



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

**Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Joint Committee Members in Attendance:

Hill Abell, Chair

Jerome Perales, Co-Chair

Linda Guerrero

Mary Ann Neely

Mary Gay Maxwell

Staff in Attendance:

Kimberly McNeeley, PARD

Patrick Corona, PARD

Gary Gregson, PARD

Sharon Knotts, PARD

Jodi Jay, PARD

Donita Grinde-Houtman, PARD

Nichole Bohner, PARD

Jim Adams, PARD

Angela Hanson, PARD Urban Forestry

Johnnie Price, WPD

Liza Colucci, WPD

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at the Parks and Recreation Annex, Shoal Creek Room, 919 West 28½ Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair **Hill Abell** called the Joint Committee Meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The approval of the minutes for the June 28, 2012, meeting was approved with a 4-0-1 vote.

2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

- Brian Leonard – Asked the Board to listen to the public because they are knowledgeable about what is going on at ground level. He provided pictures of the type of surface he would like the Board to consider for using around the pool. He is also for pruning and caring for the trees.
- Karen Kreps – Would like maintenance to sweep instead of using blowers on the sidewalks at the pool. Spoke about pool closure due to repairs.
- Roy Waley – Asked Board to keep South Barton Springs as natural as possible. Agrees with Brian Leonard's suggestion to use surface provided in picture.

- Jonathon Beall – Wants to keep the south side of Barton Springs Pool non-commercial. He would like to see more public consensus before the city spends money on consultants.
- Zoila Vega – Gave a presentation and spoke about trees needing to be watered every 3 weeks due to moderate drought. She asked that the cottonwood behind Barton Springs Pool diving board be pruned and not removed. She was upset that the tree at Zilker Hillside Theater was removed and she spoke about the Heritage Tree Ordinance. Wants to have tree assessment done before trees are removed.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION

- Angela Hanson – Stated they are looking into using pool water to water trees which will be addressed at another time. Then she gave a presentation on tree planting and removal.

4. BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Bypass Culvert Repair Project – Proposed Deck Surface Sealant

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- Johnnie Price – gave a presentation on the Bypass Culvert Repair Project – Proposed Deck Surface Sealant.
- Mary Ann Neely – Asked if the surface around the pool was going to be made of some of the newer surfaces that are cooler to the touch and slip resistant.
- Brian Leonard – feels that using a sealant is going to introduce more problems.
- Karen Kreps – stated she didn’t recall ever seeing tiles saying ‘no running’ and the mock designs with the tiles.
- Zoila Vega – stated that even with the sealant, the corroded steel will continue to corrode and Mr. Price said that the sealant was being put on to slow down that process.

5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- a. None.

6. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Hill Abell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. without objection.