



LAKE AUSTIN TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES OF September 24, 2012
Monday, September 24, 2012 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
City Hall 301 W. Second Street, Room 1101 Board and Commissions room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Guerrero called the LATF meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

LATF Attendees:

Alan Roddy
Ben Hodges
Carol Lee
Jane Rivera
Linda Guerrero
Mary Ann Neely
Pam Murfin
Kenneth Pfluger
Eric Moreland
William Moriarty
Nick Wiersema
Mary Gay Maxwell
Ellen Witt
Brian Roark
Jared Matthews

Members absent:

Andrew Hawkins
Ernest Gonzalez

Others present:

Liz Johnston
Blake Tollett
Lisa Hatzenbuehler
Marilla Shepherd
Chuck Lesniak
Larry Schooler
Bryce Bencivengo

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Citizen communication is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Lake Austin Task Force. Speakers signed up for each of the following issue areas will each be allowed a 3 (three) minute time allotment to speak on items posted on the agenda:

- **Blake Tollett signed up to speak about activities on Lake Austin.**

3. LAKE AUSTIN TASKFORCE BUSINESS AND ACTION

- a. Approval of minutes from the September 14, 2012 LATF meeting.

This item is postponed to the next meeting on 10/8/12.

Corrections to item 3b's motion: LATF discussions were to add to item 3b Eric Moreland's suggestion, issues that do not reach a consensus to be listed in Larry process, minutes and in the final report.

- b. Set dates for public hearings – Linda Guerrero, Chair

This item was conducted as posted. The public hearing date will be October 22, 2012 after the regular meeting. Staff will locate a meeting place for a 6:00 p.m. meeting. Larry Schooler will generate a list of ways to get public the public informed about the referenced public meeting.

4. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Continue development of concerns/issues to be addressed by Task Force

This item was conducted as posted. The LATF discussed concerns/issues.

- b. Prioritize list of Lake Austin concerns/issues

This item was conducted as posted.

The LATF spent time going over issues:

Environment

- Preservation
- Securing habitat for non-humans
- Science of Lake Austin
- Water quality
- Protection of valuable water source
- Aquatic weeds
- Natural beauty
- Erosion*
- City of Austin Master Plan Phase I excluded monitoring
- Fueling stations*
- Regulations and public education on use of pesticides
- Regulations of grass in the Watershed
- Water testing
- Turbidity

- Permits in Watershed
- Creek monitoring
- Duck weeds

Lake Uses & Management

- Safety
- Keeping Lake Austin open for all
- Usage of motor boats*
- Lake clean-up
- Overuse issues*
- Insufficient data
- Enforcement of state's boating laws
- Recreational use of the lake
- Traffic on the lake
- Tourism
- Commercial use*
- Wakes
- Boat ramp access
- Sound ordinances**

Processes, Policies, & Coordination

- Education*
- Rules*
- City of Austin Department responsibilities
- Clarity of who does what
- Code changes*
- Applications and supporting not posted
- Authority not well understood

- 1999 “Plain English Rewrite” removed protections
- Austin’s OSSF Regulations**
- Inadequate legal guidance for staff
- City of Austin receives incorrect and incomplete information
- No coordination between city departments
- Fire prevention and fire fighting
- Parks board role

Development

- Economic concerns*
- Current regulations not being followed...
- Site plans and variances being approved administratively
- Application process...*
- Citizen driven complaint process
- Specifications for new technologies*
- No limit to application frequency*
- No deterrents for unpermitted work
- Lake Austin zone regulations are being undermined**
- Impervious cover assumptions for water quality**
- Confusion about “Conditional Approvals”
- Unpermitted work and destruction of CEFs
- Impact of development on Lake Austin Watershed
- Managing the aesthetics of Lake Austin
- Land ownership
- Dock criteria clarification
- Complying vs. non-complying structures

- Current building project permits
 - Property owner rights*
 - Development in the flood areas
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- c. Discuss possible Lake Austin Task Force working groups – Carol Lee, Vice Chair
This item was not discussed, and will be placed on the October 8, 2012 next meeting agenda
 - d. Update on Lake tour – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
Chuck Lesniak report on this item. Funding for the boat trip is approved and will discuss possible dates probably the second week in October 2012. Chuck Lesniak would like to hear back from LATF members on what items they would like see on the tour by generating a list.

NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items
No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Linda Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.