



**Environmental Board / Parks and Recreation Board  
JOINT COMMITTEE  
March 21, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 1029  
301 W. Second Street Austin, Texas 78701**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schmitz called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Birger “Alex” Schmitz, Chair; Mary Gay Maxwell, Co-Chair, Tom Donovan, Mark Vane, Pat Wimberly, Peggy Maceo, Mary Ann Neely

**Committee Members in Absent:**

Michael Moya

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approve the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting of January 19, 2016.**

Committee Member Maxwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board of January 19, 2016. Committee Member Wimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Committee Member Moya absent and Committee Member Neely off dais.

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None.

**D. BRIEFS**

**1. The Originals and Purpose of the Joint Committee**

Tony Arnold, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department made a presentation to the Committee regarding the history and purview of the Committee and answered Committee members’ questions.

**Zoila Vega, Austin Heritage Tree Foundation**, addressed the Committee and stressed the importance of Barton Springs to the Austin community.

**2. Tree Removal and Pruning at Barton Springs**

Lara Schuman, Urban Forestry Program Mangers, Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation regarding pruning and removal of trees in Barton Springs area. Ms. Schuman also answered Committee Members' questions.

**E. BUSINESS: (Discussion and possible action)**

None.

**F. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Committee Members—requested update on Zilker Bath House and Eliza Springs

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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