

DATE: August 5, 2013

TO: City Clerk

FROM: City Representative Carl L. Robinson

ADDRESS: 300 N. Campbell Street 2nd Floor, El Paso, TX TELEPHONE 915-541-4400

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of August 13, 2013

Re-Appointment of Lois Anne Balin to the Open Space Advisory Board by Representative Carl

Item should read as follows: L. Robinson, District 4

SPECIAL

INSTRUCTIONS:

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

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

NOMINATED BY: Representative Robinson DISTRICT: 4

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

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

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

DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY? YES: _____ NO: X

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE:

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Lois Anne Balin

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: June 30, 2013

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 08/13/2013

TERM BEGINS ON : 07/01/2013

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 06/30/2017

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

2nd TERM: X

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____

LOIS ANNE BAI.IN

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, Summa cum Laude, University of Arizona, Tucson.

Associates of Science in Radiological Technology, City College of San Francisco, California

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Urban & Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 200 N. Clark Drive, El Paso, TX.
6/99 - Current.

- Develop, coordinate and conduct public Urban Wildlife Programs and Projects for schools, conservation groups and city government.
- Provide technical assistance with native plant landscaping, backyard habitat, site assessment, and urban wildlife habitat management
- Promote sound natural resource management and biodiversity
- Enhance urban wildlife management and protection
- Develop programs that promote outdoor recreation
- Perform wildlife research and surveys for Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Conducted interpretive and live-animal programs on wildlife and ecology.

Wildlife Research Technician Arizona State University, Phoenix, 9/98-12/98

- Conducted vegetation surveys in riparian area of Southeastern Arizona
- Conducted soil and insect sampling.

Wildlife Research Technician, Arizona Game and Fish Dept., Phoenix, 3/98-8/98

- Conducted surveys of the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
- Monitored pair-bonding, nest formation, and nesting behavior for the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher

Wildlife Research Technician, New Mexico State University, Department of Fishery and Wildlife, Las Cruces, NM. 4/97-10/97.

- Independent operation of banding stations on White Sands Missile Range
- Independent operation of mist-netting and bird-banding stations (measured bird species).
- Conducted point-count and line-transect surveys of passerine birds.
- Conducted point-count surveys of passerine birds
- Conducted shorebird and Willow Flycatcher surveys
- Conducted poleline surveys
- Organized scheduling of surveys and banding sites

- Developed data base files and conducted data entry using dBASE, EXCEL and WP 6.1
- Operated Global Positioning System for survey site locations
- Skilled in 4-wheel drive in rough terrain, mud, and sand

Wildlife Technician-SCA AmeriCorp, USFWS, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Socorro, NM. 11/96-4/97.

- Conducted soil and vegetation sampling
- Identified plants, separated seeds from plant heads, and weighed seeds
- Separated, dried, and weighed chufa tuber samples
- Dried and weighed biomass samples
- Computer data entry using QUATRO PRO
- Waterfowl cholera clean-up

Wildlife Intern, USFS, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Socorro, NM. 8/96-11/96.

- Conducted mist-netting and banding of neotropical migratory birds
- Installed insect traps and conducted insect sampling
- Data entry using DBASE

Graduate Researcher, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX. Advisor Dr. Keith Arnold. 8/93-5/96.

- Conducted habitat use study of 15,000 square-mile region
- Mapped habitat types of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, TX.
- Developed random habitat stratification design
- Installed 110 line transects (500 meters long)
- Organized sampling scheme
- Conducted bird censuses (audio and visual)
- Analyzed data and compiled results using SAS and DISTANCE
- Wrote thesis using WP, POWER POINT, and HARVARD GRAPHICS
- Published thesis and presented results at professional and community meetings
- Worked with land-owners and government agencies
- Conversational Spanish

Research Assistant, Dr L. Hall, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. 6/93-8/93.

- Recorded behavioral observations of Elegant Trogans
- Recorded reproductive and nesting behavior of Elegant Trogans
- Assisted in capture of Elegant Trogans
- Conducted insect sampling and data entry

Co-op Student, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Princeton, OR. 5/92-8/92.

- Conducted nest searching for waterfowl and Sandhill Cranes
- Assisted in capture and radiotagging of Sandhill Crane colts
- Conducted radio telemetry of Sandhill Crane colts
- Trapped ducks using a swim-in funnel trap
- Banded and sexed ducks
- Conducted Bobolink and Snowy Plover surveys
- Captured and collared Trumpeter Swans using airboats
- Skilled at 4-wheel drive in muddy and sandy terrain
- Conducted shorebird and raptor surveys
- Conducted radio telemetry and nest searching for waterfowl and Sandhill Cranes

Co-op Student, Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, Yuma, AZ. 5/91-12/91.

- Assisted in annual aerial bighorn sheep surveys and analyzed survey results
- Conducted bighorn sheep waterhole count and tortoise surveys
- Measured and mapped indigenous palm trees
- Wrote a public information pamphlet on bighorn sheep

Park Ranger-Stay in School Program, U.S. Corp of Engineers, Mark Twain Lake Management Office, Monroe City, MO. 5/90-8/90.

- Developed and presented campfire and live-animal programs and nature walks

Student Naturalist, Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum, Tucson, AZ. 9/89-5/90.

- Conducted interpretive programs on desert flora and fauna.
- Performed live-animal educational programs and conducted interpretive museum tours

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Arizona Game and Fish Department, 2221 W. Greenway, Phoenix, AZ . 4/98-11/98

New Mexico State University, Department of Fishery and Wildlife, Las Cruces, NM. 4/97-10/97.

USFWS, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Socorro, NM. 8/96-4/97.

Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Inst., Texas A&M University-Kingsville, TX.8/93-5/96

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. 5/93-8/93.

Malhuer and Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, Princeton, OR. 5/92-8/92, Yuma, AZ. 5/91-12/91.

U.S. Corp of Engineers, Mark Twain Lake Management Office, Monroe City, MO. 5/90-8/90.

Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum, Tucson, AZ. 9/89-5/90.