



**PARKS & RECREATION/ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD  
JOINT COMMITTEE  
Monday, May 3, 2010  
Meeting Minutes**

**Joint Committee Members in Attendance:**

Linda Guerrero, Chair Mary Gay Maxwell  
Carol Lee Jon Beall  
Jerry Perales Thomas Wilcox (Resource)

**Staff in Attendance:**

Gary Gregson, PARD Clark Hancock, PARD  
Jodi Jay, PARD Tom Nelson, PARD  
Wayne Simmons, PARD Marty Stump, PARD  
Michael Emesi, PDRD David Johns, WPD  
Jules Parrish, PW

The PARKS AND RECREATION/ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDS JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 3, 2010, at Zilker Botanical Gardens Auditorium, 2220 Barton Springs Rd. in Austin, Texas. Chair Linda Guerrero called the Board Meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The minutes from the March 15, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Committee Member Lee; Committee Member Perales seconded the motion on a 4-0-1 vote.

**2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

- Peter Steinhardt distributed a handout, "Wish List for Charette Process", to the Board Members. He made comments on BSP General Grounds Improvements.
- Jesus Lardizabal, AMCPD wanted to thank city staff for their work on the ADA Improvements at BSP. He supports the improvements.
- Robin Cravey, Friends of Barton Springs Pool wanted to thank city staff for their work on current improvements. He supports all improvements.
- Karen Kreps will speak after the briefings.
- Zoila Vega will speak after the briefings.
- Roy Waley, Sierra Club Austin, made comments on BS Tree Court. He suggests the tree court be aerated and a deck to be built (in sections). His main concern is the availability for citizen use.
- Robert Corbin made comments on BSP General Grounds Improvements. He suggests replacing the existing diving board (extremely loud).

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- No Announcements.

**4. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Barton Springs Tree Court Case Study
  - The presentation was made by Patrick Brewer, Bartlett Tree Experts
  - Committee Member Perales requested that the report be posted on website.
  - Citizens made comments and asked questions.

- Zoila Vega proposed temporary closure of Tree Court Area for 4-6 months to raise money for the boardwalk.
- b. Review of Heritage Tree
  - The presentation was made by Michael Embesi, City Arborist, PDRD
- c. Bypass Culvert Repair Project
  - The presentation was made by David Johns, Environmental Scientist, WPD
  - David Johns provided a statement from Victoria Li, Director, WPD to Gary Gregson for Board Review.
  - Per David Johns the report will be ready in two weeks.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

- Discussion/New Business Item: May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> Meetings will not have agenda items. These meetings will focus on BSP General Grounds Improvements Project.
- Action Item: Committee Member Maxwell approved the motion to make Committee Member Perales Co-Chair; Committee Member Lee seconded the motion on a 5-0-1 vote.
- Action Item: Ordinance amending Section 25-8-514 of the City Code and granting a variance to Section 25-8-482 of the City Code to allow construction of temporary access roads and repairs to the BS Bypass in the critical water quality zone. The action item was approved on a motion by Committee Member Perales; Committee Member Beall seconded the motion on a 5-0-1 vote.

#### **6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- No Director's Report

#### **7. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

- Research Resolution (Dave Andrews).
- What issues should be discussed at these meetings.

#### **8. ADJOURN**

Committee Chair Linda Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. without objection.