



## RECORD OF DECISIONS

Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting

April 24, 2018 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Reicher Ranch BCP  
3621 Ranch Road 620 South  
Austin, TX 78738

### Present

Peter Torgrimson, Chair  
David Whatley, Vice Chair  
Forrest Arnold  
Annie Schmitt (by phone)  
Amy Belaire  
Mary Ann Neely  
Tom Hegemier  
Laurie Dries  
Kimberlee Harvey, BCCP  
Secretary

### Absent

Fred Morgan  
David Smith

1. **Citizens Communication** - None
2. **Chair and Vice-chair Elections** Peter Torgrimson elected as Chair. Laurie Dries elected as Vice Chair. Motion by Neely for appointment by acclamation. Seconded by Hegemier. No objections. Both passed unanimously.
3. **Approve Record of Decision from 10/24/2017** - Whatley made a motion to approve, seconded by Hegemier, carried 7/0 with one abstention (Schmitt)
4. **Draft Welcome Packet for CAC Members** – Secretary reviewed draft CAC welcome packet with CAC members. The purpose of the packet is to provide information about the BCCP. CAC members have two weeks to submit comments and edits for final version.
5. **CAC Member Updates** – Secretary reported that there are two new CAC members. Amy Belaire was appointed by Travis County in February, and Fred Morgan was appointed by the Parks and Recreation Board. The Advisory Committee Task Group has begun the member replacement process for the vacant Consensus Environmental Interests seat. Ken Beck resigned from the CAC on April 11<sup>th</sup>. He was a Travis County appointee, so Travis County Commissioners Court will be responsible for selecting another CAC member.

6. **BCP Partner Reports Q&A** BCP partner reports were distributed ahead of the meeting for CAC review and BCP Staff were present to answer questions.
7. **Current Topic Discussions**
  - a. Members' issues and concerns – Members discussed BCP related community issues of concern, including fencing, wildfire, and species delisting, and talked with BCP staff about the possibility of creating informational pamphlets. Members also discussed challenges facing the BCP and the benefits that a Friends of the BCP group could potentially have on public support of the preserves.
  - b. Upcoming BCCP Land Management Plan Revision Reviews - Secretary reported that BCP staff are working on the revision of the draft Public Access chapter and the Fire Management chapter. Both chapters will be sent to the CAC for review and comment, and the timing may be outside of your regular meetings. The review would be considered a committee task. BCP staff are working on the first draft of the fire management chapter update. It will go to BCP Partners and the CAC and SAC for a review and comment period. After that review and revision, it will be publicly posted with an option for public online comment submission. The comments will be compiled, and the draft chapter and comments will be presented to the Coordinating Committee for review.
  - c. Challenges facing the BCCP
    - i. Black-capped Vireo Delisting - The US Fish and Wildlife Service plans to remove the Black-capped Vireo from the Endangered Species list on May 16.
    - ii. Ongoing Litigation Regarding the Golden-cheeked Warbler and Bone Cave Harvestman
    - iii. Tawny Crazy Ants – Presentation by Linda Laack, Travis County Natural Resources Supervisor
8. **A Closer Look at the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP)**
  - a. Travis County Video: Introduction to the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glwXEEey7qo>
  - b. BCCP Infrastructure Mitigation - Presentation by David Gimnich, BCCP Infrastructure Coordinator using the City of Austin's Infrastructure Compliance Toolkit and Interactive Maps <http://austinwater.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=f5be4acf849546c0b2b88dbf2e4cc4a1>
9. **Next BCCP CAC Meeting:** October 30, 2018 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Reicher Ranch BCP

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm**