



DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION

Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
Citizens Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting

October 30, 2018 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

Present

Peter Torgrimson, Chair
Laurie Dries, Vice Chair
Forrest Arnold
Amy Belaire
Mary Ann Neely
Tom Hegemier
David Whatley
Fred Morgan
Lynne Weber
Rose Farmer
Kimberlee Harvey, BCCP
Secretary

Absent

David Smith
Annie Schmitt

1. Citizens Communication - Chris Fields, representing Austin Motor Sports Association, spoke about meetings between BCP staff and BCP user groups during the Draft Public Access Land Management Plan Chapter update process, and said he feels we now have a document the public can support.
2. Approve Record of Decision from 4/24/2018 - Dries made a motion to approve, seconded by Belaire, carried 8/0 with two abstentions (Weber, Farmer)
3. Draft Public Access Land Management Plan Update and Schedule – Secretary said BCP staff incorporated CAC comments into the draft and distributed the updated draft to BCP user group leadership for a one month comment period. BCP Staff met with user groups to discuss comments and edits which will be incorporated into the final draft which will be presented to the Coordinating Committee for approval in December.
4. CAC Member Updates - Parks and Recreation Board appointed Fred Morgan to the CAC and Travis County Commissioners Court appointed Rose Farmer to the CAC. Lynne Weber's CAC seat for the consensus environmental interests position was approved by the Coordinating Committee at their meeting in June. David Smith's two-year term expires at the end of this month.

5. CAC Membership Packet - Secretary reviewed the final draft CAC welcome packet with CAC members. The purpose of the packet is to provide information about the BCCP
6. National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition Annual Meeting- BCP staff from the City and the County, as well as Council Member Pool, attended the annual meeting of the National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition in October 2018. The mission of the NHCPC is to further the use, effectiveness of and support for large scale Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) as local solutions to facilitate economic development and the conservation of threatened and endangered species and their habitats.
www.nhpccoalition.org
7. A Closer Look at the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP)
 - a. Conserving Habitat, Building Community: A presentation about using volunteers for BCCP Habitat Conservation Plan implementation – Presentation by Audrey Stewart, City Volunteer Coordinator, and Johanna Arendt, Community Liaison
8. 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.
9. Current Topic Discussions
 - a. Members' issues and concerns – Peter Torgrimson asked about the proposed Leander Independent School District (LISD) road alignment through the County's Ribelin/Sam Hamilton East tracts. Melinda Mallia, Travis County Natural Resources Program Manager, and Tanya Sommer, USFWS, gave brief updates. BCP staff will organize a tour of the site for CAC members.