



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20160420 007b

Date: April 20, 2016

Subject: Discuss and consider a resolution honoring Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Commission Chair with specific recommendations to City Council

Motion By: Erin Gooch

Second By: Pam Thompson

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell dedicated much of her life in service to protecting the City of Austin's environment, natural resources, and community; and

WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly to preserve Austin's neighborhoods and unique character, and worked with neighborhood residents to address and manage the impacts of Austin's rapid growth; and

WHEREAS, she was a strong, zealous, and influential advocate in protecting the unique and sensitive Austin environment, most particularly Barton Springs and the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone; and

WHEREAS, she tirelessly shared her time, talents, and wisdom with others in the community to promote awareness of environmental issues and worked with others to find solutions to issues; and

WHEREAS, she showed unique talent in listening to all sides of sensitive environmental issues and worked to find a resolution that would address those issues; and

WHEREAS, she was actively involved in promoting awareness and education for the City of Austin's Water Quality Protection Lands; and

WHEREAS, she was first appointed to the Environmental Board in 2001 and reappointed by succeeding Council members; and

WHEREAS, she was first elected Chair of the Environmental Board in 2009 and served as Chair until her untimely passing in April 2016, and

WHEREAS, she also served on the Waterfront Overlay Task Force, Lake Austin Task Force, and Board and Commission Transition Task Force providing leadership and guidance to each of these critical Austin endeavors; and

THEREFORE, in recognition of the outstanding and selfless contributions and leadership provided to the Environmental Commission and the City of Austin, the Environmental Commission stands in honor of Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell and her decades of service in protecting Austin's environment and neighborhoods; and

THEREFORE, to encourage fulfillment of Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell's legacy, the Environmental Commission recommends the naming of Slaughter Creek tract in her honor, the naming of the Trautwein Homestead education center in her honor, and the planting of a tree at Austin's City Hall.

VOTE 10-0

Recuse: None

For: Creel, Thompson, Gooch, Neely, Moya, H. Smith, B. Smith, Grayum, Maceo, Perales

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marisa Perales". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marisa Perales, Environmental Commission Vice Chair