Sierra DaSilva: Watershed updates

Woodview Rain Garden:
Bermuda and weedy species converted to native plantings.
- Served as a test of the community oriented maintenance plan
- 9 work days total so far; adopters are beginning to self-organize maintenance workdays
- Started with solarization last summer, was not effective
- Received assistance from WPD with herbicide application
- Rebuilt stormwater inlet in the fall of 2022
- Planted over 400 native plants, mixture of 20 different species

KVUE property in the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood
- First partnership with a commercial entity
- Local community members have used the area as a park, and want to have the area formalized into parkland
- Formerly used as a staging ground for construction. Heavily degraded
- First work day in March
- Raked in 7-8 lbs of wildflower seeds for wildflower meadow
- Seeded riparian recovery mix and planted switchgrass close to channel
Sierra is writing a management document for the community to manage invasive species
Sierra working on an MOU to formalize mowing regime

Ivey Kaiser:
Response to Watershed report on trash in creeks: Shopping Cart Roundup event!
- One of the most common items found are shopping carts
- Day dedicated to collecting shopping carts out of Shoal Creek
- Working in partnership with Austin Resource Recovery
- Tentative Date: Saturday July 29th

Seton Medical Center/Seider Springs
- Two underground Parking Garages proposed
- Concern over impacts to the flow of the underground springs
- Meeting with Seton team in next weeks to discuss the findings of geologic study

Nina Rinaldi:
- Moving on from Shoal Creek Conservancy at the end of May
- Sticking around on contract basis through July

Kelly Strickler:
Rain to River
- Focusing on groups that are more vulnerable to the effects of flooding, erosion, and water pollution
- Looks at what makes the community use creeks
- Launched RainToRiverATX.com
- Created community vision survey
- Interactive map that gave community members the ability to mark specific issues along creeks
- Worked with MEASURE, a local Black-owned non-profit organization
- Hired community ambassadors
- Findings
  - Lack of awareness on reporting
  - Strong desire for more education
  - It shouldn't require gentrification
  - Perception that West Austin is prioritized over East Austin
  - Concerns of trash, dumping, and encampments
  - Concerns that safe spaces are crowded and uncrowded spaces are not safe
  - Hired six organizations for gather findings from their constituents

Next meeting on July 25th.