



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20170405 007a

Date: April 5, 2017

Subject: Re-naming of the Slaughter Creek Management Unit in honor of Mary Gay Maxwell

Motion by: Mary Ann Neely

Seconded by: Pam Thompson

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell dedicated much of her life in service to protecting the City of Austin's environment, natural resources, and community; and

WHEREAS, she was a strong, zealous, and influential advocate in protecting the unique and sensitive Austin environment, most particularly Barton Springs and the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone; and

WHEREAS, she tirelessly shared her time, talents, and wisdom with others in the community to promote awareness of environmental issues and worked with others to find solutions to those issues; and

WHEREAS, as a long standing member and Chair of the Environmental Board (now Environmental Commission) she showed unique talent in listening to all sides of sensitive environmental issues and worked to find a resolution that would address those issues; and

WHEREAS, she was actively involved in promoting awareness and education for the mission of the City of Austin's Water Quality Protection Lands; Balcones Canyonlands Preserve; City parklands; and Watershed Protection Department and

WHEREAS, she worked to develop the first Land Steward and Hike Guide Training for the Water Quality Protection Lands at the Slaughter Creek Management Unit; and

WHEREAS, she had begun work on developing an Environmental Education Center on the Slaughter Creek Management Unit just weeks prior to her unfortunate passing; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission has previously made a recommendation to City Council (20160420 007b) to recognize Dr. Maxwell with a number of options including the renaming of the Slaughter Creek Management Unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the outstanding and selfless contributions and leadership provided to the City of Austin, and the Water Quality Protection Lands and to encourage fulfillment

of Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell's legacy, the Environmental Commission recommends the re-naming of Slaughter Creek Management Unit in her honor.

VOTE 9-0

For: B. Smith, Thompson, Neely, H. Smith, Perales, Maceo, Kitchin, Guerrero, Gordon

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Creel

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marisa Perales". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Marisa" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and the last name "Perales" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is centered horizontally within the block.

Marisa Perales, Environmental Commission Chair