ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY OF TWO ALTERNATIVE PLAYGROUND LOCATIONS AT ROOSEVELT PARK IN SAN ANTONIO BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

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ABSTRACT

URS Corporation conducted an archeological and historic resources survey of two areas within the City of San Antonio-owned Roosevelt Park in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The survey was conducted in advance of a proposed playground, which is to be constructed at one of these locations. Archeological site 41BX1665, recorded in 2006 during a previous survey at Roosevelt Park, was found to extend into Survey Area 1. One backhoe trench and four shovel tests yielded an end-scaper, flakes, and bone fragments. Prehistoric artifacts from 41BX1665 were found to extend to a depth of 50 cm below surface, although the entire soil resting on top of above alluvial terrace gravels is 140 cm thick. Thus, it is possible that additional, culturally stratified archeological remains could be found throughout 1.4 meters of alluvial deposits. The previously identified materials and those identified during the current survey indicate that the site is a Late Prehistoric or Historic Indian campsit. Given the geomorphic setting of this site, it is likely that stratified Late Prehistoric or Historic Indian cultural components may be preserved in overbank alluvial deposits. As such, we concur with the original site investigators that this site warrants designation as a State Archeological Landmark. Given the SAL status, we recommend that this site area be avoided by construction.

Backhoe Trench 2, located in Survey Area 2, yielded abundant historic trash deposits to a depth of 2 meters. Identified artifacts include abundant glass bottle fragments, window glass, D’Hanis brick fragments, square nails, corroded metal, concrete, and recent historic ceramic sherds. All artifacts were found within artificially layered fill deposits and are late nineteenth to early twentieth century in age. Field investigations and background research suggest that these artifacts were incorporated into backfill material used to reclaim gravel pit operations that ceased when the City took ownership of this property in 1916. Given the secondary context of these artifacts, the find does not warrant site designation or further study. Three additional backhoe trenches excavated south of the existing playground and along a proposed utility re-route corridor revealed approximately 1 meter of recent fill debris overlying an intact, buried soil surface. Although the buried soil exhibited similar properties to the surface soil in Survey Area 1, no artifacts were identified within it. Given the ubiquitous presence of thick (>1 m) fill deposits across Survey Area 2, this area does not likely contain the necessary integrity context to contain intact, archeological deposits. No further archeological investigations are recommended in Survey Area 2, and it is recommended that playground construction proceed as planned.

One historic-age resource, Roosevelt Park, was found to contain 11 individual elements during the historic resources survey. Roosevelt Park is recommended as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, as a historic landscape district, under Criterion C as a good example of early twentieth century recreation and park architecture; seven elements are recommended as contributing to the district, and four are recommended as not contributing. No adverse affects to the proposed historic district are expected.
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PART I

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES SURVEY

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INTRODUCTION

URS Corporation performed an intensive archeological survey of two areas (Survey Areas 1 and 2) within the City of San Antonio (City)-owned Roosevelt Park in Bexar County, Texas from April 20 to November 6, 2009, under Texas Antiquities Permit No. 5187 (Figures 1 and 2). Survey Area 1 is located at the northeast corner of Roosevelt Park, and Survey Area 2 is located at the southeast corner of the park (Figure 3). The City proposes to construct a playground within one of these locations.

The estimated size of disturbance for the playground would be approximately 3000 to 4000 square feet (.068 to .092 acres). The anticipated vertical depth of disturbances within this footprint is anticipated to be at least 2 to 2.5 feet below surface for the playground, and from 4 to 6 feet in some places for footings. Within Survey Area 1, a single playground location was evaluated. Within Survey Area 2, two possible playground locations were evaluated: the area immediately east of the existing playground, and the area immediately south of the existing playground. Construction to the immediate south of the existing playground in Survey Area 2 would also entail the re-routing an underground CPS Energy utility. This re-routed utility would require excavation of a 12-inch wide and approximately 5-ft wide trench that extends approximately 75 meters (Figure 3).

Because the project is located on City-owned property, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Antiquities Code of Texas. The Code requires the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to review any action that has the potential to disturb prehistoric or historic sites within the public domain of the State of Texas. THC issues Antiquities Permits that stipulate conditions under which survey, discovery, excavation, demolition, restoration, or scientific investigations can occur. The City, as project sponsor, is fulfilling the regulatory requirements as outlined in the Antiquities Code of Texas. The investigations reported herein were conducted in accordance with the Council of Texas Archaeologists (CTA) archeological survey standards for Texas, outlined in 13 TAC 26.5(35), 13 TAC 26.20(1, 2). The following report conforms to the CTA Guidelines for Cultural Resource Management Reports.

DEFINITION OF THE STUDY AREA

The project area is located in a residential neighborhood in central San Antonio in Bexar County, Texas, approximately 100 meters east of the San Antonio River (Figure 1). The park area is a scenic, landscaped grassy area that is interspersed with large oak trees and various park structures. The built environment at the park consists of a parking area, swimming pool, recreation center, and numerous picnic tables and barbeque pits (Figure 2).

Climate and Hydrology

The modern climate of Bexar County is subtropical, with mild winters and hot summers. Average annual rainfall is 27.89 inches and average annual temperature is 79.2 degrees Fahrenheit. Elevation of the study area ranges from 630 to 640 feet above sea level. Roosevelt Park is developed on a terrace remnant approximately 100 meters east of the San Antonio River channel. Portions of the terrace within the park are somewhat dissected, resulting in a slightly undulating topography of low areas and small knolls. From its headwaters in the hills of northern San Antonio, the San Antonio River flows roughly south through the downtown area of San Antonio where significant channel modifications have taken place. From about South Alamo Street, the river is confined to an artificially widened channel and flows southeast for approximately 1,200 meters before turning.
southwest at Roosevelt Park. From Roosevelt Park, the river flows southeast for approximately 20 km to the confluence with the Medina River near IH-37.

**Geology and Soils**

Roosevelt Park is located on an alluvial terrace along the east side of the San Antonio River. The original floodplain would have been located immediately west of the park, although recently it has undergone significant modifications and improvements. Floodplain soils are mapped as the Frio series, which are calcareous, nearly level, moderately deep grayish brown or dark grayish brown, poorly drained to moderately well drained soils on bottomlands. These soils are subject to occasional flooding. Texture is fine to medium sediments derived from nearby slopes (Taylor et al. 1991). The majority of Roosevelt Park is comprised of Venus clay loam, 1-3% slopes. These soils, which are common in Bexar County Quaternary-age terraces and alluvial fans, consist of deep, moderately dark colored, well-drained, calcareous soils that developed in loamy, calcareous parent material (Barnes 1974; Taylor et al. 1991).

**Previous Archeological Investigations**

The Texas Archeological Sites Atlas was reviewed for previously recorded archeological sites and previous archeological investigations within 1,000 meters of the project area (see Figure 1). Three archeological sites (41BX12, 41BX278, ad 41BX1665) are located within this 1,000-meter buffer. Site 41BX12 is located approximately 900 meters south of the survey area. This site is better known as the Mission Concepcion, which was listed on the National Register in 1970, and is a major contributing element to the Mission Concepcion National Register District. This site conveys both religious and military significance since the early 1700s, and is also listed as a National Historic Landmark and State Archeological Landmark. Site 41BX278 is recorded as the Yturri-Edmonds house and mill, located approximately 150 meters south of the project area. This site was recorded in 1974 and is designated within the Mission Parkway National Register District as MP-28. The site consists of a mid-19th-century historic mill and house and is described in greater detail in the historic section of this report.

