



**PARKS & RECREATION/ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
JOINT COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, July 01, 2010
Meeting Minutes**

Joint Committee Members in Attendance:

Jerry Perales, Co-Chair	Jon Beall
Carol Lee	Mary Gay Maxwell
Mary Ann Neely	

Staff in Attendance:

Gary Gregson, PARD	Clark Hancock, PARD
Pedro Patlan, PARD	Tom Nelson, PARD
Wayne Simmons, PARD	Margaret Russell, PARD
David Johns, WPD	John McKennis, PARD
Kim McNeeley, PARD	

The PARKS AND RECREATION/ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDS JOINT COMMITTEE convened in a special-called meeting on Thursday, July 01, 2010, at Zilker Botanical Gardens Auditorium, 2220 Barton Springs Rd. in Austin, Texas.

Co-Chair Jerry Perales called the Board Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the May 03, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Co-Chair Perales; Committee Member Beall seconded the motion on a 4-0 vote.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Barton Springs Bathhouse Renovations

- The presentation was made by John McKennis, Project Coordinator, PARD
- Committee Members Neely and Lee requested cost estimates to replace all fixtures as part of the project.
- Citizens made comments and asked questions.
 - Dan Crow questioned if data was available to compare the carbon footprint left by electric hand dryers vs. paper towels.

b. Barton Springs General Grounds Improvement Public Input Summary

- Presentation was made by Brian Larsen of Larsen, Burns & Smith

- Summary of results from on-site surveys conducted on June 5th were presented
- A sketch of some initial concepts was presented
- Co-Chair Perales requested maintenance scheduling and pricing for a possible tram system.
- Committee Members asked additional questions.

3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

- Zoila Vega expressed concern that terracing could affect heritage trees on the south side of the pool and that moving the entrance if a bathhouse is built in the future. Zoila requested Don Gardner be hired as a consultant when evaluating terracing options on the south hill.
- Robin Cravey sought confirmation that irrigation improvements would also be made and that most of the south hill was actually fill material brought in by the city. Robin expressed concerns regarding the maintenance of a tram system if installed.
- Dan Crow expressed concerns about access to the south deck including the height of the retaining wall. Asked where possible tram tracks could be placed.
- Steve Barnick said he was “Jazzed” about changing the south gate entrance. Expressed concern about maintenance of a tram system.
- Ralph Webster – Asked if all items can be completed for two million dollars.
- Mark Weiler expressed concern about moving the south gate entrance because it would block access to the spillway where many citizens gather. He also expressed concern about tram tracks becoming a barrier to users of the south hill.

4. DISCUSSION

- Tom Nelson asked the Joint Committee members if any had opposition to moving forward with 30% design of General Grounds Improvements
- No Joint Committee members expressed any major concerns
- Tom Nelson stated that design would commence

5. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- No Director’s Report

6. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- None.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Co-Chair Jerry Perales adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. without objection.