

DATE: 06/25/09

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Carl L. Robinson

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of July 7, 2009

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Lois Anne Balin to the Open Space Advisory Board by Representative Carl L. Robinson, District 4.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Open Space Advisory Board

NOMINATED BY: Representative Carl L. Robinson DISTRICT: 4

NAME OF APPOINTEE Lois Anne Balin
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: TX ZIP: _____ PHONE: 915-774-9603

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79924 PHONE: _____

E-mail: lois.balin@tpwd.state.tx.us

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: New Board

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: _____

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: _____
RESIGNED _____
REMOVED _____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 07/07/2009

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 06/30/2013

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: X

2nd TERM: _____

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____

Lois Anne Balin

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6/5/2009

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: I would like to offer my expertise to the board on wildlife, habitat and conservation management and open space planning. In the past I have served on the Planned Mountain Development Board, PSB Northeast Development Plan, Arroyo Preservation Planning, City of El Paso Open Space Plan and the El Paso City Tree Board. My knowledge and skills range from native plant landscaping, wildlife and habitat management and ecologically sensitive development. I am a resident of northeast El Paso.

ACADEMIC HISTORY:

Master of Science in Range and Wildlife Management, May 1996, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

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 - Present.

- 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 Program
- 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

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 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