Bexar County Proclamations Given to Confluence Park and “CoCobijos”

Bexar County Commissioners Court presented Proclamations to the San Antonio River Foundation for recent public projects.

JULY 10- SAN ANTONIO- At 10am this morning, Bexar County Commissioners Court presented two Proclamations to Robert Amerman, Executive Director of the San Antonio River Foundation. The first was in recognition of the successful effort of Confluence Park’s fundraising, design and construction teams in the development of the project. The second presentation, a Hidalgo Proclamation, recognized artist Mel Chin for his work on the Mission Reach public art installation, “CoCobijos.”

Since its opening on March 3, 2018, Confluence Park has served over 1,000 students with its educational programming, hosted many thousands of visitors at nearly 100 events and supported over 20 regional nonprofits and educational institutions. The recognized teams include past and present Board of Directors and staff, major donors, artists, architects and contractors. “What an incredible achievement. Generations to come and have somewhere to appreciate their environment.” said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff.

“CoCobijos,” located on the northeast corner of Mission County Park and unveiled on May 17, 2018, is a giant steel cactus shade structure with a living cactus roof. This installation by Mel Chin bridges the natural world of the San Antonio River and cultural legacy of Mission San Jose. Mel Chin is an internationally recognized artist with a career over 40 years and exhibits which span multiple continents and cultures. “‘CoCobijos’ is a meditation on the powerful cultural currents which underpin our unique region of Texas.” said Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, Precinct 4.
Photo credit: Cade Bradshaw and Stuart Allen. Students learning about watershed dynamics in front of the Estela Avery Education Center.
Photo credit: Natural Landscapers, LLC. “CoCobijos” in final stages of cactus roof planting
Photo Credit: San Antonio River Authority. Presentation of Confluence Park Proclamation including members of the Commissioners Court and representatives of the River Foundation and the Park’s design and building partners.

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About the San Antonio River Foundation
The San Antonio River Foundation is the nonprofit partner to the San Antonio River Authority. Established to provide amenities and enhancements along the San Antonio River and its tributaries not funded by public monies, the Foundation invests in and manages public projects that provide opportunities for residents and tourists alike to enjoy the river’s natural beauty, immerse themselves in its history and become thoughtful stewards of its future. Since its establishment in 2003, the Foundation has reinvested $38 million back into the community through projects and initiatives which fulfill the mission to enhance the San Antonio River Basin as a vibrant cultural, educational, ecological and recreational experience. www.sariverfound.org