Archeological site 41BX1665 is located within the central portion of the park. This site was recorded in 2006 (TAC permit no. 4077) prior to Roosevelt Park upgrades by the City of San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department (Shafer and Hester 2006). Phase I survey, backhoe trenching, and hand testing of 0.25 acres revealed cultural deposits extending at least 1.5 meters below the surface. One artifact possibly relating to a native Late Prehistoric or Historic occupation period was found, and the site was recommended for designation as a State Archeological Landmark (Shafer and Hester 2006).
Figure 1. Project area on USGS 7.5 minute San Antonio East topographic Quadrangle.
RESEARCH DESIGN

The objective of the archeological survey was to determine the presence of archeological sites in the Area of Potential Effects (APE), evaluate the potential for any such sites to contain intact deposits, and to determine if any located sites exhibit sufficient integrity to merit designation as a State Archeological Landmark. Field investigations were carried out under Antiquities Permit No. 5187 on April 20 and November 6, 2009.

Background Research

Prior to fieldwork, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps, the Geologic Atlas of Texas (San Antonio Sheet), and the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) soil survey for Bexar County were reviewed in order to assess the physical landscape setting and the geomorphic conditions that could affect the preservation of intact archeological deposits. The THC’s Texas Archeological Sites Atlas was reviewed to identify known archeological sites and previous archeological investigations within a 1000-m radius of the APE. On-line historic maps available from the Texas State Library were reviewed for the presence of historic resources within and near the APE. Aerial photographs were reviewed to identify extant disturbances in the APE.
Archeological Survey

Archeological survey was conducted in accordance with CTA archeological survey standards and standards outlined in 13 TAC 26.5(35), 13 TAC 26.20(1), and 13 TAC 26.20(2). The survey included pedestrian survey, backhoe trenching, and artifact inventory.

- Pedestrian survey included 100% inspection of exposed ground surfaces for evidence of prehistoric and/or historic archeological features.
- Shovel tests were excavated to depths permitted by the compactness of the soil. In most cases, the hardness of the ground limited shovel tests to the upper 20 cm of deposits. All shovel tests were 30-cm in diameter and excavated material was screened using ¼-inch hardware mesh. Noted in the field were soil texture and color, and the presence or absence of cultural materials.
- Backhoe trenches measured approximately 4 meters in length, 1 meter wide, and from 1.5 to 2.0 meters deep. One wall in each trench was selected for detailed soil descriptions following standard NRCS procedure (Soil Survey Division Staff, 1993). Backhoe trench walls were closely inspected for in situ cultural materials. Trenches were photographed and then backfilled to the original topography.
- A scaled site map was prepared for each site within the APE. Site boundaries were plotted on a 7.5’ USGS topographic map and the site area was photographed.
- Data from all sites was recorded on standard site forms, which were submitted to the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL).
- Because site 41BX1665 is designated as a State Archeological Landmark (Shafer and Hester 2006), the Antiquities Permit research design was amended to include collection of artifacts that would contribute to the site’s eligibility. All collected artifacts were washed, sorted, analyzed, and are currently being prepared for permanent curation at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, Austin, Texas.

RESULTS

Survey Area 1

Survey Area 1 is located at the northeast corner of Roosevelt Park and was surveyed on April 20, 2009. The goals of the survey was to determine if site deposits from 41BX1665, which was recorded to the southwest, extended into the area and to determine if significant deposits would be impacted by construction of a playground. One backhoe trench (BHT 1) and four shovel tests were excavated within Survey Area 1 (Figure 3). All excavated units were positive for prehistoric cultural materials. Given the types of cultural materials recovered, the depth ranges, and the observed geomorphology, these artifacts are assumed to represent an extension of previously recorded site 41BX1665. The revised site boundaries for 41BX1665 are illustrated in Figure 3. Site details are discussed below.

Site 41BX1665

41BX1665 was originally recorded within the central portion of Roosevelt Park in 2006 under Antiquities Permit no. 4077 (Shafer and Hester 2006). The site is situated at 620 feet elevation and encompasses the highest elevations of the Pleistocene terrace remnant at Roosevelt Park. Investigations at this site in 2006 revealed cultural deposits extending to at least 1.5 meters below the terrace surface. One artifact possibly relating to a native Late Prehistoric or Historic occupation
period was found, and the site was found to merit designation as a State Archeological Landmark (Shafer and Hester 2006).

The current survey (this report) was conducted approximately 30 meters northeast of the originally recorded 41BX1665 site boundary (Figure 3). The purpose was to identify whether site 41BX1665 extended into the proposed playground area, and if so, to assess whether any deposits would contribute to the SAL eligibility of site 41BX1665. The survey included a single backhoe trench (BHT-1) excavated to 180 cm, and four shovel tests ranging from 20 to 100 cm. Detailed BHT profile examination revealed a 140 cm-thick silt loam and gravelly (e.g., >15% gravel) and calcareous silt loam solum exhibiting an Ap-Bk1-Bk2-Bk3 horizon sequence (Figures 4 and 5). This soil horizon sequence is developed over a 40 cm-thick zone of water worn and rounded siliceous ancient terrace gravels ranging from 2 to 20 cm in diameter. Few fine roots and fine calcium carbonate filaments are present throughout the soil profile, which was strongly effervescent with HCl.

Prehistoric materials were found in backhoe trench backdirt recovered from depths of 20 to 50 cm below surface, which would include the Ap through Bk1 soil horizons. Artifacts recovered from backdirt include one small end-scrapers, one core, one angular chert debitage fragment, and two small bone fragments (Table 1). Selected artifacts are illustrated in Figure 6. Trench walls were cleaned and closely inspected for additional cultural materials; however, none were found. Shovel Test 1 was dug into the east wall of the trench to a depth of 100 cm. Sediments taken in 20-cm intervals were screened; however, no artifacts were found. Three additional shovel tests were excavated to the east, west, and south of the backhoe trench. Shovel Test 2 was negative for cultural materials. However, a single unmodified flake was found in Shovel Test 3 from 0-20 cm (Figure 6c). Shovel Test 4 yielded four small bone fragments, a single piece of chert debitage, and one piece of burned caliche.

