



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20160113 006b

Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: Water Quality Protection Lands (WQPL) and Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP)
Acquisition Funding

Motion By: Mary Gay Maxwell

Second By: Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the Water Quality Protection Lands (WQPL) provide protection of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer ensuring the provision of superior water quality, and the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve provides protection for two endangered songbirds; and

Whereas, Austin is growing rapidly and green space within the city limits is needed to maintain the quality of life that the citizens of Austin have enjoyed and benefited from.

Therefore,

A) The Environmental Commission recommends that Council include in the next bond election propositions that:

- 1) Provide funding for continued acquisition of open space lands that include the Water Quality Protection Lands and Balcones Canyonlands Preserve programs for the short term: and
- 2) Provide additional funding in the short term for acquisition and development of urban space/parklands to support the Imagine Austin goals of inclusion of green space in the city.

B) The Environmental Commission further recommends that other funding options be explored for ongoing long term funding for land acquisition for open space and urban space/parklands.

VOTE 9-0-0-2

Recuse: None
For: Creel, Thompson, Gooch, Moya, Neely, Maxwell, H. Smith, B. Smith, Grayum
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Maceo, Perales

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Commission Chair