

# Shoal Creek Steering Committee Meeting

## July 29th, 2025

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### **Quorum met, last meeting's minutes approved**

Committee members in attendance:

Jessica Wilson  
Elizabeth Barnes  
Mikey Goralnik  
Ivey Kaiser  
Linda McCoy  
Chris Randazzo  
Holland Jones

Others in attendance:

Ada Forbes  
Tymon Khamsi (WPD)  
Darcy Nuffer  
Maria Darr  
Krista Kelly  
Sierra DaSilva  
Daniel Kavelman

#### **1. Welcome, introductions of any new attendees**

- Welcome, Darcy! Our new SCC board member

#### **2. Water Quality Monitoring updates: SCC has completed the process with CRWN of getting certified to monitor at our new monitoring site south of 34th St.**

- SCC's new monitoring site is just south of Sieders Springs greenbelt and 34th St
- Monitoring will begin on July 30th and be conducted monthly
- Possible sediment might get in the water from the construction in Seiders Springs but there isn't too much of a concern that the stabilization work in the park will affect any data or dewatering but it will be noted in our monitoring notes

**3. [Rain to River: A Strategic Plan to Protect Austin's Creeks and Communities](#) (Presented by Tymon Khamsi, WPD [tymon.khamsi@austintexas.gov](mailto:tymon.khamsi@austintexas.gov))**

- Rain to River is the guiding blueprint of WPD
- Help frame priorities and acts as a communication and accountability tool that the community can access
- Goals
  - Reflect the vision and values of our community
  - Incorporate equity, climate resilience, and population growth
  - Prioritize accessibility
- Priority Stakeholders
  - Under-served communities
  - Impacted groups; those whose homes have flooded or who don't feel safe because of flooding issues, etc.
  - Organizations with relevant experience (why feedback is important from environmental groups like SCC)
- Survey for phase II of outreach
  - What issues seem the most urgent to Austin residents
  - Data will be used to draft the new strategic plan

**4. Bank stabilization project in Seiders Springs Greenbelt; Possible collaboration with WPD and TreeFolks to host a Ready, Set, Plant! event there later this fall**

- <https://shoalcreekconservancy.org/trail-closures/>
- A WPD team is working a bank stabilization project next to the footbridge in the middle of the Seiders Springs greenbelt
- This is projected to be completed in mid-late August
- Due to this project, there is a trail closure along the East bank of 38th St
- Sierra will be meeting with Liza Cardinal of WPD and Treefolks staff for a Ready, Set, Plant in this location during the fall to help revegetate this section of the creek

**5. Shopping Cart Corral recap**

- WPD's trash in creeks study in 2022 inspired the Shoal Creek Shopping Cart Corral
- This year was the third consecutive year SCC has hosted this event
- Across 6 total sites (one location consisted of a WPD crew), volunteers collected 170 bags of trash, 9 shopping carts, and lots of heavy items like 5 mattresses and an entire basketball hoop
- In the first year, 48 shopping carts were collected, in 2024 there were 47 shopping carts collected

- Year round, SCC staff and volunteers collect shopping carts in the creek
- <https://mailchi.mp/3d324d15f4b8/2025shoppingcartcorralthankyou>

## **6. Creekside Neighbors Menu!**

- The Creekside Neighbors Menu offers a selective list of possible ways individuals can positively make an impact in the watershed
- The design of the menu offers the lowest level commitments first (such as scooping the poop) and then moves up to more time consuming tasks and more of a financial commitment (such as making a hand dug rain garden in your yard)
- This menu helps people visualize all their options and puts everything into one, easily accessible location to help with cross-promotion of city programs
- SCC would love any and all feedback on the creekside neighbors menu
- View the menu and leave any comments or suggestions [here](#)

## **7. Wildlife Guide + possible discussion of next internship**

- SCC's Spring 2025 intern, Mallory Fogt created a helpful wildlife spotting guide to assist folks on their walks along the creek to spot some of the most common and a few rarer critters in the watershed
- During SCC's Healthy Habitats tour in June, physical copies of the guide were given out and SCC has more in the office to hand out at future events

## **8. Next meeting will be Tuesday October 7th 2025, 1:30pm, hybrid format**