

April 23, 2025
Santiago Creek Commission
Meeting

Written Public Comments

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Meeting Time: 04-23-25 17:30

eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Santiago Creek Commission	04-23-25 17:30	12	3	3	0	0

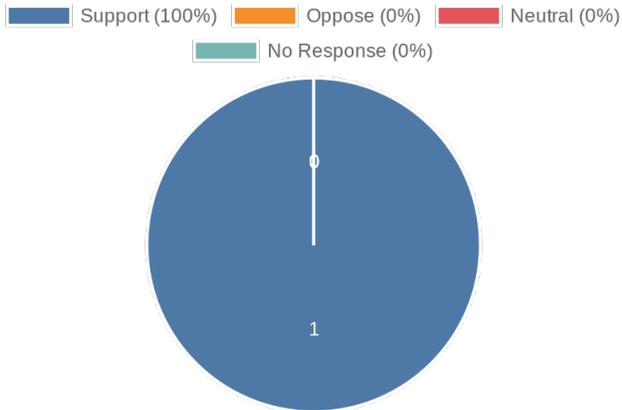
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
4.2. Review and discuss the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two recommended projects.	1	1	0	0
4.3. Review the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Three area and property ownership map as well as possible vision statement and project themes.	1	1	0	0
4.4. Selection of Santiago Creek Commission Officers.	1	1	0	0

Agenda Item: eComments for 4.2. Review and discuss the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two recommended projects.

Overall Sentiment



Adrienne Gladson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23pm 04-21-25

Chair and Commission members -

Attached is a package for an East Orange Community Garden with a concept site plan for the city owned property at the end of Walnut Street west of Santiago Creek.

The great team of Consuelo and Jeff Haysom, my neighbors, are part of this project idea too. Jeff is an engineer. He graciously drew up the site plan to scale with the concept layout on walnut and the second overall concept plan for all 4 options for an East Orange Community Garden(sO. We think several will work.

Jeff and Consuelo are master gardeners and have rented three community garden plots off Main Street for several years. It is our collective vision and dream to have as many community gardens as possible along the creek. The creek looks abandoned in many places and along the east side of the creek abutting our community needs care and attention. We think the County owns it and rarely cares for it. Both Consuelo and Jeff love teaching folks about how to grow food and would love to manage one of our future east of the 55 freeway gardens. This idea was something they shared with me in 2020.

In the pdf package is the test parcel outlined in red that we considered (4), an aerial photo of it, and community garden concept site plan and layout.

We all know there are so many things to do to implement this (funding, development, management) but we are excited to get this idea on the list of projects for Segment 2.

Second attachment shows three other locations along the creek where community gardens could go. It does show two areas within Grijalva Park which we know needs Parks Planning Commission oversight. We think site 2 and 4 are top on the list to check out and 1 needs to be considered in light of the plans for a skateboard park near

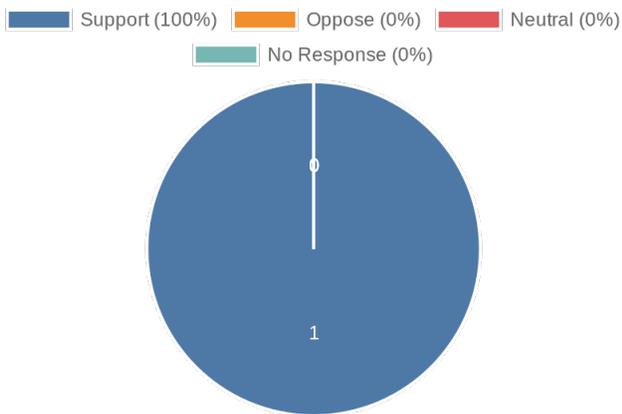
this area. All three of us live in the Huntington Community. We think our association dedicated Parcel 17 (Site 3) as part of our development to Orange County Flood control (County) or the city. But don't know.

All three of us will speak further with you at the meeting Wednesday.

Thanks,
Adrienne J. Gladson, AICP
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Agenda Item: eComments for 4.3. Review the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Three area and property ownership map as well as possible vision statement and project themes.

Overall Sentiment



Lisa May

Location:
Submitted At: 1:50pm 04-23-25

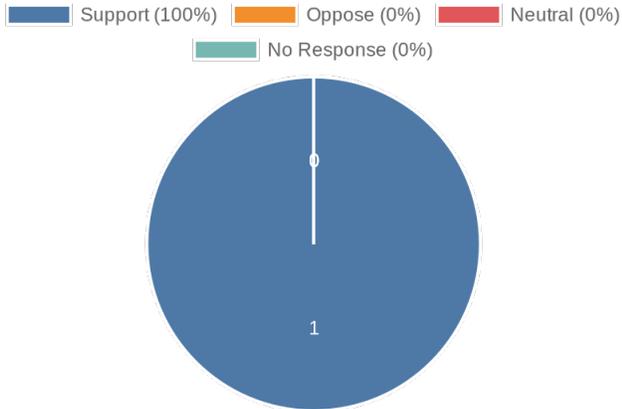
Dear Committee Members,

I've been a homeowner on E Tularosa Ave for 23 years and the City of Orange land parcels labeled 8 and 9 on the map (specifically parcel 8) are right behind my property. I was able to attend the meeting last Fall and have been following progress on the Creek Commission since then as we consider the space behind our property the big back yard and have a vested interest in what happens back there. I do support the vision of the Commission for the Santiago Creek but with hesitation due to safety concerns. Currently the plant growth along the creek is tall, dense brush in places creating fire and crime concerns for all of my neighbors on Tularosa. Over the past 23 years that we've lived in our house there have been no less than five brush fires, a deceased person, people pitching a tent behind my back gate, a crazy woman hopped into my next door neighbors backyard and damaged items and even entered their home while they were gone, gang graffiti on rocks/drainage pipe, garbage/refuse in creek bed/surrounding brush from people that are currently or were living within the brush, and I could go on. We are calling Orange PD more frequently (we love them, they are great). My elderly neighbors are afraid to walk back there now as they have been threatened by an unstable, transient man that hangs out back there. Our

husbands no longer want the women on our street to walk back there alone and when I asked the police about that the last time they came they echoed that sentiment. I'm saddened to see what the Santiago Creek area behind our property has become and that we no longer feel safe in our neighborhood because of it. We love the idea of having a beautiful, natural space behind us for all to use but it won't matter if it's unsafe. Thank you for your time and look forward to seeing how the vision continues to unfold.

Agenda Item: eComments for 4.4. Selection of Santiago Creek Commission Officers.

Overall Sentiment



Adrienne Gladson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02am 04-23-25

Support the Commission retaining the same officers for another year. That consistency will serve the Commission well for another year.