



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

May 29, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.
Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78746

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Linda Guerrero—Chair; Tom Donovan; Romteen Farasat; Dawn Lewis; Randy Mann; Mary Ann Neely,

Committee Members in Absent:

Alesha Istvan; Peggy Maceo

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting of November 16, 2017.

Committee Member Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board of November 16, 2017. Committee Member Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Committee Member Istvan and Maceo absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Mike Cannatti, Barton Springs Conservancy, addressed the Committee and asked the members to advocate for more funds for Watershed Protection Department for watershed quality improvement and for Barton Springs Master Plan Bathhouse Project.

Item 3b was moved before item 2. and item 3a.

D. ACTION ITEM

2. Election of Officer(s)

Committee member Lewis nominated Committee Member Donovan for the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee. Committee Member Donovan 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 Istvan and Maceo absent.

E. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

3. Barton Springs Master Plan Long Term Projects and Department Priorities

Tony Arnold, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department presented information on the Long Term Projects and Department Priorities. Tony Arnold and David Johns, Watershed Protection Department, answered the Committee Members' questions.

b) Upstream Dam Openings

Mike Cannatti, Barton Springs Conservancy, advocated for funding for a small feasibility study in the FY2019 budget.

David Johns, Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department presented on Upstream Dam Modifications and answered Committee Members' questions.

Laurie Dries, encouraged staff and Committee to consider the project and presented some ideas for the project.

a) Sunken Gardens and Eliza Springs Improvements

Kimberly McKnight, Acting Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department made a presentation to the Committee regarding Sunken Gardens and Eliza Springs Improvements.

Laurie Dries, spoke about the federal endangered species permitting requirement and about the history of Sunken Gardens and reminded that protecting salamander habitat is important.

b) Bathhouse Rehabilitation

John McKennis, Project Coordinator, Park and Recreation Department, made a presentation about Bathhouse Rehabilitation Project and answered Committee Members' questions.

4. Status of the Zilker Park Barton Springs Vision Plan

Rey Hernandez, Project Management Supervisor, introduced the Zilker Park Barton Springs Visions Plan and described the site planning effort. Mr. Hernandez answered Committee Members' questions.

B. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Member Guerrero requested—report on the flow model to be emailed to the Committee

Committee Member Lewis requested—link to survey on Barton Springs Bathhouse to be emailed to the Committee

C. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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