

Habitat Workgroup Meeting  
April 21, 2011

Welcome and introductions – Jaime

- Vegetation tree removal from arroyo. Started last Wednesday in McKelvey Park. Not taking out big trees yet, just dead debris
- Now IBWC is saying they will put the debris into a washout to stop erosion in an area of the Arroyo in Harlingen.
- Seems that IBWC will no longer use a chipper because of budget issues
- At ag issues wg mtg. producers were even surprised about the methods of disposing of debris

Projects

- POH – we have been unable to conduct the study at POH because of matching issues which are working on being resolved. Phase II of the project appears as it will not happen.
- Los Fresnos Resaca Project – update on location and capacity of Resaca. Talked to los fresnos city manager who went before the board to discuss purchasing the land for the project and will apply for a CIAP grant.

LID Project – spoke of phase I and Phase II LID projects and the meeting was virtually about the money that is to be granted. San Juan and Valley Nature Center have a short timeline to start project without losing other funding sources.

Trying to write a formal letter for a NCE for LID

Last Friday San Juan held an earth day event and 300 kids from San Juan high school and middle schools. Students planted plants, cleared out weeds, built benches and birdhouses and general maintenance of the wetland. They want to try and do it every 6 months

Solar Powered Circulator Project – trying to get into port of Harlingen. Money for them is available but ownership is an issue. Partnership

Possibility to do wetlands maintenance training again. Demonstrations would be beneficial for the city employees.