Given that both the original 41BX1665 site boundaries and the newly surveyed playground area are situated upon the same soil-geomorphic setting as 41BX1665 and contain similar prehistoric artifacts, it is reasonable to conclude that these finds should be considered the same site. Thus, the redefined site boundary extends approximately 130 meters northeast-southwest, and 80 meters northwest-southeast (see Figure 3). Artifacts recovered from the current survey (including an end-scrapers, core, lithic debitage, bone, and burned caliche) are consistent with those identified during the original recording of this site in 2006, and strongly suggest the possibility of a Late Prehistoric or Historic Indian campsite with artifact integrity (Shafer and Hester 2006). Given the geomorphic setting of this site, it is likely that stratified cultural components may be preserved in overbank alluvial deposits. As such, we concur with the original site investigators that this site warrants designation as a State Archeological Landmark. Given the SAL status, we further recommend that this site area be avoided by construction.
Figure 3. Location of survey areas and 41BX1665 at Roosevelt Park.
41BX1665
BHT 1

Ap 0-26 cm; silt loam, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2); weak fine subangular blocky; slightly hard; common fine roots; strong effervescence by HCl; 10% gravels throughout; clear smooth boundary

Bk1 26-50 cm; silt loam, very dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6); moderate medium subangular blocky; very hard; few fine roots; common fine CaCO₃ filaments; strong effervescence by HCl; 10% gravels throughout; gradual smooth boundary

Bk2 50-110 cm; silt loam, dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4); moderate medium subangular blocky; very hard; few fine roots; common fine CaCO₃ filaments; strong effervescence by HCl; 10% gravels throughout; gradual smooth boundary

Bk3 110-140 cm; gravelly silt loam, dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4); weak medium subangular blocky; hard; few fine roots; common fine CaCO₃ filaments and coatings on gravels; strong effervescence by HCl; 20% gravels throughout; gradual smooth boundary

140-180 cm; water worn and rounded siliceous gravels, 2-20 cm diameter

Legend
- Snail shell fragments
- Roots
- Carbonate filaments
- Rounded siliceous gravels

Figure 4. Trench profile recorded 41BX1665.
Figure 5. East wall profile of BHT 1.

Figure 6. 41BX1665 artifacts: a) end-scraper; b) core; c-d) angular fragmented debitage; e-f) bone.
Table 1. Excavation units and archeological materials identified at site 41BX1665.

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Survey Area 2

Survey Area 2 is located in the southeast corner of Roosevelt Park, directly across from the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue and W. Whittier St (see Figure 3). A total of four backhoe trenches (BHTs 2-5) were excavated within this survey area. Potential construction impacts in Survey Area 2 include: 1) constructing a playground immediately east of the existing playground, or 2) constructing the playground immediately south of the existing playground and re-routing an underground CPS Energy utility.

On April 20, 2009, BHT-2 was excavated immediately east of the existing playground and revealed numerous historic-age artifacts extending to a depth of at least 2 meters; no prehistoric materials were found in this trench. Because these historic deposits do not appear to be temporally or geologically related to the cultural deposits from site 41BX1665, the historic materials are not considered part of site 41BX1665. Detailed BHT profile examination revealed that instead of one or more alluvial-soil stratigraphic sequences, the entire depth of deposits consisted of artificially emplaced fill materials of varying thicknesses, textures, and consistencies. Since these layers are depositional rather than pedogenic soil horizons, the standard methods for soil description were abandoned, and each distinct layer was assigned a depositional unit number, from top to bottom. Seven distinct units were recognized in the field (Units 1-7) and are illustrated and described in Figures 7 and 8. Historic materials were observed throughout the entire profile sequence to 200 cm below surface (Table 2; Figure 9). Ages assigned to various artifacts observed in the field are largely inclusive of late 19th through early 20th century (see Table 2). Artifacts were most heavily concentrated from 100 to 200 cm below surface; fewer artifacts were observed in fill deposits ranging in depth from 20 to 100 cm, likely because this range is composed largely of gravelly fill over a dense, dark gray clay. Given the disturbed nature of this site, the compactness of the sediment, and the clearly non-natural layering of artificial fill deposits, no shovel tests were deemed necessary.
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*n.d.: not dated*
Figure 7. BHT-2 profile.
Figure 8. West wall of BHT-2 at southern playground alternative, showing layered fill deposits.

Figure 9. Selected artifacts identified in backfill deposits at southern alternative playground: a) salt-glazed stoneware fragment, 100-110 cm; b) ceramic utility pipe sherd, 100-110 cm; c) salt-glazed ceramic sherd, 100-110 cm; d) whiteware rim sherd, 100-110 cm; e) whiteware sherd, 80-90 cm; f) bone fragment, 100-110 cm; g) Coca-Cola bottle (partial), 150-170 cm; h) amber bottle glass fragment, 100-110 cm; i) "E-Z SEAL" bottle base, 150-170 cm.
Subsequent to the survey of the proposed playground location east of the existing playground, the city developed plans to construct the playground immediately south of the existing playground. This plan also included re-routing the existing underground CPS Energy electric line that runs under the proposed site. On November 6, 2009 BHT 3 was excavated to test for buried deposits in the proposed playground immediately south of the existing playground. BHTs 4 and 5 were situated along the proposed CPS Energy utility re-route (see Figure 3). Each trench exhibited the same generalized soil-stratigraphic sequence (Figures 10-11) wherein the uppermost meter of deposits consisted of 3 distinct fill layers (e.g., zones). Zone I consists of modern topsoil and is a relatively loose very dark gray (10YR 3/2) clay loam with common fine roots throughout. Abruptly beneath Zone I, Zone II consists of a yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) silty clay loam to a depth from 30 to 50 cm. The bottom fill layer, Zone III, lies abruptly beneath Zone II and consists of gravelly silty clay, with approximately 20 to 40% gravel content. One Seco pressed brick (ca. post 1910) was found at the top of Zone III in BHT 3, at approximately 50 cm depth (Figure 11d). No other artifacts were found in any of these trenches.

Abruptly beneath the layers of fill, the upper part of an intact buried Ab-Bkb (b = buried) soil horizon sequence was observed, beginning at about 1 meter depth. This intact buried soil is similar to the surface soil recorded in BHT 1 at Survey Area 1 in the northeastern corner of the park. The Ab horizon consists of very dark gray (10YR 3/1) clay, and moderate medium to strong coarse angular blocky and subangular blocky structure. The clay was extremely firm, with common (20%) fine roots. Less than 1% gravels were observed in this horizon. The Ab horizon gradually grades into a Bkb horizon beginning about 120 to 130 cm from below the surface. The Bkb horizon consists of dark brown (10YR 3/3) clay loam and exhibits strong, medium subangular blocky structure, and is very firm in consistence. This horizon contains approximately 2% finely disseminated hard carbonate masses less than 5 mm in diameter. Despite careful troweling, close examination of trench walls, and examination of backdirt deposits, no artifacts or features were found within the buried soil exposed in BHTs 3-5.
Figure 10. Backhoe trench profiles for BHTs 3-5.
Late nineteenth and early twentieth century San Antonio city maps available on-line at the Texas State Library were reviewed. An 1889 map of the project area (San Antonio City Map by Matthews, Northrup and Company; Texas State Library) revealed that a segment of the Concepcion Road passed through the southeast corner of what is now Roosevelt Park. Figure 12 illustrates the extrapolated roadway on a modern park schematic. Historic map review further revealed that the segment of Concepcion Road running through Roosevelt Park was removed sometime between 1889 and c. 1900. The removal of this Concepcion Road segment may have been to facilitate gravel pit operations that occurred here sometime between 1900 and 1916, after which the area was donated to the city of San Antonio (see historic resources section of current report).

