



**JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
& PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

November 16, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
Britton, Durst, Howard & Spence Building (Chestnut Community Center)
1183 Chestnut Avenue, Austin

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Neely called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Romteen Farasat; Dawn Lewis; Randy Mann; Mary Ann Neely, Linda Guerrero; Alesha Istvan

Committee Members in Absent:

Peggy Maceo
Tom Donovan

B. ACTION ITEM

1. Election of Chair and Co-Chair

Committee member Istvan nominated Committee Member Guerrero for the Chair of the Joint Committee. Committee Member Guerrero accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Committee Member Mann seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 6:0 with Committee Member Maceo and Donovan absent.

Nomination and election of Co-Chair of the Joint Committee was postponed until the next meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approve the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting of March 21, 2016.

Committee Member Neely made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board of March 21, 2016. Committee Member Farasat seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Committee Member Donovan and Maceo absent.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

E. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2. Short-term Projects Update and the History and Purpose of the Joint Committee

Tony Arnold, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department presented information on the history and purpose of the Joint Committee and updated the Committee Members on the status of short-term projects. Tony Arnold and David Johns, Watershed Protection Department, answered the Committee Members' questions.

3. Barton Springs Master Plan: Next Steps for Improving Flow Regime -- Feasibility Study for Water Quality/Flow Regime Improvements

Mike Cannatti, President, Barton Springs Conservancy, made a presentation regarding improving of flow regime and a feasibility study and answered Committee members' questions.

Nelson Guda, Friends of Barton Springs Pool, addressed the Committee regarding the flow of the water through the pool and how it relates to the water quality of the pool.

Steve Barnick, Friends of Barton Springs Pool, spoke about the importance of the improvements of the flow.

Mike Kelly, Watershed Department, explained the stance of the Watershed Protection Department and Parks and Recreation Department on the issue.

C. BUSINESS: (Discussion and possible action)

None.

D. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Schedule a meeting in January at Barton Springs Pool to show Committee members around.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.