



Record of Decisions

Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
Citizens Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting

October 29, 2019 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

Present

Peter Torgimson, Chair
David Whatley, Vice Chair
Forrest Arnold
Amy Belaire
Tom Hegemier
Laurie Dries
Lynne Weber
David Anderson
Kimberlee Harvey, BCCP Secretary

Absent

Fred Morgan (Excused)
Rose Farmer (Excused)
Mary Ann Neely
Annie Schmitt

- 1. Citizens Communication** None
- 2. Approve Record of Decisions from 05/21/2019** Motion to approve by Weber, second by Whatley. Carried 7/0 with one abstention (Anderson).
- 3. CAC Member Update** The BCCP Advisory Committee Task Group recommended appointing David Anderson to the CAC Consensus Development Interests seat. The BCCP Coordinating Committee approved the recommendation at their October 9, 2019 meeting.
- 4. Members' Issues and Concerns** Dries asked about local road projects and their impacts to BCP. Torgimson asked for an update on the proposed LISD road through the BCP. Belaire brought up the upcoming urban forest adaptation strategies and asked for an update about it from any BCP scientists who attend.
- 5. BCP Partner Reports Q&A** Weber asked about the Carol Lee Preserve mentioned in the City of Austin report. Whatley asked about the soft tick and relapsing fever studies. Belaire asked about the Golden-cheeked warbler genetic studies mentioned in the City report.
- 6. BCCP End-of-Permit Options** Secretary reported that BCP staff worked with consultants on a BCCP Permit Options Report to identify and explore end-of-permit

options. During the last BCCP Coordinating Committee meeting, BCP staff recommended moving forward with a combination of option 2 and option 3 which would extend the permit date and make administrative changes to the Habitat Conservation Plan. The BCCP Coordinating Committee approved the recommendation at their October 9, 2019 meeting.

- 7. A Closer Look at the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP)**
 - a. Climate Change and the BCP** Secretary reported that the BCCP Habitat Conservation Plan is being evaluated as one of the case studies for integrating climate change adaptation strategies into HCPs. The CAC was given the climate change questionnaire for that study to consider and provide input.
- 8. City of Austin- New Website to Share the BCP Story** Meg Krueger, City of Austin BCP Environmental Information Specialist, presented the City's draft MapStory for the BCP.

Adjourned at 5:55pm