The presence of intentionally stratified fill material such as gravel, sand, and compacted clay layers, as well as trash deposits dating to as late as 1915 is consistent with backfilling of former gravel pits after the area was donated to the city in 1916. No evidence was found to suggest that the artifact deposits relate to military training operations of the First United States Volunteer Cavalry (e.g., Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders), who were encamped near here in 1898 prior to their deployment to Cuba during the Spanish American War (see historic resources section of current report). Furthermore, no evidence was found to indicate that the deposits are related to the former alignment of Concepcion Road. Given the secondary depositional context of late 19th to early 20th century
artifacts within the layered backfill deposits, these artifacts do not appear to exhibit research value, and no further work is recommended at this location. Since the preferred playground location at Survey Area 2 has been relocated to the immediate south of the existing playground (where no deposits were found), no further impacts to the trash deposits would occur.

Figure 12. Roosevelt Park schematic showing location of former Concepcion Road in relation to park features. The projected road was geo-referenced and extrapolated from 1889 San Antonio City Map by Matthews, Northrup and Company; Texas State Library).
SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The excavation of a backhoe trench at shovel tests at Survey Area 1 revealed that the boundary of site 41BX1665 is more extensive than previously recorded and was determined to extend to within the survey area. Given the potentially intact and stratified Late Prehistoric and/or Early Historic components at this site, we concur with the original site investigators that this site warrants designation as a State Archeological Landmark. Given the SAL status, we further recommend that this site area be avoided by construction.

Backhoe trenching in Survey Area 2, east of the existing playground, revealed numerous late nineteenth to early twentieth century artifacts to a depth of at least 2 meters. All artifacts were contained within intentionally layered fill deposits, and arguably pre-date 1915. No prehistoric materials were found. Since none of the artifacts directly relate to military training operations of the First United States Volunteer Cavalry (e.g., Teddy Roosevelt’s Rough Riders), nor indicate any association to the former alignment of Concepcion Road, it is likely that the trash items were incorporated into the soil-fill used to fill in the gravel pits that in use at this site until 1916. Given the secondary context of these remains, these artifacts do not appear to exhibit research value, and no further work is recommended at this location.

On November 6, 2009, three additional backhoe trenches were excavated and examined in response to the City’s plan revisions to build the playground immediately south of the existing playground and to re-route an existing underground CPS Energy electric line that runs under the proposed site. Each of the three additional trenches revealed approximately 1 meter of recent fill debris overlying an intact, buried soil surface. Although the buried soil exhibited similar properties to the surface soil in Survey Area 1, no artifacts were identified within it. The only identified artifact included a Seco brick (ca. 1910) that was found within fill debris in BHT 3. The ubiquitous presence of thick (>1 m) fill deposits across Survey Area 2 suggests that a large area of the park was filled-in and reclaimed after gravel pit operations ceased and the City took ownership of this property in 1916. As such, Survey Area 2 does not likely contain the necessary integrity context to contain intact, archeological deposits. No further archeological investigations are recommended in this area.

One historic-age resource, Roosevelt Park, was found to contain 11 individual elements during the historic resources survey. Roosevelt Park is recommended as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, as a historic landscape district, under Criterion C as a good example of early twentieth century recreation and park architecture; seven elements are recommended as contributing to the district, and four are recommended as not contributing. No adverse affects to the proposed historic district are expected.
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PART II

HISTORIC RESOURCE RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY

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INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AREA

Roosevelt Park, in San Antonio, Texas, is located along the San Antonio River and is bounded by the river on the west, Mission Road on the north and south, and Roosevelt Avenue on the east. The park is within the boundaries of the Mission Parkway National Register Historic District, but the park itself is not considered a contributing element of the historic district (THSA 2009).

In the vicinity of the project area are residential neighborhoods on the east, and industrial uses on the north, west, and south. The residential neighborhoods to the east of the project area post-date the founding of the park, which is 1916 (SAPAR 2009a). Several known historic sites and historic-age resources are located within the study area of the park (Figures 1 and 2).

The San Antonio Park and Recreation Department proposes to construct a playground facility within Roosevelt Park at the southeastern portion of the park. This report is a revision of a previous draft sent to the Texas Historical Commission for review in July 2009. Since that draft, the location of the proposed playground facility has been revised and the design has progressed. The current report provides the most up-to-date information on the park design. The new playground is planned to be approximately 3,100 square feet in area and be covered with a shade canopy approximately 15 to 20 feet in height. In order to determine if the proposed playground equipment could have the potential to effect historic resources, an area of potential effect (APE) of 150 feet from the proposed footprint of the playground was examined. In addition, the park itself and the immediate surroundings were examined in order to provide a visual context for the park.

Roosevelt Park consists of rolling, grassy, treed landscape with several features that date from the 1920s to the present. The park contains a community center, two restroom buildings, two pavilions, a swimming pool and bathhouse, two playgrounds, 25 picnic tables, 90 parking spaces, one multipurpose field, two basketball goals, 25 benches, 13 grills, 27 trash cans, two water fountains, and one bike rack (SAPAR 2009a). The current study attempted to locate and record each of these elements.

OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

Archival Research
Prior to fieldwork, a search for archival documentation on the project area was performed. Archival research was conducted to identify resources requiring initial or further investigation as well as to locate previously evaluated historic resources. Reports, records, maps, and aerial photographs were examined. In addition to historic-age resources within the project APE of 150 feet from the proposed footprint of the playground facility location, any development patterns indicating the locations of potential historic districts within or abutting the project area were sought. A review of topographic and aerial maps indicated a potential for unrecorded historic resources in the project area. Online research was conducted through various repositories including the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, which has published a series of histories on its historical parks, including Roosevelt Park (SAPAR 2009b); the Bexar County Appraisal District ad valorem tax records for the park and nearby buildings; USGS quadrangle maps; and other historic sources. This included a search of the Texas Historic Sites Atlas (THSA). It should be noted that during the THSA search, the Atlas showed several historic resources and markers within the project study area. Table 1 shows the result of this search.
Figure 1. The Roosevelt Park project area with proposed playground location shown in green and the APE shown in red.
Figure 2. Topographic map showing previously documented historic-age resources in the Roosevelt Park project area, shown in red. The NRHP district is outlined in blue, the NRHP property is noted with a blue star, and historic markers are noted with yellow circles.

Table 1. Previously Documented Historic-age Resources within 1500 Feet of Proposed Project Area

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<td>257 Yellowstone St.</td>
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Upon further research and during the site visit, it was found that the 1936 Centennial Marker commemorating the Old Mill on the Pajalache Acequia is not located where indicated on the TSHA Sites Atlas map. It is instead located within the grounds of the Yturri-Edmunds property, which is owned and operated by the San Antonio Conservation Society. The Yturri-Edmunds property, located south of Roosevelt Park (Figure 1) contains a house, mill, and barn and is recognized in several ways: the Yturri-Edmunds House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); the Yturri Mill is listed as a Registered Texas Historical Landmark (RTHL); and the property contains two 1936 Centennial markers (the Yturri Mill and Old Mill on the Pajalache Acequia). The mill, house, and barn have also been the subject of a neighborhood survey. In addition to the Yturri-Edmunds property, the THSA showed the O. Henry House as located nearby within the property of the Lone Star Brewery. Upon further research and during the site visit, it was found that the O. Henry House was relocated to the intersection of Laredo and Dolorosa streets in 1998 (San Antonio Conservation Society 2009). No other historic resources were identified by the THSA as being near Roosevelt Park, except for the Mission Parkway National Register Historic District, which includes the park boundaries. Additional research was undertaken regarding whether the park itself was a contributing element to the historic district in September 2009. URS staff searched the files on the Mission Parkway National Register Historic District located at the Texas Historical Commission. The file search revealed no mention of Roosevelt Park, and did not indicate that the park or structures within the park was considered a contributing element to the historic district. All known historic resources are shown on Figure 2.
Research was also performed on site at the San Antonio Public Library. This library search included planning documents produced by the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, historic pamphlets on the subject of San Antonio Parks, and other relevant documents. These sources yielded no additional information about Roosevelt Park.

