

Ceremonies galore!

Cortez Branch Library celebrates renovations; two Salado Creek Hike & Bike phases, North Hein / West Hein project break ground

District 4 City Councilman Philip Cortez helped open a new chapter for the Library Department, while District 2 Councilwoman Ivy Taylor broke ground on three projects scheduled for completion next year.

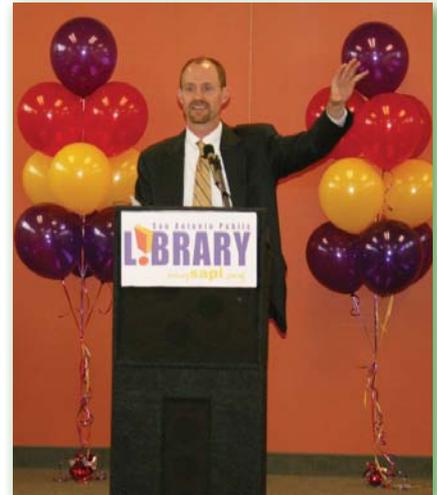
Cortez joined CIMS Director **Mike Frisbie**, P.E., and Library Director Ramiro Salazar in celebrating the facility improvements at Cortez Branch Library, 2803 Hunter Blvd., on June 9. The branch library was expanded and renovated through the 2007-2012 Bond Program and Community Development Block Grant funding that Councilman Cortez received.

Improvements include renovations to the meeting room and front entrance. The work created a new front entry to the library featuring a glass and limestone lobby and a memorial gallery with artistic display honoring namesake Raoul A. Cortez (no relation to Councilman Cortez).

Other improvements include enhanced landscaping and a new illuminated monument sign at the corner. The building was repainted and the existing entry canopy was relocated to the rear of the building. The parking lot was repaved.

Raoul A. Cortez was a Spanish-language broadcasting pioneer. In the 1940s, after producing Spanish programming on other radio stations, Cortez applied for a broadcast license, and radio station KCOR went on the air in 1946, the first Spanish-language radio station in the United States.

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CIMS Director Mike Frisbie speaks at the Cortez Branch Library ceremony.



District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez (3rd from left) and Elda L. Flores (4th from left), District 4 Library Board Trustee, stand with members of the Raoul A. Cortez Family. Guillermo Nicolás, grandson of Raoul A. Cortez, spoke at the ceremony.

From the Director's Chair - *By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer*

Hello CIMS colleagues and friends of *The CAPITAL Letter*. Is the summer weather hot enough for you?

Things are definitely heating up with the 2007-2012 Bond and Capital Improvements programs. As this newsletter shows, we celebrated the completion of renovations at Cortez Branch Library, and broke ground for the start of construction on Salado Creek Hike & Bike Phases I and II, and on the North Hein/West Hein project.

We have several other projects scheduled to start construction in July and August. These include the Downtown Transportation Infrastructure Improvements, Walters Street (East Houston to Paso Hondo), Tesla (Culebra to Mayberry), West Military (Marbach to Westfield), St. Cloud Pedestrian Improvement (Woodlawn to Babcock), and Babcock Road (Prue Road to Hollyhock) projects.

City Council recently awarded construction contracts for other projects, including Orchard (W.W. White to West Hein); Pearsall Park; Oak Glen/Haskin Low Water Crossing, Phase I (Cave Lane to Oak Glen; Arnold Park; Southside Lions Park Lake Area and Amenities; Medina Base Road, Phase I (Loop 410 to 1,900 feet west of Five Palms); District 4 Parks Improvement Project (Golden Community Park, Hillside Acres Community Gardens, Spicewood Park, Miller's Pond Park); and Tom Slick Park.

This is the latest Bond Program status: 28 projects are



Mike Frisbie (second from right) chats with design consultant and contractor representatives at the Salado Creek Hike & Bike groundbreaking ceremony June 16.

completed; 48 projects are in construction or a contract has been awarded; 28 are advertising for construction bids; 19 are in 95 percent design or construction documents phase; 8 are in 70 percent design or design development phase; 11 are in 40 percent design or schematic phase; 3 are in preliminary design phase; 3 are with awarded funding agreements; and 2 require funding agreements.

