an agenda item later.

Darryl Byrd commented that he was not able to attend last month's River Commission meeting and asked for an update regarding the item on the briefing to the chairs and vice-chairs on the Mission/Vision Statement.

Trey said no meetings or follow up meetings have been scheduled. The initial feed back was given verbally and Julian Trevino's response was that they would go back to the River Commission and get a revised draft. Trey would like to bring the draft back to the River Commission and get everyone comfortable with the wording.

Penny suggested putting together a Next Steps package and getting input from the River Commission individually. The item will be placed on the May agenda

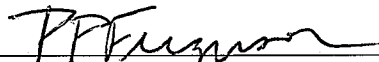
The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Julian H. Trevino, Chairperson



Penny Postolok Ferguson
Assistant City Manager
City Manager's Office