



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

October 16, 2019 – 11:30 AM
Council Chambers, City Hall
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

ATTENDANCE:

Parks and Recreation Board:

Present:

Dawn Lewis (left meeting at 1:28 pm)
Rich DePalma

Absent:

Tom Donovan
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Environmental Commission:

Present:

Mary Ann Neely (left meeting at 2:12 pm)
Linda Guerrero—Chair
Peggy Maceo
Pam Thompson

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 11:35 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of May 29, 2018. Motion was seconded by Committee Member Maceo. Motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with two committee members absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There was one general citizen communication.

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Upper Dam Project Update, David Johns, Watershed Protection Department

After presentation of the agenda item by City staff, there were seven citizen communications, with additional citizens donating time to speakers. Committee Chair Guerrero moved to have

the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department outline a stakeholder process for the Upper Dam Project with consideration for a third-party analysis, and notify the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and the Parks and Recreations Board of the outcome of that decision, reporting back on the stakeholder process for review by the Joint Committee. Motion was seconded by Committee Member Lewis. Motion carried 6-0, with two committee members absent.

3. Barton Springs Bathhouse Update, Sergio Altamirano, Public Works Department & John McKennis, Parks and Recreation Department

After presentation of the agenda item by City staff and project consultant, there were three citizen communications. No action was taken by the Joint Committee.

Due to staff time constraints, Item D5 was moved up on the agenda and heard before D4.

5. Review, clarify, and discuss notification requirements for tree plantings on the South side of the Barton Springs pool including written agreements with the public and stakeholders, Linda Guerrero, Committee Chair & Peggy Maceo, Committee Member.

There were two citizen communications. After staff presentation and discussion, Committee Chair Guerrero moved that the Parks and Recreations staff and the Forestry Division staff will devise a written agreement with stakeholders, partner groups, and nonprofits that request planting within the Barton Springs pool area. The written planting agreement will be directed to the Joint Committee as a notification process. In addition, a stakeholders, partner groups and nonprofit list will be compiled and reviewed by the Joint Committee at the next meeting. Committee Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0, with two Committee Members absent.

Meeting lost quorum at 2:12 pm. with the exit of Committee Member Neely from the dais. Item D4 was presented, but no action was taken due to lack of quorum. Item D6 will be moved to the agenda for the next Joint Committee meeting. Item E was not discussed.

4. Aquatic Revegetation Plan, Mike Cannatti, Friends of Barton Springs Pool

6. Discuss and Set Future Calendar Meeting Dates, Linda Guerrero, Committee Chair

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm due to lack of quorum.

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