



**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD  
JOINT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, October 17, 2011  
Meeting Minutes**

**Joint Committee Members in Attendance:**

Linda Guerrero, Chair  
Carol Lee  
Mary Gay Maxwell

Jerry Perales, Co-Chair  
Mary Ann Neely  
Jennifer Walker

**Staff in Attendance:**

Tom Nelson, PARD  
David Johns, WPD  
Charles Kaough, WPD  
Emily King, PARD  
Kimberly McNeeley, PARD  
Jodi Jay, PARD

Gary Gregson, PARD  
Mike Personett, WPD  
Sharon Knotts, PARD

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011, at Barton Springs Pool, 2101 Barton Springs Road, Splash! Exhibit, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Linda Guerrero called the Joint Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from the September 19, 2011, meeting were approved 5-0-1 vote.

**2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION**

- Boone Blocker spoke about his support of ADA access to Barton Springs Pool.
- David Wittie spoke about supporting ADA access to Barton Springs Pool as long as it is natural and maintains green space.
- Gary Beyer approves of the new parking design. He would like to move walkway over if it meets ADA requirements and then fill in eroded area where it will be natural again.
- Tom Weber spoke about doing fund raising to help city with improvements. He supports the new parking design and would like the project done in phases.
- William Towne expressed that he would like the City to release the Barton Springs Pool Master Plan to the press and he wants to open bidding for improvements to the world.

- April Rose expressed that she would like the City to explore pervious materials for improvements. She also wants the City to approve the Tree Treatment Plan.
- Karen Kreps spoke about wanting international bidding, wanting the committee to re-examine lighting and wanted to know how the artist was selected.
- Roy Waley stated there was no conflict between Serria Club and ADA. He also spoke about using natural material going to and around the monument, no seating in area "J", using minimal lighting and wanting dollar figure on ravine.
- Robert Corbin expressed that he wanted narrow walkways, more vegetation inside fence, concrete parking lot, no lighting in trees and the installation of a turnstile on the East side.
- Zoila Vega-Marchena spoke about the use of thick mulch preventing water from getting to trees, people not wanting to sit on mulch and using a thin layer of mulch and compost then placing grass on top.
- Carol Lee stated that the "arroyo" is a key geologic feature---and reason we have the Spring! I think the fence should enclose it entirely and not cut down and across it. There is huge potential for leveraging the arroyo for educational and recreational purposes. Security can be addressed in many ways and should not be an obstacle to achieving goals. The most successful path for the South side is one that will work for everyone. Having a separate path to meet ADA requirements isolates and separates those users. The goal should be integration that allows those with disabilities to travel the same path as those without. With the further distance gained from the fence relocation, please reconsider how a single path that works for everyone could be designed. The discussion and "approval" of the tree care workday plan was clarified to recognize that public input was still being taken and considered.

### 3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION

- None.

### 4. BUSINESS (Discussion and Action)

- a. Grounds Improvements Project.....Brian Larson, Larson Burns & Smith
  - The Ground Improvements Project was approved by a 6-0-0 vote.
- b. Tree Treatment Plan.....Emily King, PARD
  - The Tree Treatment Plan with the provision that public input continued to be accepted was approved by a 6-0-0 vote.

### 5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- a. Discussion of having a representative on the Board from ADAPT or ADA as a non-voting member position seat.
- b. Discussion of having William Abell transition to the Joint Committee as a non-voting member position seat.
- c. Barton Springs Pool short term programs to be put on the next agenda.

### 6. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Linda Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. without objection.