



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

**Monday, July 18, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

Joint Committee Members in Attendance:

Jerry Perales, Co-Chair
Carol Lee
Thomas Wilcox

Jon Beall
Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Tom Nelson, PARD
Clark Hancock, PARD
John McKennis, PARD

Gary Gregson, PARD
Jeanne Crowley, PARD
Emily King, PARD

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 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 6:26 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from the June 20, 2011, meeting were approved 4-0-0 vote.

2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

- All citizens who signed up to speak wished to speak about agenda items.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Backflow Prevention Project for Potable Water Lines John McKennis, PARD
 - John McKennis gave a briefing on the need to install three (3) Reduced Pressure Zones (RPZ's) in the potable water lines at Barton Springs to prevent possible backflow contamination in the event of flooding.
 - In order to locate water lines, some investigative digging may need to occur.
- b. Update on Signs from Interpretive Plan Clark Hancock, PARD
 - An update was provided on the status of the signs developed in the interpretive planning process. Sign installation will be incorporated into General Grounds Improvements project, tentatively scheduled for construction in fall of 2012.
 - Design for entry signage still under review by PARD management.
- c. Update on Tree Treatment Emily King, PARD
 - A presentation was made and stakeholder / Joint Committee input was requested on plans to treatment to 25 to 30 trees at Barton Springs in the fall of

2011. Plans call for mulching / soil treatment, temporary irrigation, and possible restricted access

- Zoila Vega-Marchena (citizen) spoke and gave a presentation about concerns she has with the treatment plans. She stated that many of the trees do not require soil aeration, and that mulch or ground cover should be placed within the driplines instead of grass.
- Robin Cravey (citizen) stated that he liked the concept and would like to see staff more forward with the work.

4. BUSINESS (Discussion and Action)

- None

5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- a. Flow modeling agreement with the University of Texas (answers to questions posed at May meeting). Joint Committee would like to vote whether or not to recommend.

6. ADJOURN

Committee Co-Chair Jerry Perales adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. without objection.