

Shoal Creek Steering Committee Meeting

April 29th, 2025

Quorum met, last meeting's minutes approved

Committee members in attendance:

Jessica Wilson
Elizabeth Barnes
Mikey Goralnik
Ivey Kaiser
Linda McCoy
Joe Goessling

Others in attendance:

Ada Forbes
Maria Darr
Bret Kiester
Krista Kelly
Sierra DaSilva
Daniel Kavelman
Caitlin Gary- Downtown resident
Alex Cantwell- Clarksville resident
Nick- Allandale resident
Therese Paoletta- neighborhood resident

1. Welcome

- A couple neighbors have joined the meeting as observers to learn more about SCC and the Steering Committee with the goal of hopefully getting more involved.
- Short recap of the [SCWAP](#) from Ivey

2. Water Quality Monitoring updates

- The City of Austin is using the last 30 years of data combined with an AI model to get a larger range of general water quality throughout the watersheds in Austin.

- SCC has been assigned a [monitoring site via CRWN](#) that will be monitored once a month for 6 months to stay as up to date as we can with the water quality in this section of the creek.
 - This site is in the Seiders Springs Greenbelt, south of 34th St and directly across from St. Andrew's Episcopal School.
 - [Colorado River Watch Network Water Quality Data](#)
- 4 staff members have completed the first phase of water quality monitoring training through [Texas Stream Team](#)
 - SCC plans to take additional training (E. coli, nitrates, turbidity, etc.)
 - Our TCEQ QAPP will allow us to collect our own water quality data.

3. Reporting updates

Spring 2025 - QAPP

- SCC needs a new QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) that stays up-to-date with the SCWAP
- Meadows Center for Water and the Environment will be using the data for the final analysis

Summer 2025 - Data Compilation Report from Meadows Center

Fall (Nov) 2025 - 5 Year Report

- To include updates on trends in water quality (if any), updates on completed BMPs, changes to approach with original BMPs, plans for phase 2 & 3 of SCWAP Implementation, update BMPs chart

SIPES (Social Indicator Planning Evaluation System) Survey

- This survey is sent to residents in the watershed to gauge their awareness of issues in the watershed. This helps document SCC's progress of the Watershed Action Plan and understand the impact of SCC's outreach efforts.
- Survey deployment should begin by July 2025.
- Survey results and analysis will be due to TCEQ in February of 2026.

4. Waterwise Landscapes Tour recap

- Attendees viewed four different locations that exhibited different types of Green Stormwater Infrastructure; 3 private residences and one public rain garden at Woodview Ave and Shoal Creek Blvd.
- Types of GSI that attendees viewed and learned more about were rain gardens, rain tanks, cisterns, etc.

- This tour offered an accessible way for homeowners to implement GSI onto their own properties.
- SCC plans to make this tour an annual event.

5. Shopping Cart Corral:

- Save the date: 7.26.25, 8-10am, after party to follow, tentatively at Central Market
- In 2021-2022 WPD found 500 shopping carts throughout the City of Austin's watersheds.
- For the last two years, SCC has held the Shopping Cart Corral; we host multiple cleanup sites with the priority of getting as many shopping carts out of the creek as possible and encourage the shopping cart retailers to take the carts back and be reused. (In 2023 we removed 48 carts and in 2024 we removed 47)
- Reported shopping cart [locations](#) and last year's Shopping Cart Corral locations can be found on the Google map; SCC staff will finalize Shopping Cart Corral locations for 2025 in June.

6. Discuss moving future meetings

- Meetings will now be the first Tuesday of the quarter.
- Move to a different day of week or week of month to avoid SCC Board Meeting conflicts.
 - When can other WPD employees participate?

Next meeting will be virtual, July 1st; at 12pm.

7. Events

[Family Clean Creek Camp](#)