While the weather will eventually cool off, construction activity will stay hot. Thank you for helping build a great San Antonio!

Hays Street Bridge nears completion with walk-through inspection



Anibal Gutierrez (left), P.E., CIMS Project Manager, shares some of his wisdom with Horizontal interns David Marotta and Juan J. Rubio Jr. while Eddie Ruiz (right), CIMS Construction Inspector I, listens on Hays Street Bridge.

The Hays Street Bridge, which has undergone a yearlong renovation, is nearing completion.

CIMS Project Manager **Anibal Gutierrez's** team, which is overseeing construction, toured the bridge recently with inspectors and Jay-Reese Contractors Inc. The Austin-based company was awarded a \$3.7 million construction contract.

The bridge, a local landmark since 1910, has new approaches and a pedestrian and biking bridge over the railroad tracks. A public art component was developed in coordination with stakeholders.

The assigned CIMS inspector was **Eddie Ruiz**.

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Alvidrez Architecture Inc. was the design consultant and 3ti Inc. was the contractor. CIMS Architect **Bill Hensley** was the project manager.

On June 16, Councilwoman Taylor, CIMS, Parks & Recreation, and representatives from the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board and the Salado Creek Foundation broke ground on two phases of Salado Creek Hike & Bike.

These phases are recognized as Salado Creek Hike & Bike Phases I and II under the 2007 Bond Program.

Phase I will construct a hike and bike trail along Salado Creek from Comanche Park to Willow Springs Golf Course. Phase II will construct a hike and bike trail along Salado Creek from the golf course to Jack White Park.

Both Salado Creek projects are Metropolitan Planning Organization programs that include federal funding and other City of San Antonio revenue sources.

The two phases are a continuation of the bigger linear creekway system. Total construction costs are \$1.3 million for Phase I, \$2.0 million for Phase II.

These phases are scheduled for completion in spring 2011. Three



District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, City staff, and community members turn shovels at the Salado Creek groundbreaking ceremony.



Derek Naiser from LNV Engineering, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor, CIMS Construction Inspector II Edward Scott, and community member Mary Kopecki break ground for the North Hein / West Hein project.

other Salado Creek segments are already open.

P a p e - D a w s o n Engineers Inc. is the design consultant for Phase I;

Journeyman Construction Inc. is the contractor.

Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc. is the Phase II design consultant; K-Bar

Services is the contractor.

David McBeth's team is managing the project.

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Councilwoman Taylor and CIMS broke ground again one week later - June 23. This time, shovels turned for the North Hein/West Hein project.

The \$2.1 million, 2007 Bond project will reconstruct North Hein from W.W. White Road to West Hein, and West Hein from Rice Road to North Hein with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and necessary drainage improvements.

City Council on April 15 awarded a construction contract to R.L. Jones Company Inc. San Antonio Water System will reimburse the City in the amount of \$602,020 for its work.

Project construction is scheduled for completion by August 2011. LNV is the design consultant. **Anibal Gutierrez's** team is overseeing construction.



Former Mayor Howard Peak, who currently is chairman of the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board, speaks at the Salado Creek groundbreaking ceremony.



Anna Lynn Larson



Paulo Enrique Navedo

Happy birthday in July

CIMS wishes a happy July birthday to our employees:

Jesse Rodriguez, Horizontal (2nd); **Jesse Acosta**, Fiscal Services (5th); **Alan Mota**, Contract Services/ Plans & Records (7th); **William Idar**, Technical Services (11th); **John Tapia**, Technical Services (12th); **Mauro Moncada**, Technical Services (13th); **Carlos Gallegos**, Technical Services (14th); **Mary L. Fors**, Real Estate (18th); **Julio Gomez**, Technical Services (20th);

Monica Vasquez, Fiscal Services (21st); **David Sanchez**, Real Estate (23rd); **Henry Estrada**, Public Art San Antonio (25th); **Jackson Whalen**, Technical Services (25th); **Johnny Saldaña**, Real Estate (26th); **Theresa Larson**, Environmental Management (27th); **Juan Mata**, Technical Services (29th); **Claudia Valles-Tovar**, Horizontal (30th); **Manuel Garcia**, Technical Services (31st).

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