SAN PEDRO SPRINGS PARK
MASTER PLAN

OVERVIEW

• BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARK

• REVIEW OF 1994 MASTER PLAN

• STATUS OF CURRENT MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

• 2013 DRAFT MASTER PLAN

• 2013 DRAFT CURRENT CONSTRUCTION SCOPE
HISTORIC CHRONOLOGY
1709 - 1860

• 1709  SAN PEDRO SPRINGS NAMED
• 1718  MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE VALERO
• 1722  MISSION MOVED TO ALAMO SITE
• 1729  KING OF SPAIN GRANTS AREA FOR PUBLIC LAND
• 1738  SAN PEDRO ACEQUIA IN PLACE
• 1845  FIRST MILITARY BASE IN TEXAS
• 1852  OFFICIAL DEDICATION AS MUNICIPAL PARK
HISTORIC CHRONOLOGY 1860-1899

- **1860's** CIVIL WAR POW CAMP
- **1864** J.J. DUERLER 20-YEAR CONCESSIONS LEASE
- **1874** MULE-DRAWN STREETCARS TO PARK
- **1875** ALAZAN ACEQUIA BUILT
- **1891** CITY TAKES CONTROL OF ALL PARKS
- **1895** ALAZAN ACEQUIA ABANDONED
HISTORIC CHRONOLOGY
1899-1920

• 1899  FIRST SA ZOO ESTABLISHED

• 1902  BALLPARK

• 1912  SAN PEDRO ACEQUIA ABANDONED

• 1920’s?  TENNIS COURTS
HISTORIC CHRONOLOGY
1922-1952

• 1922 LAKEBED LINED FOR POOL

• 1929 SAN PEDRO PLAYHOUSE

• 1929 FIRST CITY BRANCH LIBRARY

• 1930’s WPA WALLS & CHANNELS

• 1940 POOL CLOSED
HISTORIC CHRONOLOGY 1952-1992

- 1954 MCFARLIN TENNIS CENTER
- 1954 CONVENTIONAL POOL BUILT
- 1973 DEWEY ST. & THEATER ST. CLOSED
- 1992 MASTER PLAN COMMISSIONED BY SA PARKS FOUNDATION
HISTORIC CHRONOLOGY SUMMARY

- SAN PEDRO SPRINGS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE PHYSICAL, HISTORIC AND AESTHETIC CENTER OF THE PARK.

- A FORMAL, ROUGHLY-SQUARE BOUNDARY HAS ALWAYS DEFINED THE PARK’S LIMITS.

- BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION, AS WELL AS AN ARRAY OF BUILT STRUCTURES, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PART OF THE FABRIC OF THE PARK.
EXISTING CONDITIONS 1992

- SPRINGS VISUALLY OVERWHELMED
- UNDEFINED PARK EDGES
- HISTORY OBSCURED
- DISCONNECTED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
• RESTORE SPRINGS AND CENTRAL WATER FEATURES

• RE-ESTABLISH PARK’S FORMAL BOUNDARIES

• REINFORCE PARK HISTORY

• IMPROVE/CREATE RECREATION AREAS
EXISTING CONDITIONS
2013

“THE GOOD NEWS”

• SPRINGS/WATER FEATURES RESTORED

• “BREATHING SPACE” CREATED AROUND SPRINGS

• POWER POLES/DRAINAGE CHANNELS REMOVED FROM PERIMETER

• LARGE WALKWAYS THROUGH PARK’S CENTER ADDED

• PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING THROUGH PARK’S CENTER ADDED

• STRUCTURES UPDATED

• RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPROVED
EXISTING CONDITIONS
2013

“THE BAD NEWS”

• PARK EDGE REMAINS POORLY DEFINED

• NO PERIMETER LIGHTING IN PLACE

• PROLIFERATION OF SIGNAGE AND OTHER VISUAL POLLUTION

• SOUTHEAST QUADRANT REMAINS “LOST” TO INFORMAL USE

• UNTAPPED OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION

• PARKING REMAINS INADEQUATE
DRAFT
MASTER PLAN
2013

- RE-ESTABLISH PARK’S FORMAL BOUNDARIES
- REINFORCE PARK HISTORY
- IMPROVE/CREATE RECREATION AREAS
RE-ESTABLISH PARK’S FORMAL BOUNDARIES

- NEW PERIMETER WALK

- NEW PERIMETER PEDESTRIAN-SCALE LIGHTING

- COMPLETE “GATEWAY” SYSTEM AT CORNERS AND CENTER POINTS

- PROVIDE ORGANIZED SIGNAGE

- IMPROVE/ORGANIZE BUS
DRAFT MASTER PLAN 2013

REINFORCE PARK’S HISTORY

- IMPROVE FORMAL GARDEN
- IMPROVE GROTTO
- IMPROVE BLOCKHOUSE
- RESTORE ACEQUIA
- DEVELOP SELF-GUIDED HISTORIC PARK TOUR (VIA SMARTPHONE?)
- OTHER?
IMPROVE/ CREATE RECREATION AREAS

- ADD 1-MILE JOGGING TRAIL

- OPEN SOUTHEAST QUADRANT TO PASSIVE RECREATION

- ADD/RE-CONFIGURE PARKING AREA

- ADD PICNIC AREA, TRASH CANS, BENCHES

- OTHER?
DRAFT/CURRENT CONSTRUCTION SCOPE

- 3/4 MILE JOGGING TRAIL
- PERIMETER LIGHTING TO COORDINATE WITH MASTER PLAN