

DATE: April 19, 2007

TO: City Clerk

FROM: City Representative Melina Castro

ADDRESS #2 Civic Center Plaza, 10th Floor

TELEPHONE 915-541-4400

Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT XXX REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of April 24, 2007

Appointment of Lois Balin to the Tree Board by Representative Melina Castro, District #4.

Item should read as follows: (Contact: Rep. Castro – 915-541-4400)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Tree Board

NOMINATED BY: City Representative Melina Castro

DISTRICT: #4

NAME OF APPOINTEE Lois Balin

(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 200 N. Clark

CITY: El Paso

ST: TX

ZIP: 79905

PHONE: 915-774-9603

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ST: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT:

Vacant

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT:

n/a

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE):

TERM EXPIRED: _____

RESIGNED _____

REMOVED _____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

04/24/2007

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE:

02/27//2011

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1st TERM: XX

2nd TERM: _____

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____

APPLICATION
FOR
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CITY OF EL PASO

Name Lois Balin District 4

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Business Address 200 N. Clark

El Paso 79905 Business Phone 774-9603

Length of Residency in the City of El Paso 7 yrs Date of Birth _____

Educational Background _____

B.S. Wildlife and Fisheries Management

M.S. Range and Wildlife Management

Employment Background _____

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

JUNE 2000 - current

Volunteerism, Organizations, Community Service, Special Qualifications Native plant

society, Audubon society, Texas Master Naturalist,

Teach native plants for wildlife programs

References (Name and Phone Number): _____

Oscar Mestas

Wyn Anderson

Commissions and Boards in which you are particularly interested _____

Tree Board

Park Board

Open space planning

Signature Lois Balin

Date 4/9/2007

Received

Lois Anne Balin

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City Rep. Melina Castro

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Master of Science in Range and Wildlife Management, May 1996, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Thesis: "Comparative Habitat Use of Neotropical Migratory, Wintering and Resident Birds of the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas."

Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, May 1993, Summa cum Laude, University of Arizona, Tucson.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Urban Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 200 N. Clark, El Paso, TX. 6/2000 - Current.

- Develop, coordinate and conduct public Urban Wildlife Programs, presentations and projects for the public, schools, conservation groups and city government
- Provide education and technical guidance with native plant landscaping, site assessment and backyard habitat for wildlife, Texas Wildscapes
- Provide technical guidance on habitat and wildlife restoration and management, ecologically sensitive development practices and conservation of natural resources
- Promote sound natural resource management and biodiversity
- Develop presentations and programs that promote outdoor recreation
- Conduct outdoor nature walks, bird watching, bat watching and other nature-related activities
- Create conservation materials for public use
- Perform wildlife research and surveys for Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Develop programs using Power Point, Publisher, Adobe, Word, Excel, etc.

Wildlife Research Technician: NMSU, Department of Fishery and Wildlife, Las Cruces, 4/97-10/97; SCA AmeriCorp, USFWS, Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Socorro, NM. 11/96-4/97; USFS, Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Socorro, NM. 8/96-11/96; U of A, Tucson, AZ. 6/93-8/93.

- Operation of mist-netting and bird-banding stations
- Conducted point-count and line-transect surveys of passerine birds
- Conducted shorebird, raptor, bighorn sheep, and tortoise surveys
- Conducted soil, vegetation, insect monitoring and sampling
- Conducted biomass sampling
- Behavioral observations of Elegant Trogans and SW Willow Flycatchers
- Conducted radio telemetry and nest searching for waterfowl and Sandhill Cranes
- Conducted interpretive and live-animal programs on wildlife and ecology
- Developed data bases using dBASE, QUATRO PRO

Graduate Researcher, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, 1993-96.

- Conducted habitat use study of 15,000 square-mile region
- Conducted habitat mapping of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, TX.
- Developed random habitat stratification design and installed 550,000 meters of line transects
- Organized sampling scheme
- Conducted bird censuses (audio and visual)
- Analyzed data and compiled results using SAS and DISTANCE
- Published thesis and presented results at professional and community meetings
- Worked with land-owners and government agencies