



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

**Monday, October 28, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Joint Committee Members in Attendance:

Parks and Recreation Board:

Hill Abell, Chair
Dale Glover

Environmental Board:

Mary Ann Neely
James Schissler
Jennifer Walker

Staff in Attendance:

Kim McNeeley, PARD
Gary Gregson, PARD
Angela Hanson, PARD
Robin Camp, PWD

Cheryl Bolin, PARD
Jodi Jay, PARD
Sue Lambe, EGRSO

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a joint meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair **Hill Abell** called the Joint Committee Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The approval of the minutes for the August 06, 2013, meeting was approved with a 4-0 vote.

2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

- Dan Crow: Commented about the lawn areas being closed to the public during the General Grounds Improvements project. Stated that parts of the lawn should be available to swimmers if possible. Stated that obstructions present due to construction activities could delay lifeguard response.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION

- Robin Camp (Public Works Department Project Manager) introduced contractor representatives and gave an overview of the General Grounds Improvements project.
 - Mary Ann Neely asked if project would affect the Polar Bear Swim.
 - Robin Camp responded that accommodations would be made to allow for Polar Bear Swim.
 - Karen Kreps asked if it was necessary to close both north and south lawns simultaneously.
 - Robin Camp responded that as much of the lawn will be made available to pool users as possible.

- Sue Lambe (Economic Development Department AIPP Coordinator) gave a brief presentation on the proposed artwork for outside the south gate of Barton Springs.
 - Dale Glover asked if there is a budget for ongoing maintenance
 - Sue Lambe responded that EDD does not have a maintenance budget
 - Kim McNeeley responded that PARD also does not have a budget for ongoing maintenance
 - Jennifer Walker asked if actual water would be part of the artwork
 - The artist (Hawkeye Glenn) responded “only when it rains.” The artwork would not have a water feature.
 - James Schissler asked if the artist had considered expansion and contraction during hot/cold weather
 - The artist responded that he had given that considerable research and felt comfortable with its design

4. BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- The committee discussed agenda item E1 regarding a recommendation to PARD about removal and/or repurposing of tree stump/snags at Barton Springs.
 - Urban Forestry Program Manager, Angela Hanson, noted that the discussion was originally initiated regarding a snag that was left on the south hillside.
 - Kimberly McNeeley stated that PARD had already made an executive decision to remove the snag
 - The committee opted not to take action on this item and to leave such decisions to PARD Management.

- The committee discussed agenda item E2 regarding limiting the purview of the Joint Committee.
 - This item was raised due to citizens’ desire for the Joint Committee to provide more oversight regarding maintenance and operations.
 - Jennifer Walker made a motion to limit the purview of the Joint Committee to items directly related to the Barton Springs Pool Master Plan and its related short-term improvement projects.
 - James Schissler seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. None.

6. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Hill Abell adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. without objection.