



Record of Decisions

**Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
Citizens Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
March 25, 2014 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Waller Creek Center Room 104
625 East 10th Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Attending:

Peter Torgrimson
John Gosdin
Ken Beck
Forrest Arnold

David Whatley
Tom Hegemier
Mary Ann Neely
Joe Lessard

Excused:

Lynne Weber
Hill Abell

Bill Moriarty

Absent:

Valarie Bristol

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Members and staffs participated in a brief social from 6:00 to 6:30 enjoying pizza and light refreshments provided by members Whatley and Gosdin. Members thanked David and John for the pizza and refreshments.

1. **Citizens Communication** – Mr. Alan Roddy addressed members as a concerned citizen. He expressed concern about excessive shoreline erosion along Lake Austin. He showed pictures of an example on the Cortana BCP tract where the shoreline had eroded ten to fifteen feet in the last several years to the point where a BCP sign is poised to fall into the lake. Member Hegemier asked if this kind of erosion is common or is this an isolated case. Mr. Roddy responded that it is common. He asked whether BCP could initiate a shoreline protection demo project in this area. Chair Torgrimson noted that the City's Watershed Protection Department is researching shoreline protection BMP's

2. **BCP Partner Reports**

- a. **City of Austin BCP** – Sherri Kuhl reviewed a written report. Ken Beck asked whether BCP could work with HOA's on less offensive fencing. Willy Conrad noted that the City had attempted this with the River Place HOA and property owners beginning in 2006 and that it had been a failure because of recurring encroachment, trespass, and dumping. Kuhl also reviewed the written joint BCP outreach report.

John Gosdin noted that the BCP outreach effort seems very effective. His recent interactions with HOA's and neighborhoods demonstrated that at least fifty percent of people he dealt with in the BCP area were aware of BCP and its purpose.

Ken Beck noted that communities around BCP lands are challenged maintaining fire response. When developed areas are annexed some ESD's are left with responsibility to protect BCP areas that do not contribute to the district's tax base.

- b. **Travis County BCP** – Wendy Connally reviewed a written report. Joe Lessard asked some questions about the economic benefit of BCCP to the area economy. What is the economic benefit to the economy from BCCP. What is the acquisition status? Is there a prioritization process for Tax Benefit Financing use? Secretary Conrad confirmed that he will have a report responding to these questions at the next CAC meeting.
- c. **LCRA BCP** – Eric Huebner provided an oral report. LCRA is currently doing golden-cheeked warbler territory mapping on their Wheless tract.
- d. **Other BCP Partners** – no reports

3. **New Business**

- a. **Introduce new member appointed to represent the City of Sunset Valley** Forrest Arnold was introduced as the Sunset Valley appointee to the CAC. This position was created when the Coordinating Committee entered into a managing partner agreement with Sunset Valley in November, 2013.
- b. **Spring CAC Field Trip and Picnic: review proposed dates -** Members agreed that a joint SAC-CAC social would be good. The City staff offered to host one on Sunday May 4, 2014. Members could also participate in events on site that day that include guided birding walks. Members agreed to this proposed date and asked staff to send invitations to both SAC and CAC members.
- c. **Receive report on revised land management plan chapters for Oak Wilt (Chapter 3) and Karst Management (Chapter 9)** – Sherri Kuhl gave a brief overview of the BCP land Management Plan and the two draft chapters. She asked members to review the documents and provide feedback before April 11, 2014.
- d. **Members' Issues and Concerns:**

Member Lessard asked whether the CAC (perhaps jointly with the SAC) should produce a bi-annual State of BCCP report. It would

cover current issues, BCP sustainability, and items related to living in central Texas. Lessard' made a motion to add an item to the next agenda to address this in the work plan and to remove the Friends of BCCP from the work plan. Second by Beck, Carried 8/0

Member Hegemier made a motion to add to the next agenda:

- a review of BCCP participation fees
- an update on the LISD road proposal
- an update on City and County budgets

Second by Torgrimson, Carried 8/0

4. Old Business

- a. Approve the Record of Decision from 12/7/14** – Motion by Beck to approve as corrected, Second by Neely, approved 7/0 1 abstaining
- b. CAC Annual Work Plan** – No action
 - i. Report from subcommittees**
 - 1. Wildfire and fire support**
 - 2. Invasive species in landscaping**
 - 3. Friends of BCP group**

Adjourned at 8:30 PM without objection