



**Environmental Board / Parks and Recreation Board
JOINT COMMITTEE**

**June 16, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

Joint Committee Members in Attendance:

Parks and Recreation Board:
Hill Abell, Chair
Dale Glover

Environmental Board:
Mary Ann Neely
James Schissler

Staff in Attendance:

Kim McNeeley, PARD
Gary Gregson, PARD
Robin Camp, PWD
Jodi Jay, PARD

Cheryl Bolin, PARD
Nate Bendik, WPD
Tom Devitt, WPD

The Environmental Board / Parks and Recreation Board JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a joint meeting on Monday, June 16, 2014, in Room 1029, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd St., Austin, Texas.

Chair Hill Abell called the Joint Committee Meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The approval of the minutes for the March 18, 2014, meeting was approved with a 4-0 vote.

2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

- None.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION

- Laurie Dries (Watershed Protection Department Environmental Scientist) provided an overview of the Sunken Garden Flow Regime Restoration Project.
 - Primary goal is to slow outflow velocity to make spring run more suitable habitat for salamanders.

- Secondary goal was to add an operable sluice gate. After receiving Preliminary Engineering Report, this goal was shown to be most likely not feasible, and possibly counterproductive.

- Robin Camp (Public Works Department Project Manager) gave an update on the progress of the General Grounds Improvements project.
 - Mary Ann Neely asked about plans to address poison ivy in south woods. Watershed Protection staff explained that a plan is in place to systematically remove invasive species (and some poison ivy) and replant with native species. Removal must be done over time to prevent erosion of the hillside, which is considered a critical environmental feature.

4. BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- None.

5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- None.

6. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Hill Abell adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m. without objection.