



## **Record of Decisions**

**Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan  
Coordinating Committee  
Wednesday February 18, 2009 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
City Council Chambers  
City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Elect Officers** - Member Huber moved to nominate Member Leffingwell as chair. Second by member Leffingwell, Carried 2/0
2. **Accept Record of Decisions for the May 7, 2008 meeting** - Member Huber moved to accept the minutes as provided. Second by Chair Leffingwell. Carried 2/0
3. **Take action Regarding the COA BCP Trail Master Plan** - Member Huber moved to approve the Trail Master Plan as recommended by the Secretary. Second by Chair Leffingwell. Carried 2/0
4. **Take Action regarding BCCP Participation Certificate Fees** - Member Huber moved to extend the current Participation Fee Schedule through September 30, 2009. Second by Chair Leffingwell. Carried 2/0

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**Ted Siff** – spoke as a member of the Trail Master Plan Stakeholder group. He acknowledged the efforts of the Coordinating Committee, advisory committees, and staff to complete the plan. Mr. Siff described the Trail Master plan as a blueprint for providing public access on BCP that has a seal of approval from US Fish and Wildlife Service. He noted, however, that the Trail Master plan is unfunded and has no staff dedicated to its implementation. The plan implicitly relies on advocates for implementation. He suggested that the City seek Federal Recovery Funding, funds dedicated for conservation, to help implement the Trail Master Plan.

**Alan Roddy** – spoke to members regarding BCP's role in protecting Lake Austin from damage occurring to its cliffs. He described actions by property owners along the lake to install stairs, trams, and elevators as access the waterfront from the tops of the cliffs as being detrimental to ecotourism and bird watching. He asked whether these actions required mitigation as conversion of zone one golden-cheeked warbler habitat.

**Charlie McCabe** – encouraged members to approve the Trail Master Plan.