



**Escondido Creek Parkway
Oversight Committee Meeting
Kenedy City Hall
February 13, 2019**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Diana Barrera, Kenedy School Board
Dee Hallmark, Kenedy Chamber of Commerce
Kristen Hansen, San Antonio River Authority
Lucille Matthews, Parks & Recreations

Gaylon Oehlke, San Antonio River Authority
Kathy Oehlke, Fundraising Committee
Irasema Ortiz, Interlex
Leslie Wynn, Kenedy City Council

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm by Gaylon Oehlke.

I. Approval of Minutes

Gaylon Oehlke motioned to approve the December meeting minutes, which was seconded by the committee and then approved unanimously.

II. Construction Update

Kristen provided a brief update on the overall construction development. She mentioned that the SARA board approved Jerdon Enterprises as the leading construction vendor. While over budget, Jerdon's bid was the lowest of all considered, so before establishing a contract, SARA held several meetings to decide which items would be removed from Jerdon's scope, therefore reducing cost. For example, bench installation and tree planting were removed since SARA would oversee those items. Removing items reduced costs by about \$400K. After negotiating a contract, SARA signed with Jerdon for \$3,844,266.00. Kristen said they would next meet with both Dunaway and Jerdon to review items that need value engineering. Certain items, such as the pedestrian bridge, were grossly inflated. Jerdon provided a total cost of \$448K for building the bridge Dunaway designed. Kristen and Abigail are meeting on February 14 with Jerdon and Dunaway to create a negative change order to reduce expenses. Although now scheduled quarterly, a committee meeting will be called as soon as possible in case of any important or urgent updates. Kathy asked Kristen how much money is currently in the bank, noting that there were some funds from SARF that had not yet been transferred.

Q: Does value engineering mean that those items could lose any specific design factor and look unappealing?

A: Our goal is to make things look as nice as possible while still reducing cost. Before implementing any design changes, we will have a committee meeting for approval.

Q: When would the construction begin?

A: Hopefully by mid- to the end of March.

ACTION ITEMS:

Kristen will reach out to Frates for an update on the money transfer.



III. Fundraising Update

Kathy distributed an updated fundraising sheet, mentioning a total of \$30K was donated near the end of 2018. The skate park remains on the donation sheet since it is a popular item; Kristen said it would most likely be part of Phase 2 of construction. The committee discussed why SPA Skatepark would be the perfect vendor to build the skate park while Kristen said she would talk to Jerdon as well, because they would manage the grading. They also considered whether to potentially work directly with SPA in order to save money. Kathy mentioned there have been a lot of trees donated, and that she has been contacting Walmart to see if they are interested in donating. Kathy spoke with Encana, who want to create an agreement for the pumpjack that would give full ownership to the committee. Kathy asked Kristen for help to create an agreement document for Encana. Kristen noted that although the splash pad has been partially funded by 4B, it is still over budget. Much of the increased cost is due to grading and building the retaining wall. Gaylon mentioned that SARA received a \$8K bid for the windmill, the cost of which includes installation. This company would hold the windmill until it is ready for installation. However, SARA requires at least three quotes for items/projects over \$5K. Gaylon added that because the project is following the requirements for designating ECP a tourist attraction, informational signage about agricultural influence on Karnes County can be added to the windmill. Other similar educational information can be incorporated onto the pumpjack and the horned toad sculpture. Kathy encouraged the committee to share any contacts potentially interested in donating.

Q: How much would the skate park cost?

A: \$200K.

Q: Can SPA Skatepark make the grading?

A: It's possible. We would have to investigate that.

Q: Have there been talks about who would patrol the park?

A: We would probably need to place barriers at the entrances and set opening and closing times.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Kristen would review the contract for the windmill and pumpjack.

IV. Social Media Update

Chelsea was unable to join the meeting, so Kristen provided an update. She showed the committee two scheduled posts for the month and mentioned that she talked to Chelsea about posting more than just twice a month. Gaylon Oehlke motioned to give SARA permission to post monthly on their social media outlets, which was seconded by the committee and then approved unanimously.

V. Other

Kristen talked to the committee about the new 2019 meeting calendar and how they would most likely start meeting quarterly. Abigail and Kristen will provide Chelsea with pictures for updates on construction progress to include in monthly emails. If anything important comes up, SARA will call a meeting, but for now the committee should follow the set 2019 calendar. Gaylon Oehlke made a motion to approve the quarterly meeting schedule, which was seconded by the committee and then approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2018.