



FORD POWELL CARSON

MEETING MINUTES

🏠	Location:	Dawson Family Hall
📅	Meeting Date:	10/10/2023
🕒	Meeting Time:	9:00am 10:30am
📁	Project:	BPSAC
👤	Prepared By:	Allison Chambers, AIA

BRACKENRIDGE PARK STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Jay Louden reviewed the four subcommittees and the members of each committee. Those members listed below with asterisk expressed interest in DEI advocacy for their subcommittee. It was generally agreed by the group that subcommittee meetings should be held on Tuesdays at the same time as the committee meetings 9:00am-10:30am.
 - a. River
 - i. Thomas Evans
 - ii. Sara Beesley*
 - iii. Parker Dixon*
 - iv. Randy Preissig
 - b. Archaeology/Architecture
 - i. Mary Jane Verette
 - ii. Ramon Vasquez*
 - iii. Vince Michael*
 - iv. Irby Hightower
 - c. Land
 - i. Frates Seeligson
 - ii. Joe Bravo*
 - iii. Sara Beesley*
 - iv. Carrie Kimbell
 - d. Circulation/Connections
 - i. Alex Gonzalez
 - ii. Kathy Amen
 - iii. Allison Cohen*
2. Kimberly McCleary, Equity Manager with CoSA's Department of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility, gave a presentation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The notes below are a

general summary of the presentation. Please refer to the attached slide presentation for additional information.

- a. Diversity – Consider who is in the room. Are there different backgrounds represented?
 - b. Inclusion – How do the people in the room feel? Do they feel included?
 - c. Equity – Do the people in the room all have a voice? Are they being heard? Equity is making sure everyone gets what they need.
 - d. Equality – Everyone gets the exact same thing.
 - e. Accessibility – Access to the room for people who speak different languages, have different physical abilities, have different hearing and sight abilities.
 - f. DEI things to consider: Culture, Benefits vs. Burdens, Access for different languages and physical abilities, Diversity
 - g. Focus on outcomes and participation
 - h. Inclusion encourages participation
 - i. Who is benefiting from something that might burden someone else?
 - j. The DEIA office is available as a resource to the committee to discuss issues or answer questions.
 - k. Kimberly will review the committee’s Guiding Principles and provide feedback.
3. Allison Chambers presented a summary of themes from the project reconciliation process that is underway. These themes do not represent specific projects. A list of specific projects will be presented at a later stage after the committee has finished developing the methodology for prioritization of the projects.
- a. The fourteen themes in no particular order are listed below:
 - i. Stabilize and restore San Antonio River Banks by establishing a riparian buffer along the San Antonio River.
 - ii. Establish protective buffers of vegetation along the length of the river and reconstruct ecosystem integrity and overall plant and animal diversity.
 - iii. Establish the park as a National Historic Landmark and become the first National Heritage Area in Texas.
 - iv. Restore historic buildings (including historic restrooms) and perform a thorough Historic Structures Report (HSR).
 - v. Restore and interpret Spanish Colonial dams, acequias and water works.
 - vi. Interpret archaeological discoveries of historic hydrological structures and create activities for educating and informing the public on archaeology.

- vii. Create an accessible digital repository of historic maps, photographs, postcards, news articles, reports, and plans associated with the park.
 - viii. Enhance event spaces for regional use and balance active, passive, and cultural uses of the park.
 - ix. Create additional activities for daily use, and include park uses needed by the surrounding neighborhoods.
 - x. Limit the new buildings in the park. The master plan calls for only a handful of new facilities, the majority of which are replacements for existing buildings.
 - xi. Incorporate cultural institutions more closely into the park.
 - xii. Increase visibility and pedestrian access to and within the Park by improving edges and entrances, creating additional paths, and building new pedestrian bridges.
 - xiii. Develop a more concentrated parking scheme by replacing many parking lots or roadside parking with a few large parking garages.
 - xiv. Incorporate low-impact development features into the park.
4. Jay Loudon reviewed the Guiding Principles with the committee to further develop/discuss any needed edits desired by the committee.
- a. Marise McDermott said that “Aboriginal people” should be used instead of the phrase “pre-historic use.”
 - b. It was suggested that renovations in the park should be “net zero” and take into account climate equity/sustainability.
 - c. Joe Bravo requested that CoSA Stormwater management come to present to the committee on different types of management strategies. SARA is a member of the technical advisory committee and available to answer any questions on water management/drainage strategies.

END OF MEETING NOTES

The above is Ford, Powell & Carson’s record of the subject meeting. We assume the information contained herein is complete and correct unless we are immediately notified to the contrary.

