# July 23, 2025 Santiago Creek Commission Meeting

Written Public Comments

## Santiago Creek Commission Meeting Time: 07-23-25 17:30

### eComments Report

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Santiago Creek Commission	07-23-25 17:30	10	5	0	4	1

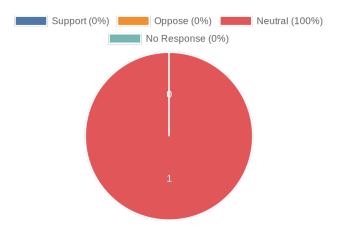
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4.2 Review and discuss the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Three recommended projects.	4	0	4	0

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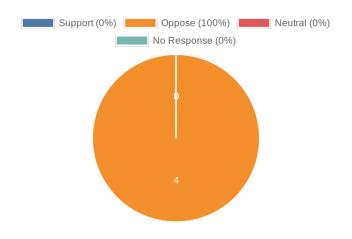
#### **Guest User**

Location: Submitted At: 9:50pm 07-21-25

Restoration of creek, remove trash and non native plants, plant native plants— have seen this done in area 9 at least, added new sprinklers too, worked for awhile but sprinkler system degraded when fires in area or kids on bikes would clip above ground lines. Did look nice when new.

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

#### **Overall Sentiment**



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Location: Submitted At: 12:45pm 07-23-25

Dear Creek Commissioners,

As a resident of E. Tularosa Ave. I support the overall effort to enhance the creek area for recreation use and appreciate the plans focus on safety, fire prevention and support for the homeless community. However, I strongly oppose placing remote control car and bike pump tracks on segment 9, which backs up to the homes on Tularosa and Pine. This peaceful, natural space is important to local families and similar past activity has led to littering, environmental damage and safety concerns. I urge you to consider a more appropriate location for this features. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully, Resident of Tularosa Avenue.

Guest User Location: Submitted At: 12:33pm 07-23-25

Dear Creek commissioners,

As a homeowner on South Pine Street, I am writing to share my thoughts regarding the proposed projects for the creek segment, particularly the recommendation to include remote control car and bike pump tracks.

I have reviewed the three proposed projects and, for the most part, I support the recommendations to beautify and preserve the area in meaningful ways that promote recreational use. I especially appreciate the plan's acknowledgment of key concerns such as crime prevention, fire risk mitigation, and proactive engagement with the unhoused population—issues that have long been, and continue to be, concerns for all homeowners in this area. However, I am strongly opposed to the recommendation to place remote control car and bike pump tracks west of Cambridge and north of the creek, on Segment 9 land, which backs up directly to the homes on the south side of Tularosa. My family, along with our neighbors, has long enjoyed the peaceful and quiet natural environment behind our homes. This area has been a refuge, especially for families with children, and we value the sense of safety and tranquility it provides.

I am truly concerned that introducing this type of activity into the area would disrupt the natural landscape and create an unsafe environment for nearby residents. A few months ago, when an individual created makeshift car tracks in the area, it led to increased litter, environmental damage, and general disturbance. I worry that a formalized track would attract large numbers of visitors and strangers to a space directly behind our homes. I do not feel safe with the idea of unknown individuals gathering in this secluded area throughout the day. This project risks endangering not only the natural habitat but also the safety and privacy of families who live along this stretch of the creek.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns. I urge you to reconsider this particular element of the plan and explore other locations more suitable for these types of recreational features.

Respectfully, Adriana and Cesar Guillen Homeowners, South Pine Street

#### **Guest User**

Location: Submitted At: 8:27pm 07-22-25

Although I support multiple projects being discussed tonite including historical signage, plant and debris clean up for safety, drinking fountains and benches along trails and additional access points, and running -walking dog walk trail north side of creek in area 9, I oppose the RC car track and pump bike tracks at this time. Reasons include: are there studies that show demand for these items?, What alternative locations not so close to residents and informal walking trails were discussed? How much is insurance for the city on the bike tracks?, is there a better use for the funds as I see programs that serve larger audiences cut ( such as concerts in the park- glad it was funded privately though), how do other residents stay safe from bike riders off track, what possible damage to native plants ( our other item being considered, in the area as the space is thin in this stretch of creek in between the creek/street/homes, what study has been completed on dust abatement for both items?...we did have a pedal bike track not far further up the creek and this was an addressed issue there? I have a son, I appreciate places for kids to play and be safe...I just don't see that these two ideas in this location with city funds that could be used elsewhere are a good idea. Thank you and the commission for offering all the opportunities being presented. I will watch the meeting and listen to the discussion.

Lisa May Location: Submitted At: 12:41pm 07-22-25

Dear Creek Commissioners,

I am a homeowner on East Tularosa Avenue and this creek segment is behind my house. I have reviewed the segment three recommended projects proposal and for the most part support the opportunities to beautify/maintain the area in meaningful ways to increase recreational usage for all to enjoy. I particularly appreciate the acknowledgement of crime/fire prevention and engagement with the homeless population in the plan...always a concern for us and our neighbors on Tularosa. We have already started our own neighborhood watch group on WhatsApp last year and it's come in handy, especially with the fires.

My opposition relates to the recommended project for a remote control car and bike pump tracks west of Cambridge/north of the creek on segment 9 land which backs up to the homes on the south side of Tularosa. My family has enjoyed a peaceful/quiet environment behind our home the past 23 years largely in part to the natural creek environment. Adding this recreational concept in segment 9 will surely have the opposite effect. In addition to an increase in noise from the remote control cars, unwanted track dust will blanket our properties causing us to keep our windows shut to reduce both of these things. My concern is that these things will negatively affect our home values and our quality of life.

Thank you for reviewing my comment.

Kind regards, Lisa