

Minutes from October 26, 2021 SCC Steering Committee meeting:

Minutes from February meeting- approved

Adding new members/ Committee elections

Jessica Wilson taking over Chris's spot as Watershed representative

Vote on adding Kelly Strickler and Mateo Scoggins to committee

- Vote passed

Vote to appoint Jessica Wilson to Chair and Mateo scoggins to vice-chair

- Vote passed

Sierra Dasilva - new watershed coordinator

Experience

- Ecological restoration
- Riparian Buffer zone creation
- Volunteer coordination
- Environmental education
- Masters in Biology

Implementation goals

SIPES Survey

- Baseline understanding of watershed residents
- Survey complete, will be analyzed in next weeks
- Amplify existing education material, as well as outreach additional components to watershed stakeholders
- To be used as a baseline for understanding and to inform what kinds of outreach we do over the years
- Data to be shared with Jessica Wilson to help with their planning

Northwest District Park vision plan

- Concepts available online; still room for study and adding detail after concepts approved
- Concepts include trail changes, impervious cover changes
- Concepts include ideas for GSI changes that will be complementary to SCWAP
- Mateo says plans should help ensure dam's level of service for next 25-30yrs

Creekside Neighbors updates

- Program has been in place since this time last year
- Basics of the program explained: provide rain garden guidance, offer supplies so neighbors can host cleanups on private property, provide info about city rebates
- Provide welcome kits in the future
- Hopes to create workshops or trainings
- Goals to encourage resident participation and also expand the resources and opportunities we can provide to residents

- Ivey invites group to share gatherings or forums group is aware of in watershed neighborhoods

Seiders springs ecological restoration + GSI

- Working w/ watershed & Junior League of Austin to remove invasives and plant natives
- Girdling ligustrum, planting native trees to replace ligustrum, removing invasive johnson grass and elephant ear and replacing with natives, seeding natives on bare areas of banks
- Plan to build stilling basin to slow stormwater from Seton Campus
- Jessica says tag watershed on social media re future public volunteer events, so they can help spread the word

EPA 319 Clean water grant

- Fund projects to reduce nonpoint source pollution
- Will fund implementation
- Waiting on contract approval
- \$0.5 million over next 3 years
- Shoal Creek Conservancy match 40% of project costs
- Government provides 60% of project costs
- Hershey donation of \$30k
- Heather says we should be seeing contract finished in next week or two

2022 meetings

Last Tuesday of the month, quarterly, and at 1pm

Planned dates include

- January 25th
- April 26th
- July 26th

subject to dates of council meetings