**Visiting the Resources**

To verify the presence of any historic-age resources that may be affected by the proposed project, a reconnaissance survey was performed by an architectural historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualifications Standards for Architectural History. The reconnaissance survey was performed on 4 May 2009. For the purposes of the current study, an area of potential effect (APE) of 150 feet beyond the proposed playground location was investigated to determine if any unrecorded historic age resources could be affected by the proposed project. This APE was developed in coordination with the History Programs Division of the Texas Historical Commission (Appendix C; Rachel Leibowitz, personal communication with Sherry N. DeFreece Emery, 28 April 2009.)

**Evaluation of Significance and Integrity**

*Application of the Four NRHP Criteria of Significance*

During historic resources surveys, all resources identified by the application of archival and field research are evaluated by applying the four NRHP criteria of eligibility. The four criteria are defined in the Secretary of the Interior guidelines published under the authority of the National Historic Preservation Act. To be considered eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, a resource must meet at least one of the four criteria. The Secretary of the Interior guidelines state that,

> The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:
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> (a) that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of your history; or
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> (b) that are associated with the lives of persons significant in your past; or
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> (c) that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
>  
> (d) that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history [36 CFR § 60.4].

**Evaluation of the Seven Aspects of Integrity**

In historic resources surveys, the seven aspects of integrity defined by the National Park Service for use in assessing National Register eligibility are applied to the evaluation of the integrity of historic-age resources. These seven aspects are integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

The level of integrity required for NRHP eligibility is different for each of the four NRHP Criteria of Significance. If a resource is being assessed for significance because of its association with an event, then integrity of setting, feeling, and association are more important. If being assessed for significance as an example of design, then integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship are more important. These criteria have been discussed at length in previous documents. See How to
Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation (National Park Service 1997) for a full explanation of how the criteria are applied.

HISTORIC BACKGROUND

Roosevelt Park consists of 12.9 developed acres along the San Antonio River in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The park was donated to the city of San Antonio Park and Recreation Department in 1916 (SAPAR 2009a). The park is officially located at 331 Roosevelt Avenue, and the site of the proposed playground is at the southeast corner of the park along Roosevelt (Figure 1).

The park was named Roosevelt Park in 1920 after President Theodore Roosevelt. That name holds significance for the site since it is in the future park location that the First United States Volunteer Cavalry (the Rough Riders or Teddy’s Terrors) were camped in May 1898 recruiting and training soldiers prior to their participation in the charge of San Juan Hill (Figures 3 through 5). The Rough Riders were under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who joined the regiment in San Antonio on 16 May. It was in the future park location that the regiment learned drill and discipline. One of the regiment wrote of their time in San Antonio, “We rendezvoused at San Antonio...Twelve hundred as separate, varied, mixed, distinct, grotesque, and peculiar types of men as perhaps were ever assembled in one bunch in all the history of man...and one—possible two—Democrats.” Roosevelt later wrote of the city that his men were proud to be organized and trained “in the city where the Alamo commemorates the death fight of Crockett, Bowie, and their famous band of frontier heroes.” After their training in San Antonio, the Rough Riders traveled to Cuba, where they were the first US troops to land. They fought as infantry, as there were no transports to move their horses. On June 24, the Rough Riders impeded the Spanish army’s penetration of the interior of the island. When the Spanish fell back to San Juan Hill on 1 July, the First, along with the Ninth and Tenth US Cavalry seized the Spanish fortifications, and forced the Spanish back into Santiago de Cuba at the cost of 1,000 American casualties. After a month-long entrenchment and suffering from malaria and yellow fever, the regiment was evacuated from Cuba (TSHA 2009a).

After its use as a training ground for the Rough Riders, the future Roosevelt Park was the site of a gravel pit owned by Bexar County, until it was donated to the city of San Antonio in 1916. It became Roosevelt Park in 1920. During that decade, a swimming pool and tennis courts were built in the park, and a branch library was constructed across the street1. A community organization called the SouthSide Improvement League arranged for the addition of swings and benches. In 1928 the park was briefly renamed after Parks Commissioner Ray Lambert, and the name Roosevelt was given to a park and golf course to the south. By the mid-1940s, the park again became Roosevelt Park, and the park to the south was renamed Riverside (SAPAR 2009c).

RESULTS

The reconnaissance survey of historic-age resources had two purposes. The first purpose was to assess the general park area and provide a photographic record of the current park site and its immediate surroundings in order for the Texas Historical Commission to determine if the proposed playground could have a visual effect on the surrounding area. This included the field verification of the historic resources identified during desktop research. The second purpose was a reconnaissance survey of historic-age resources within the APE. Because the APE was within

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1 The location of the library could not be found during archival or field research. It is not known if the library building is still extant.
Figure 3. First US Volunteer Calvary, Rough Riders Company on 23 May 1898 at what would later become Roosevelt Park.
Figure 4. Regimental drill of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders on 23 May 1898 at what would later become Roosevelt Park.
Figure 5. Members of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in 1898 at what would later become Roosevelt Park.
the boundary of Roosevelt Park, a survey of all resources within the park boundary was performed to
determine if the proposed project would have effects on the park as a whole.

Assessment of the General Park Area

In order to provide a photographic record of the current park site and its immediate surroundings,
photographs were taken of the viewsheds from the proposed playground location, buildings and
structures that surround the park on all sides, and of the proposed playground location. Photographs
are presented in Appendix A, and correspond to the locations shown in Figure 1.

The viewsheds from the proposed playground location, including streetscapes of Roosevelt Avenue
and the adjacent neighborhood are shown in Appendix A, Exhibit A-1 through A-3.

Buildings and structures surrounding the park on all sides were identified and photographed as
follows:

- Fire & Police Pension Fund Building (Appendix A, Exhibit A-4 and A-5a)
- Underpass at St. Mary's Street (Appendix A, Exhibit A-5b)
- Meier Brothers Monuments Building (Appendix A, Exhibit A-6a)
- Railroad Trestle (Appendix A, Exhibit A-6b)
- San Antonio River Tunnel Outlet (Appendix A, Exhibit A-7)
- Harry Jer(j)ig Bridge (Appendix A, Exhibit A-8)
- Lone Star Brewery (Appendix A, Exhibit A-9 and A-10)
- Yturri-Edmunds site (Appendix A, Exhibit A-11 through A-13)
- Martin Laundry (directly south of the park on Roosevelt Avenue, east of the Yturri-Edmunds
  site), (Appendix A, Exhibit A-17)

While the reconnaissance survey of resources located outside of the project APE and outside of
Roosevelt Park was not part of the current scope of work, it appears that several of these resources
may be of historic age. The Yturri-Edmunds site is a known historic resource.

