



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

**Monday, March 19, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

**Joint Committee Members in Attendance:**

Jerry Perales, Chair

Hill Abell

Jesus Lardizabal (Resource)

Mary Ann Neely

Mary Gay Maxwell

**Staff in Attendance:**

Tom Nelson, PARD

Gary Gregson, PARD

Sharon Knotts, PARD

Jodi Jay, PARD

Jim Adams, PARD

Walter Passmore, PARD

Laurie Dries, WPD

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 19, 2012, at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River St., Austin, Texas.

Co-chair **Jerry Perales** called the Joint Committee Meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The approval of the minutes for the February 6, 2012, meeting was postponed until the April meeting.

**2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION**

- Zoila Vega-Marchena – Spoke about heritage tree watering and using sufficient amounts of water during times of rain and drought. Looking for signs of stress and using BSP Tree Watering Plan Guidelines, which is a flexible guideline and not a rule or law.
- Brian Leonard – Stated PARD wasn't caring for trees and if it wasn't for Zoila we wouldn't have anyone caring for trees.
- Karen Kreps – Agreed with Brian on the caring of the trees. She feels the trees are poorly managed and cared for and she is concerned about the amount of mulch being put down at Barton Springs. She said it covers the grass leaving nowhere to sit. She suggested we put the mulch down in the winter.

- Gary Meyer – Wanted all groups to come together for an overall plan for caring of the Barton Springs trees. His group wants to work with COA and provide money, volunteers, etc.

**3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION**

- Liza Colucci – Gave a presentation on Eliza Springs. She reviewed the various plans connecting Eliza to Barton Springs and covered the affects of those plans on the salamander habitat, which included the biological restrictions, water control and community space. Liza stated they are only in the design phase and would like to try to get things going for construction at the same time as the Barton Springs bypass.
- Tom Nelson – Spoke about the Short-Term Improvement Project including the Irrigation Project to use creek water not Barton Springs pool water for irrigation. He said Fish & Wildlife was looking at the possibility of using pool water. The Board requested Tom to find out when Fish & Wildlife will get back to us on that possibility.

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

- a. Art in Public Places Artwork Concept/Location  
 .....Sue Lambe, EGRSO
  - Sue Lambe/Hawkeye Glenn (Artist) – Gave a presentation on the placement of Art at Barton Springs Pool. Hawkeye presented materials he is using for his art piece and covered why he selected specific sites for placement of the art.
  - Location and artwork concept was approved by a 4-0-0 vote.
- b. Forestry Tree Issues Communication Plan.....Walter Passmore, PARD
  - Plan was amended by removing flow chart
  - Amended version was approved by a 4-0-0 vote.
- c. Forestry Drought Plan for BSP.....Walter Passmore, PARD
  - Title of plan was amended to “Tree Watering Guidelines for Drought”
  - Plan with title change was approved by a 4-0-0 vote.
- d. Possible Transplant of a 7-inch Pecan Tree from Congress Ave.  
 .....Walter Passmore, PARD
  - Transplant of a 7-inch Pecan Tree was approved by a 4-0-0 vote.

**5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**6. ADJOURN**

Committee Chair Jerry Perales adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m. without objection.