



Dear San Antonio GEAA members and friends,



This past week GEAA officially turned twelve and, more notably, long-time GEAA supporter and all around great woman, Ruth Lofgren celebrated her 100th birthday. Three cheers for Ruth! [Her history](#) of effective activism has made our community so much better while serving as an inspiration to me and, to so many others.

Sorry we missed giving Tuesday - not because we're so flush, but we're so busy doing what needs to be done. Thanks to Myfe Moore and others who stepped up and gave without being asked. If you are also so inclined, [we welcome](#) (and could really use) any and all donations.

In the News: We have completed our third Community Rain Garden at Lorence Creek Park (click [here](#) for drone footage). On Monday, the San Antonio Express News published [a great article](#) on the importance of LID projects like this featuring pictures of our staff and volunteers working on our first Community Rain Garden at the Woods of Shavano Community Park. You can learn lots more about GEAA's Community Rain Gardens and see more pictures of all our great volunteers [here](#).

This past week GEAA participated in the kick-off session of the [New Braunfels Comprehensive Planning](#) process. We have been tapped to serve on the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee. Judging from this first meeting, the process looks to be far more inclusive, well facilitated, and inspirational than [the process for San Antonio's Comprehensive Plan](#). We are delighted that the City of New Braunfels pulled together so many people who will be working to put their town on the path to a bright future.

Update on December 1st San Antonio City Council votes: We were disappointed that the Mayor and City Council majority voted to approve the US 281 annexation. Our thanks go out to Council members, Nirenberg and Shirley Gonzales for their [eloquent dissents](#), and to all 412 of you who signed [the petition](#) that was sent to Mayor Taylor. This was not a wasted effort as the IH 10 north annexation involving the same issues is still before us. Stay tuned for more.

Even more disappointing was the 7- 4 vote approving a slate of Planning Commissioners recommended by the City Council Governance Committee. While we are delighted that June Kachtik was appointed, we were dismayed that the chief qualifications for the other new Planning Commissioners seems to be how closely they are tied to the industries they will be regulating. This was an opportunity for the Council to demonstrate that they are with the people of San Antonio - and not the vested interests – one which the majority of Council conspicuously failed. You can learn more [here](#).

Our heartfelt thanks to Council members Treviño, Saldaña, Gonzales, and Nirenberg for voting against the slate. Thanks, as well, to Councilman Treviño for his efforts to reconfigure this body, which will be considered by the Governance Committee at 2:pm on December 7th, and for pointing out that not one of the new appointments come from the south side of town.

As you can see, it's been a busy week and I'm really glad it's over. Have a great weekend!

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