



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

**Tuesday, June 04, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Joint Committee Members in Attendance:

Parks and Recreation Board:

Hill Abell, Chair
Dale Glover

Environmental Board:

Mary Ann Neely
Jennifer Walker

Staff in Attendance:

Tom Nelson, PARD
Clark Hancock, PARD
Gary Gregson, PARD
Robin Camp, PWD

Donita Grinde-Houtman, PARD
Jim Adams, PARD
Laurie Dries, WPD

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 04, 2013, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair **Hill Abell** called the Joint Committee Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The approval of the minutes for the July 31, 2012, meeting was approved with a 4-0 vote.

2. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

- Peter Steinhardt: stated that he had been concerned that the Joint Committee would no longer be meeting and that citizens would no longer have the forum the committee provides; issues about the General Grounds Improvements project that were brought up at City Council should have been addressed by the committee; safety concerns at Barton Springs could be better addressed by Joint Committee; ADA accessible chair lift on south side is cause for concern because it was designed for more traditional pools, algae and uneven pool bottom at chair landing are problematic; Barton Springs does not need to be closed all day every Thursday for cleaning – cleaning could be scheduled to

minimize user impact; would like for committee to consider better ways to facilitate public input – 3-minute allotments for citizen comments is insufficient.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION

- Laurie Dries, Environmental Scientist, WPD: Provided an update on the Hydrodynamic Flow Modeling study underway by the University of Texas; completion of Phase 1 has been delayed primarily due to the bypass culvert repair project which delayed final data gathering; Phase 1 report pending; Phase 2 will be executed upon receipt of Phase 1 report from UT
- Laurie Dries: Provided an update on the planned improvements at Sunken Gardens; project scope has been limited to addition of operable sluice gate to allow limited control of spring outflow; proposal has been received from design consultants and comments returned by City staff; awaiting revised proposal; expect to issue Notice to Proceed by end of July to begin design phase.

4. BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Make a recommendation to approve a design for the Interpretive Signage to be installed at Barton Springs Pool as part of the General Grounds Improvements project.
 - Clark Hancock, Exhibit and Collections Coordinator, PARD – gave a presentation on the Interpretive Signage design
 - Dale Glover made a motion to approve with conditions listed below; Mary Ann Neely seconded
 - No sign boards to be placed above either north or south ticket windows; small, countertop point-of-sale signs can substitute
 - All signage will be proofread for spelling and grammar by qualified individuals prior to production
 - Information about salamanders to be significantly increased
 - PARD will explore options to allow patrons to know whether or not south gate is open (i.e. sign in south parking lot)
 - Motion was approved in a 4-0 vote.

5. FUTURE ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Hill Abel requested information on the ADA accessible chair lift on south deck; Tom Nelson stated that said information would be sent via e-mail.
- b. Hill Abel requested a briefing on what City Council approved as related to the General Grounds Improvements project; Tom Nelson stated that said information would be sent via e-mail.

- c. Mary Ann Neely requested a discussion of why Barton Springs is closed each Thursday for cleaning.
- d. Jennifer Walker requested a briefing on the Eliza Springs Daylighting project.

6. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Hill Abell adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. without objection.