



**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**Date:** June 24, 2015

**Agenda Item #:** 5

**Agenda Item:** Discussion regarding changes to the City's boards and commissions enabling ordinance #20141211-204.

**Vote** The recommendation to make the changes to the City's boards and commissions enabling ordinance was approved on MPT Tovo's motion and on CM Zimmerman's second. Vote 4-0-0.

**Sponsors/Department:** Environmental Commission

**Summary of Discussion**

Environmental Board Chair Mary Gay Maxwell explained the recommended changes to the City's boards and commissions enabling ordinance. Chair Maxwell noted that the recommended changes are errors that are such that it gives the wrong direction to the Environmental Board about who can be appointed to the new commission as of July 1, 2015.

**Public Comments**

None

**Direction**

The recommended changes to the enabling ordinance must be approved by City Council in order for the ordinance to be amended.

**Recommendation**

See recommended changes to the ordinance attached.

## Suggested Changes to Ordinance #20141211-204

**PART 20.** City Code Section 2-1-144 (*Environmental Board*) is amended to read:

### “§2-1-144 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION [BOARD]”

(B) The Environmental Commission ~~[Board membership]~~ should ~~[may]~~ include: ~~[a Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District board member or staff person who has professional expertise in geology, hydrology, or ecology; and members who have:]~~

(1)~~[Persons who have:]~~ Members who have demonstrated concern for and the desire to improve the status of the natural resources and living environment of the City;

(2)~~[A person who has]~~ One or more persons who have professional expertise or who have demonstrated expertise in geology, hydrology, civil engineering, land planning, ecology, arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape architecture; and

3) ~~[Expertise in arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape architecture]~~ One Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District board or staff person who has professional expertise in geology, hydrology, or ecology.

(C) A member described in Subsection (B) (3) need not be a City resident.

(D) Not more than ~~[three]~~ five members should be employed in land development or related activities.

(E) The department director and the director of the Development Services Department ~~[the urban forester, the city arborist, and the director of the Parks and Recreation Department]~~ are ~~[shall be an]~~ ex officio members of the commission ~~[board]~~ for the purpose of deliberation on a matter relating to ~~[the]~~ their respective departments. [for which each of them works.]

(F) The commission may:

(4) ~~[Study, investigate, plan,]~~ Advise and make recommendations on any [action, program, plan, or legislation] issue which the commission determines necessary or advisable for the [care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs and other landscaping in public parks, along streets, and in other public areas.] enhancement and stewardship of the urban forest, both public and private.

(G) The commission shall:

(2)~~[Develop,]~~ Oversee the development[~~, establishment~~] and implementation of a comprehensive ~~[urban forest]~~ plan for the planting, maintenance, and replacement of trees ~~[in parks, along streets and in other public areas]~~ within the city's jurisdiction, and revise as necessary. When a portion of the plan has been developed and established, it shall be submitted to the city council for adoption before implementation.

(H)

(15) ~~[and ]the [all matters pertaining to the City's]~~ urban forest, both public and private.