Photographs showing the locations of the proposed playground are shown in Appendix A, Exhibits
A-14 through A-18.

Results of the Historic-Age Resources Reconnaissance Survey

The reconnaissance survey of historic-age resources was undertaken to determine potential effects to
historic-age resources that may result from the construction of a new playground, which is planned to
be approximately 3,100 square feet in area and be covered with a shade canopy approximately 15 to
20 feet in height. The proposed landscape plan of the entire park, a detailed plan for the proposed
playground site, as well as a shade structure of the type currently planned for the playground are
shown in Appendix B, Exhibits 1 through 3.

In order to evaluate the effects of this proposed playground, the reconnaissance survey of historic-age
resources was extended beyond the immediate APE of the proposed playground location to include
the boundaries of Roosevelt Park. This survey resulted in the identification of one historic-age
resource (Roosevelt Park, Resource Number 1), containing 11 historic-age and non-historic-age
elements within the park boundaries. Survey forms and photographs for each of the elements are
provided in Appendix B. Their locations and relationship to the proposed project area are shown in
Appendix B, Exhibits 1 and 2.
**Roosevelt Park, Resource I**

Roosevelt Park at 331 Roosevelt Avenue is within the boundaries of the Mission Parkway National Register Historic District (Figure 2). The NRHP listing does not specifically mention Roosevelt Park as a contributing element of the historic district, but does briefly discuss the earlier historical association of the land on which the park sits; prior to the construction of the park, this land was associated with the training of the First US Cavalry. The listing states the following:

Little has been noted concerning the exact locations and limits of this military training area, other than that it was generally in what is now called Roosevelt Park. Theodore Roosevelt and Col. Leonard Wood trained the famous 'Rough Riders' here in 1898.

In addition to its historical association with the First US Cavalry, Roosevelt Park has its own significance in the history of San Antonio. Dedicated in 1916, and largely developed in the 1920s and 1930s, the park is representative of park and landscape design of the era. The rustic, cottage-like design and materials of the park’s buildings are an example of early twentieth century recreation and park architecture, and are consistent with other designs seen throughout San Antonio. The design and feeling of the historic buildings in Roosevelt Park are much smaller in scale, but are not unlike those seen along the Riverwalk. In addition, the gently rolling topography and mature trees are also representative of the picturesque landscape style popular during its founding.

It is recommended that Roosevelt Park be considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district under Criterion C as a good example of early twentieth century recreation and park architecture, with a period of significance from 1916 until ca. 1930, when all of the contributing elements had been built. While it is beyond the scope of the current study, further research is recommended to verify whether Roosevelt Park is the actual training location of the First US Cavalry. If the site proves to be the location of this historical event, the park may also be significant under Criterion A, with an additional period of significance of 1898.

Suggested boundaries of the Roosevelt Park Historic District are shown in Figure 6, and include the eastern parcel bounded by Mission Road on the north, west, south, and Roosevelt Avenue, and the western parcel bounded by the San Antonio River on the west, property owned by the San Antonio River Authority of the north and south, and Mission Road on the east. Contributing elements to the park consist of the bathhouse (Resource Number 1a), the pool (Resource Number 1b), the men’s and women’s restrooms (Resource numbers 1d and 1e), the low stone wall (Resource Number 1g), the landscape area and water fountain (Resource 1h), and the picnic area (Resource 1j). These contributing elements were constructed within the period of significance of the park, and retain their historic integrity. They are all representative of early twentieth century rustic park architecture and therefore contribute to the park’s eligibility under NRHP Criterion C. Non-contributing elements consist of the recreation building (Resource Number 1c), the pavilion/gazebo (Resource Number 1f), playground (Resource 1i), and the basketball court and associated parking (Resource 1k). These elements of the park were constructed outside of the period of significance. Detailed descriptions of each of the contributing and non-contributing elements within Roosevelt Park and assessments of their individual integrity are presented in Appendix B.
Figure 6. Roosevelt Park property boundaries, including the area east (a) and west (b) of Mission Road.

Source: BCAD 2009.
As it is currently planned, the construction of the proposed playground will not adversely affect the historic character of Roosevelt Park, its contributing historic-age resources, nor nearby historic-age resources.

**SUMMARY**

One historic-age resource, Roosevelt Park (Resource Number 1), containing 11 individual elements, was recorded within the project APE during the historic-age resources survey. In addition, the surrounding area was assessed through photographic documentation although these areas are outside of the project APE. Roosevelt Park is recommended as eligible for inclusion in the NRHP as a historic landscape district; seven elements are recommended as contributing to the district, and four are recommended as not contributing. The project is not expected to result in adverse effects to the proposed historic district nor the contributing elements within the district.

**REFERENCES**

Bexar County Appraisal District (BCAD)

City of San Antonio Park and Recreation Department (SAPAR)


National Park Service

San Antonio Conservation Society

Texas Historic Sites Atlas (THSA)

Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)

Appendix A
Exhibit A-1. Roosevelt Avenue from Roosevelt Park; looking south (a) and southeast (b) from the southeast corner of the park boundary.
Exhibit A-2. Roosevelt Avenue from Roosevelt Park; looking east (a) and northeast (b) from the southeast corner of the park boundary.
Exhibit A-3. View south toward building south of Roosevelt Park (a); Roosevelt Avenue looking southeast from the center of the eastern boundary of Roosevelt Park (b).
View of the Fire & Police Pension Fund Building east of Roosevelt Park, looking northeast (a) and southeast from the eastern park boundary (b).
Exhibit A-5. View to the east (a) and north (b) from the northeast corner of Roosevelt Park.
Exhibit A-6. View to the northwest from the northeast corner of Roosevelt Park (a), and north toward the railroad trestle north of the park (b).
Exhibit A-7. View toward stormwater facility northeast of park, looking north from the northern boundary of the park (a), and southeast from bridge (b).
Exhibit A-8. View of the sign for the bridge north of Roosevelt Park, looking northwest (a), and of the bridge, looking north (b).
Exhibit A-9. Lone Star Brewery entry northwest of the park, looking southwest (a), and brewery, looking west from the west side of the park (b).
Exhibit A-10. Lone Star Brewery from the northwest side of the park looking north (a), and northwest (b).
Exhibit A-11. The Yturri-Edmonds site looking southeast (a), and east (b) from the corner of Mission and Yellowstone Streets.
Exhibit A-12. The Yturri-Edmunds site looking east (a), and southeast (b) from the corner of Mission and Yellowstone Streets.
Exhibit A-13. The Yturri-Edmunds site looking east toward the barn (a), and northeast toward the house (b) from Mission Road.
The proposed playground site looking east (a) and northeast (b).
Exhibit A-15.

