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## REQUEST FOR COVERAGE

### **City Council Approved Acquisition of Land for Leon Creek Greenbelt**

On Thursday, Oct. 17, 1996 the San Antonio City Council approved Agenda Items #29a,29b,29c,29d. The ordinances authorized acquisition of four parcels of land, totaling 92.77 acres, along the Leon Creek north of Bandera Rd. The new acquisitions will ultimately be combined with other property in the area for the development of the Leon Creek Park and Greenbelt in northwest San Antonio.

A total expenditure not to exceed \$97,700 was approved unanimously by Council members. Of this amount, \$26,500 will be paid from the 1994 Parks General Obligation Bond funds of City Council District 7. And \$71,200 will be paid for by the 1994 voter approved GO Bond funds from District 8. The acquisition and development of these properties will place no immediate demand on the City's General Fund.

One parcel of 24 acres was donated to the city by Rockwald Joint Ventrure I, who plan to develop acreage adjacent to the site for multi-family and commercial use. A parcel of 17.25 acres can be acquired for \$5,000 in back taxes. 23.85 acres in Dist. 8 may be bought for \$25,000. And a contingency contract is proposed for a 27.67 acre tract of land to require that the purchase price not exceed \$5,000.

\$62,700 will go toward closing costs, environmental and land surveys, appraisals, and park materials. Development activities for the Leon Creek Greenbelt will be funded from the future sales 1994 GO Park bonds and will be authorized by subsequent ordinances.

Neighborhoods along the Leon Creek are currently allied in the Leon Creek Greenbelt Coalition, (LCGC). With the support of CC members Bob Ross and Robert Marbut, and the San Antonio Department of Parks and Recreation, the coalition is engaged in planning how the land within the greenbelt will be used and developed. Meetings are held at the Prue Rd. Police Substation at 7:00 PM on the last Wednesday of each month.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, the LCGC will hold its 2nd "almost semi-annual Creek Stomp" creek clean-up event. The Creek Stomp begins at 7:00 AM and will provide free food and drink to volunteers. A raptor show featuring John Karger of the Last Chance Forever Foundation will begin at 10:30 at the Oxbow Pond, located off Babcock Rd .

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**This draft has no spelling errors. I await your changes, or notification that this is O.K. I must leave for the Kelly Conference at 11:AM. The Coalition is planning a press conference on the creek on Sun. 10/28. I hope that you can join us.**

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