



**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD  
JOINT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, May 16, 2011  
Meeting Minutes**

**Joint Committee Members in Attendance:**

Linda H. Guerrero, Chair  
Carol Lee  
Mary Ann Neely

Jerry Perales, Co-Chair  
Mary Gay Maxwell

**Staff in Attendance:**

Laurie Dries, WPD  
Tom Nelson, PARD  
Johnnie Price, WPD

Gary Gregson, PARD  
David Johns, WPD

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 16, 2011, at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Annex, 919 W. 28½ St., in Austin, Texas.

Co-Chair Jerry Perales called the Joint Committee Meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

**1. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION**

- Sharon Blythe spoke against renewal of the contract with the company which maintains the City's cemeteries.
- Ralph Webster asked about the status of the tree treatment funds and plans for utilizing them.
- Tom Weber spoke about the desire of the Friends of Barton Springs Pool and other citizens for a written report on the Flood Debris Removal Project.
- Robin Cravey spoke about the desire for more information regarding the short-term improvement projects. He also commented on the Short-term Projects Statuses report and how changes had been made without explanation as to why (i.e. the schedule of one project).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from the March 07, 2011, meeting were approved 4-0-1 vote.

**3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Update on the Hydrodynamic Flow Modeling Project ..... Laurie Dries, WPD
  - The text and scope of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and The University of Texas (UT) is under review by City attorneys and UT. Once

finalized, an RCA will go forward for Council authorization. Project will start by fall of 2011.

- Questions about the fees in the agreement (specifically, tuition for the students) were raised by the Joint Committee members. Laurie agreed to look into the costs and report back.
- b. Sunken Gardens Phase 1 Repairs ..... Laurie Dries, WPD
  - An update on the permit renewal from US Fish and Wildlife was given. WPD will attempt to include some maintenance activities in the new permit.
- c. Structural Assessment of Dams..... Gary Gregson, PARD
  - A thorough structural assessment of both Barton Springs dams had been commissioned, and a report on the findings was submitted to the City in April. Overall, the dams are in good condition with the exception of cracks in the downstream dam. The report recommends repair of the dams as soon as feasible.

**4. BUSINESS (Discussion and Action)**

- a. Quarterly vs. Monthly Joint Committee Meetings..... Gary Gregson, PARD
  - The members of the Joint Committee were asked if they would prefer to keep meeting on a monthly basis, or meeting quarterly or as-needed.
  - The members requested a better reporting mechanism for the short-term projects.
  - Mary Ann Neely made a motion to continue monthly meetings and that short-term project reports be improved to add more funding information and more-regular status updates. Mary Gay Maxwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0.

**5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

- a. Updates on all active short-term projects at each meeting.

**6. ADJOURN**

Committee Co-Chair Jerry Perales adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m. without objection.