View from the proposed playground site looking west (a) and northwest (b).
View from the proposed playground site to the north (a), and northwest toward the site from Roosevelt Avenue (b).
Exhibit A-17. View southwest (a) and south-southwest (b) toward the proposed playground site from Roosevelt Avenue.
Exhibit A-18. View west toward the park pavilion (a) and northwest toward park seating (b) from the proposed playground site.
Appendix B
Exhibit B-3. Proposed shade structure types.
Field Form  
Object/Landscape

| County: Bexar | Resource Number: 1a | Field Number: 1a |
| City: San Antonio | USGS Quad: San Antonio East | Date: CAD: not provided | Est.: 1920s-1930s | Addition: N/A |
| Historic Name: Roosevelt Park Bathhouse | Architect/Builder: unknown |
| Address: 331 Roosevelt Avenue | Contractor: unknown |
| Owner: City of San Antonio | Historic Use: park bathhouse |
| Legal Description: NCB A-20 Lot A-2 | Present Use: park bathhouse |
| Roosevelt Park Non-adjacent | |
| Property Type: recreation and culture | Subtype: outdoor recreation |
| Retains Integrity of: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling |
| Meets NRHP Criteria: N/A |
| Surveyor: SNDE | Date Surveyed: May 4, 2009 |

**Designations**
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**Additional Description:**
Resource Number 1a is a one story, three bay bathhouse at Roosevelt Park. The building is modern in form, but the stone cladding the building presents a more rustic feel to the building. It is roughly linear, with a square central bay and two rectangular flanking bays. The center bay has a hipped roof clad in standing seam metal, and the flanking bays have flat roofs. The building is clad in stone, and both the primary (west) and secondary (east, poolside) facades contain three entry doors into the central bay, and a pair of ribbon windows with stone sills in each of the two flanking bays.

The west façade of Resource Number 1a has a shed-roofed canopy addition with stone bases, metal columns, and a standing seam metal roof. While not original to the structure, it is not insensitive.

The bathhouse is in good condition, retains its historic integrity, and is recommended as a contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
Roosevelt Park Bathhouse (Resource 1a) looking southeast (a) and northeast (b).
**Field Form**

**Object/Landscape**

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- Work of Art [ ]
- Park [ ]
- Plaza [ ]
- Garden [ ]
- Street Light [ ]
- Fence [ ]
- Wall [ ]
- Shelter [ ]
- Gazebo [ ]
- Park Bench [ ]
- Other:

**Additional Description:**

Resource Number 1b is a kidney-shaped concrete swimming pool. The west side of the pool has steps leading to the deepest portion on the east side. New slides have replaced the diving board at the east end of the pool. A metal fence surrounding the pool does not appear to be historic, but its date is not known.

The pool is in good condition, retains its historic integrity, and is recommended as a contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
Roosevelt Park Bathhouse (Resource 1a) and pool (Resource 1b) looking northwest (a), and pool (Resource 1b) looking west (b).
Field Form  
Object/Landscape

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**Address:** 118 Mission Road  
**Owner:** City of San Antonio  
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- [ ] Shelter X
- [ ] Gazebo
- [ ] Park Bench
- [ ] Other

**Additional Description:**

Resource Number 1c was constructed recently. It is a one-story, front-gabled recreation building that is rectangular in plan. Clad in stone and featuring a standing seam metal roof with exposed rafter, the building features a prominent gabled porch with large, tapering, square stone columns and exposed trusses. The front door is inset into a tiled archway, which is echoed in a tiled mosaic on the rear (east) façade. The windows are wood.

Resource Number 1c is not historic. It is recommended as a non-contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
Roosevelt Park Recreation Building (Resource 1c) looking east (a) and northeast (b).
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Surveyor: SNDE
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DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT OR LANDSCAPE:

Type of Object or Landscape: Outdoor Recreation ☐
Fair ☐
Monument/Marker ☐
Work of Art ☐
Park ☐
Plaza ☐
Garden ☐
Street Light ☐
Fence ☐
Wall ☐
Shelter ☐
Gazebo ☐
Park Bench ☐
Other: restroom

Additional Description:
Resource Number 1d is a one-story, side-gabled restroom building that is rectangular in plan. Clad in rounded fieldstone and featuring a standing seam metal roof with exposed rafters and brackets, the rustic, cottage-like building features arched openings with wood vents at either end, and stone buttresses on the front façade. The entry is inset, with an attached metal gate.

The restroom building is in good condition, retains its historic integrity, and is recommended as a contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
Roosevelt Park Men's Restroom (Resource 1d) looking southwest (a) and south (b).
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- [ ] Garden
- [ ] Street Light
- [ ] Fence
- [ ] Wall
- [ ] Shelter
- [ ] Gazebo
- [ ] Park Bench
- [ ] Other: restroom

**Additional Description:**
Resource Number 1e is a one-story, side-gabled restroom building that is rectangular in plan. Clad in rounded fieldstone and featuring a standing seam metal roof with exposed rafters and brackets, the rustic, cottage-like building features arched openings with wood vents at either end, and stone buttresses on the front façade. The entry is inset, with an attached metal gate. The northern end contains a sunken area that may lead to a low mechanical room or crawlspace beneath the building. The sunken area is surrounded by a low stone curb.

The restroom building is in good condition, retains its historic integrity, and is recommended as a contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
Roosevelt Park Women’s Restroom (Resource 1e) looking south (a) and northwest (b).
**Field Form**

**Object/Landscape**

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| City: San Antonio | USGS Quad: San Antonio East | Date: CAD: not provided | Est.: 2000s |
| Historic Name: Roosevelt Park Pavilion | Architect/Builder: unknown | Addition: N/A |
| Address: 331 Roosevelt Park | Contractor: unknown |
| Owner: City of San Antonio | Historic Use: pavilion/gazebo |
| Legal Description: NCB A-20 Lot A-2 | Present Use: pavilion/gazebo |
| Roosevelt Park Non-adjacent | |
| Property Type: recreation and culture | Subtype: outdoor recreation |
| Retains Integrity of: N/A |
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- Plaza
- Garden
- Street Light
- Fence
- Wall
- Shelter
- Gazebo X
- Park Bench
- Other:

**Additional Description:**
Resource Number 1f is an open, hexagonal pavilion/gazebo. It features a standing seam metal roof supported by wood columns on tapered square stone bases. Inside the pavilion are new picnic tables and benches. The pavilion is surrounded by a low wall (Resource Number 1g), which appears to be historic, indicating that the pavilion may be located at the site of an older pavilion structure.

The pavilion/gazebo is of recent construction. It is recommended as a non-contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
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- **Fair**
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- **Work of Art**
- **Park**
- **Plaza**
- **Garden**
- **Street Light**
- **Fence**
- **Wall X**
- **Shelter**
- **Gazebo**
- **Park Bench**
- **Other:**

### ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION:

- Resource Number 1g is a low stone wall, approximately two and one-half feet in height. It is roughly square, and tapers from the base to the top. The wall surrounds the pavilion/gazebo (Resource Number 1f).

- The stone wall is in good condition, retains its historic integrity, and is recommended as a contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
Rock wall surrounding the Roosevelt Park pavilion (Resource 1g), looking northwest.
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- Garden [ ]
- Street Light [ ]
- Fence [ ]
- Wall [ ]
- Shelter [ ]
- Gazebo [ ]
- Park Bench [ ]

Other: landscape area/drinking fountain

#### Additional Description:

Resource Number 1h is a low stone curb, approximately 15 feet across. It is circular and planted within four quadrants of the circle. The remnants of what appears to be a stone drinking fountain is located on the west side of the circle. It is not known if the curb was always a planted area, or if it may have originally served another purpose, such as a fire circle.

