



## Record of Decisions

Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting

May 21, 2019 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

### Present

David Whatley, Vice Chair  
Fred Morgan  
Forrest Arnold  
Annie Schmitt  
Amy Belaire  
Mary Ann Neely  
Tom Hegemier  
Laurie Dries  
Kimberlee Harvey, BCCP  
Secretary

### Absent

Peter Torgrimson, Chair  
(Excused)  
Rose Farmer (Excused)

### 1. Citizens Communication

2. **Chair and Vice-chair Elections** Peter Torgrimson elected as Chair. David Whatley elected as Vice Chair. Motion by Dries for appointment by acclamation. Seconded by Hegemier. No objections. Both passed unanimously.

3. **Approve Record of Decision from 10/30/2018** Arnold made a motion to approve, seconded by Neely, carried 7/0

4. **Members' Issues and Concerns** Members spoke about concerns regarding unauthorized clearing and encroachment, perceived wildfire risks of BCP neighbors and outreach to local Firewise groups, and a proposed RV park near the Hamilton Park entrance.

5. **CAC Member Updates** Secretary reported that she is in the process of contacting nominees for the consensus development interests seat. Interested nominee information will then be compiled and distributed to the Advisory Committee Task Group for review who will then have a blind vote to determine who will be recommended to the BCCP Coordinating Committee for approval.

6. **BCP Partner Reports Q&A** BCP Partners gave brief highlights of the first and second quarter partner reports.
7. **Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) Amendment** The Secretary clarified that the secondary road from Vandergrift HS & Four Points Middle School, which was included in the recently adopted Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, does not go through the BCP.
8. **Historical Ecology of Juniper-Oak Forests** Lisa O'Donnell, City of Austin Senior BCP Biologist, gave an overview of her paper, "Historical Ecology of the Texas Hill Country" and asked the committee about ideas they may have to increase public awareness and support for the native Ashe juniper. The paper can be found here:  
<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/images/tnr/Docs/bccp/2018/appendix-s9.pdf>
9. **BCCP/BCP Seminar Series for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Texas** Johanna Arendt, Travis County Community Liaison, reported that there was a recent 6-week BCP seminar at UT Austin through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, which is a community of retired and semi-retired adults who continue to seek learning opportunities to expand their knowledge and understanding of the world. There were many BCP staff presenting and helping with this series.
10. **A Closer Look at the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP)**
  - a. **BCCP Becomes a Reality – A look at the events leading up to the BCCP** The Secretary shared photographs and new articles from the 90's which illustrated some of the environmental issues and movements leading to the creation of the BCCP.

**Next BCCP CAC Meeting:** October 29, 2019 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Reicher Ranch BCP

**Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm**