



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

**Monday, April 16, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Joint Committee Members in Attendance:

Linda H. Guerrero, Chair
Hill Abell

Mary Ann Neely
Mary Gay Maxwell

Staff in Attendance:

Tom Nelson, PARD
Gary Gregson, PARD
Sharon Knotts, PARD
Jodi Jay, PARD
Jim Adams, PARD
Clark Hancock, PARD

Nichole Bohner, PARD
Donita Houtman, PARD
Sue Lambe, EGRSO
Angela Hanson, PARD

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 16, 2012, at the Austin Nature and Science Center, 301 Nature Center Drive, Austin, Texas.

Chair **Linda H. Guerrero** called the Joint Committee Meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The approval of the minutes for the February 6, 2012, meeting was postponed until the May meeting.
- b. The approval of the minutes for the March 19, 2012, meeting was postponed until the May meeting.

2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

- Brian Leonard – Spoke about supporting AIPP but would like it's location for placement to be relocated. He doesn't want to see so much concrete on the hill. He would like the hill to remain natural. He is also concerned about the lifecycle of trees at Barton Springs and would like to see more planting of trees and tree care in order to keep trees growing to provide shade. Mary Ann Neely explained to Brian that it's best to plant trees during the Fall season. She also mentioned that a plan was in place to plant small trees at Barton Springs Pool in the Fall of 2012.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION

- Johnnie Price – Gave a brief update on the Grate Project and By Pass Project. The Grate Project will be awarded in June and the By Pass Project will be awarded in August. The work for the Grate Project will be started in July and it will not affect swimmers. The work for the By Pass Project will start around Sept./Oct. They are hoping to finish the Grate Project around Aug. before starting the By Pass repairs and ending this project in January. They are planning to use February as a buffer in case anything unforeseeable should occur (i.e. flooding, etc.). Some details on how the Grate Project and By Pass Project would be done were discussed. Samples of selected tile material were presented in order to show color and texture of what would be used on the project.
- Tom Nelson – Introduced Clark Hancock to speak about short-term project updates, working on signs around the pool, tiles around the pool and the heritage walkway outside the pool area.

4. BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. General Grounds Improvements – Revisions to 90% Design

..... Brian Larson, Larson Burns and Smith

- Brian Larson spoke about general grounds improvements. After a meeting with Zoila Vega-Marchena on tree preservation, revisions were made to the monument walkway to preserve the root systems of the trees. The bike racks were also relocated to help preserve the trees. These plans were submitted on 3/9/2012.
- Revisions to 90% Design was approved by a 4-0-0 vote.

b. Location to Transplant Pecan Tree from Congress Ave..... Angela Hanson, PARD

- Jerry Bier – Thinks updates to plans are looking better and better. He is concerned about the main path along with moving earth and tree removal. He asked if more trees would be planted and was told there would be approx. 20 trees planted.
- Board asked for a list of trees that were going to be planted at BSP. Tom Nelson will e-mail the list of trees to the Board.
- Angela Hanson – spoke about the large Ash tree near the monument, stating it was near the end of its life span. She said trees will be planted in that area to compensate for tree loss when it occurs.
- Michael _____ stated that a tree died near the bath house and irrigation is in place already. He suggested it would be a good place to plant a tree.
- Clark Hancock suggested that we plant trees near the sunken garden.
- Board stated they did not want trees planted in or near the playground area and asked for artificial shade for children’s playground for safety reasons.
- Board asked for a presentation on a tree planting option.

c. Joint Committee Agenda Reformat to Allow for Improved Citizen Communications

.....Linda Guerrero

- Agenda Reformat was approved by a 4-0-0 vote.

d. Art in Public Places Artwork for General Grounds ProjectSue Lambe, EGRSO

- Sue Lambe/Hawkeye Glenn (Artist) – spoke about location for artwork, walkway sizes and issues, ADA ease of access with ability to have several wheelchairs along with the ability for them to turn around. She also discussed the relocation of art placement with respect to tree root system.
- Board requested a site visit to Barton Springs Pool with the artist. Tom Nelson will get dates for the site visit for the Board and the artist to meet.
- Tom Webber – asked about a permanent place for the art location.

5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Linda H. Guerrero is stepping down from the Joint Committee in May and has asked Hill Abell to take her place.

6. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Linda H. Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. without objection.