The stone curb and drinking fountain are in good condition, retains its historic integrity, and is recommended as a contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
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- Plaza
- Garden
- Street Light
- Fence
- Wall
- Shelter
- Gazebo
- Park Bench
- Other: playground

Additional Description:
Resource Number 1i is a modern playground with metal and plastic climbing equipment and slides.

The playground does not detract from the historic character of Roosevelt Park; however it is recommended as a non-contributing element.
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- Street Light [ ]
- Fence [ ]
- Wall [ ]
- Shelter [ ]
- Gazebo [ ]
- Park Bench [ ]
- Other: picnic area

**Additional Description:**

Resource Number 1j is a sunken, grassy picnic area containing picnic tables and benches, grills, and trash receptacles. It is shaded with large mature trees.

The picnic area is in good condition, retains its historic integrity, and is recommended as a contributing element to Roosevelt Park.
Roosevelt Park picnic area (Resource 1j) looking north (a), and north-northwest (b).
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- Garden
- Street Light
- Fence
- Wall
- Shelter
- Gazebo
- Park Bench
- Other: basketball court and associated parking

**Additional Description:**
Resource Number 1k is a modern basketball court and associated parking. It is located west of Mission Road along the San Antonio River.

The basketball court and parking does not appear to be historically associated with Roosevelt Park. While it is considered part of Roosevelt Park, it is located on a separate parcel than the portion of the park east of Mission Road. It is recommended as a non-contributing element.
Roosevelt Park picnic and basketball court area west of Mission Road (Resource 1k) looking northwest (a), and west (b).
Appendix C
3 March 2009

F. Lawerence Oaks
Texas Historical Commission
1511 Colorado Street
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711-2276

re: Area of Potential Effect recommendation under the Texas Antiquities Code and
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 proposed construction
at Apache Park and Roosevelt Park, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Dear Mr. Oaks:

URS Corporation has been contracted by city of San Antonio (City) to perform historic-age
resources coordination. The City seeks concurrence from the Texas Historical Commission
(THC) for an undertaking that is governed by the Texas Antiquities Code and Section 106. The
projects consists building of a park pavilion and playground in two city parks, Apache Park and
Roosevelt Park. This letter presents a description of the proposed undertaking, identification of
known historic-age resources near the location of the proposed undertakings, and a request for
concurrence on a proposed area of potential effects (APEs) from the THC.

Description of Undertaking

The areas that are the topic of this letter lie within the city of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
The project areas are currently occupied by industrial, commercial, warehouse, and residential
areas.

The specific undertaking addressed in this letter is the building of a park pavilion in Apache Park
and a playground in Roosevelt Park (Exhibits 1 and 2).

Background Information

The project areas are located in San Antonio which historically has prospered as a cattle,
distribution, mercantile, and military center. San Antonio was the southern hub and supplier of
the cattle trail drives (TSHA 2009).

The Texas Historic Sites Atlas was consulted to determine if any buildings, structures, objects, or
state historic markers lie within or near the project areas. One historic-age resource was
previously documented approximately 1500 feet from the Apache Park project area (Table 1).
One National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) district and one NRHP property were
previously listed and located in the Roosevelt Park project area (Table 2). Three historic markers
are also located within 1300 feet of the project area.
Table 1. Previously Documented Historic-Age Resources Within 1500 feet of Proposed Project Area
Apache Park

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<td>102 Hidalgo Walk</td>
<td>Caxias House, c. 1855</td>
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<td>THC Neighborhood survey. Serial #NRS79-0287* approximately 1500 feet from proposed site of Apache Park improvements.</td>
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Table 2. Previously Documented Historic-Age Resources Within 1500 feet of Proposed Project Area
Roosevelt Park

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<td>Along San Antonio River</td>
<td>Mission Parkway, c. 1700-1824</td>
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<td>600 Lone Start Blvd.</td>
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<td>Old Mill on the Pajalache Acequia, c. 1824</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Historic Marker #3380* approximately 600 feet from proposed site of Roosevelt Park improvements.</td>
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<td>Corner of 257 Yellowstone and 105 Espasa Road</td>
<td>Yturri Mill, unknown</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>1936 Centennial Marker #5932* approximately 600 feet from proposed site of Roosevelt Park improvements.</td>
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<td>257 Yellowstone Street</td>
<td>Yturri-Edmunds House, c. 1859</td>
<td>A and C</td>
<td>Listed in NRHP as a property in 1996, reference #96000870* approximately 1000 feet from proposed site of Roosevelt Park improvements.</td>
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Recommendations for Historic Architectural Resource Investigations

It is proposed that no APE or survey effort is required for the Apache Park project location since no previously documented historic-age resources are known to be located at the proposed project location.

It is proposed that a reconnaissance-level survey of historic-age resources within the proposed Roosevelt Park APE be performed. The recommended APE for the reconnaissance survey is 150 feet on either side of the proposed locations for a playground. This APE will take into account potential physical and visual impacts that may result from the proposed undertaking. The reconnaissance survey will be performed by an architectural historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's qualifications. The resulting survey report will include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- Project description;
- Project area background and historic context that may include research carried out at the following places:
  - local and county histories (obtained at the Bexar Public Library, and municipal libraries in the project area),
  - Bexar County Appraisal District Online Records,
  - Bexar County plat records,
  - various internet resources, and
  - maps and aerial photographs (including USGS maps);
- Previously documented historic-age resources within and immediately adjacent to the APE;
- Documentation of each historic-age resource within the APE; including
  - Address or location,
  - Historic and current name, if any,
  - Date of construction,
  - Style,
  - Historic and current use,
  - Property type and subtype,
  - Preliminary NRHP eligibility recommendations,
  - Condition, and
  - Digital photographs (minimum of two views) of each historic-age resource; and
- Summary and Recommendations.

A draft report will be submitted to the THC for comment. Upon receipt of these comments, a final report will be drafted and sent to the THC.

Request for Concurrence

On behalf of the City of San Antonio, URS Corporation respectfully requests the concurrence of the THC regarding the proposed APE for Roosevelt Park, consisting of 150 feet on either side of the proposed locations for a playground. We also request concurrence for the proposed survey and report methodology. In addition, we request that no survey or report effort is warranted for Apache Park since no previously documented historic-age resources will be affected by the proposed park pavilion construction. If the proposed undertaking is altered such that it has the potential to affect the adjacent historic-age resources either physically, or by changing the setting in ways not covered by this coordination letter, the City of San Antonio will cease construction
activities and will not proceed with their undertaking until additional review and clearance by the THC has been completed.

References

Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)

Texas Historic Sites Atlas (THSA)

Sincerely,

URS CORPORATION

[Signature]

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Architectural Historian
Exhibit 1. Topographic map showing the Apache Park project area in red and the previously documented historic-age resource in yellow.

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Exhibit 2. Topographic map showing previously documented historic-age resources in the Roosevelt Park project area, shown in red. NRHP district shaded in blue, NRHP property noted with a blue star, and three historic markers noted with green circles.