



WALLER CREEK LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #1001

301 W. 2nd Street

Austin, Texas 78701

Some members of the board may be participating by videoconference

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Veronica Briseño – President – In Person

Tim LaFrey – Vice President – Virtual

Rudy Green – Secretary – Virtual

Allan Shearer – Director – Absent

Kim Olivares – Director - In Person

Jorge Morales – Director - Absent

Melba Whatley – Director – In Person

Anthony Segura – Director – In Person

Cotter Cunningham - Director – Virtual

Vacant - Director

City Staff & Others In Attendance – In-Person & Virtual:

Deborah Trejo, LGC Attorney

Katy Zamesnik, Austin Convention Center Department

Lana Denkeler, Parks and Recreation Department

Anthony Hron, Parks and Recreation Department

Melissa Carugati, Watershed Protection Department

Thomas Grauzer, Watershed Protection Department

Susan Kenzle, Watershed Protection Department

Kristin Pipkin, Watershed Protection Department

Melissa Ayala, Waterloo Greenway Conservancy

John Rigdon, Waterloo Greenway Conservancy

Erica Saenz, Waterloo Greenway Conservancy

Efrain Velez, Waterloo Greenway Conservancy

AGENDA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Veronica Briseño, President called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items **not** posted on the agenda.

No speakers signed up for Public Communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation of February 21, 2024.

The motion to approve the minutes of the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation regular meeting of February 21, 2024 was made by Director Olivares and seconded by Director Whatley and approved by a vote of 7-0. Two Directors were absent. One Board seat is vacant.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

2. Discuss and approve a presentation – “In the Community” 2023 Waterloo Greenway report, presented by Melissa Ayala, Director of Communications and Engagement, Waterloo Greenway.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Discuss and approve a presentation – “Waller Creek Local Government Corporation Spring 2024 Progress Report”, presented by Lana Denkeler, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

The motion to approve the presentation “Waller Creek Local Government Corporation Spring 2024 Progress Report” was made by Director Whatley and seconded by Director Segura and approved on a vote of 7-0. Two Directors were absent. One Board seat is vacant.

4. Discuss progress on Creek Setbacks codification.

The discussion was held, and direction given to staff to work on a draft recommendation to be made by the Board to the City Council regarding creek setbacks in the Waller Creek District.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Recommendation from LGC Board to City Council regarding creek setbacks in the Waller Creek District.
- Director Whatley requested an update on the former Ronald McDonald House at 403 E. 15th Street, and when the property would be acquired by the LGC, as the space is needed for Waterloo Park operations.
- Director Green requested a tour of the Waterloo Greenway for the LGC Directors. Board Liaison Thomas Grauzer will schedule a walking tour of the Confluence area for the Directors.
- Director Green requested an update on the search for a new Chief Executive Officer of Waterloo Greenway.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

The minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting were approved at the June 26, 2024 meeting on Director Whatley's motion, Director Green's second, by a vote of 6-0. Directors Cunningham, LaFrey and Shearer were absent. There is one Board seat vacant.

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For additional information: Staff Liaison Thomas Grauzer at Watershed Protection Department, telephone (512) 552-6837 or via email at Thomas.grauzer@austintexas.gov; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.