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