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Mr. Steven J. Raabe, P. E. Trustee
Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust

Dear Steven,

I am pleased to provide this month's executive summary and current project momentum for Palacios Pathways.

This month began with a meaningful community milestone: the Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Caboose Corner at Railroad Park on July 4, which launched Palacios' semiquincentennial celebrations and honored the historic role of the railroad in shaping our town. This moment also marked the beginning of a new phase for Palacios Pathways, with the hiring of Project Manager Andrea "Andi" Szigeti on July 1. With twenty years of architectural experience and twelve years as a Texas Parks and Wildlife program manager, Andi has stepped confidently into her role and immediately began strengthening coordination across the project.

During the period of June, Brandi Pitman continued the foundational identity work for the *Tales & Trails* program, to strengthen alignment, enhance program visibility, and support future grant funding and partnership opportunities as well as establishing the visual and narrative framework that will support marketing, wayfinding, digital tools, and future public engagement.

Living Currents, Oral Histories of the Bay, Jorge, Sanhueza-Lyon continued to work, focusing on research, community outreach, and early story development. Early interviews, project database, and work at the Sanford Center community have established the groundwork for a robust, community-centered oral history collection.

Looking ahead, July will focus on structured planning, committee coordination, and advancing the goals of the grant. Strategic work sessions, contractor collaboration, and internal project organization will guide the month as we prepare for upcoming milestones and community-facing elements. At this time, no challenges or risks have been identified, and the project is moving forward with positive momentum and strong community support.

Sincerely yours,

Edith Gower
Co-Chair