



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 19, 2015

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at City Hall Boards & Commissions Meeting Room, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel
Brian Smith
Erin Gooch
Hank Smith
Marisa Perales
Mary Ann Neely
Mary Gay Maxwell
Richard Grayum
Michael Moya
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo

Staff in Attendance:

Andrea Bates
Atha Phillips
Brent Bellinger
Chuck Lesniak
Erin Wood
Jessica Coronado
Jim Dymkowski
Liz Johnston
Michelle Adlong
Mike McDougal
Wendy Rhoades

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.

There were no speakers.

3. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission meeting of August 5, 2015.

The approval of the minutes from the August 5, 2015 Environmental Commission meeting was made on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on Commissioner Marisa Perales' second. Vote 11-0-0-0.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST

- a. Discussion of Environmental Officer updates and report
Item posted as conducted. No action taken.
- b. Review the Environmental Commission handbook
Item posted as conducted. No action taken.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- d. Review and discuss the process for making motions.
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** 8818 Big View #4 SP-2014-0227DS
Applicant: Raj and Santosh Singla; Bruce Aupperle
Location: 8818 Big View Drive #4
Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Brent Bellinger, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff
Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone
Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (pre 2014 Lake Austin Ordinance)
Request: 1) To make a recommendation to the Land Use Commission for a required approval of dredging up to 56 cubic yards in Lake Austin. 25-8-652
Staff Recommendation: Deny
Reason: The project can be built with much less dredge and therefore the request for 56 yards is considered excessive.
The recommendation for denial was made on Commissioner Marisa Perales' motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 8-3-0-0.

9. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- c. Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception and past proposed amendments – Erin Wood, Watershed Protection Department
Item posted as conducted. No action taken.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- b. **Name:** St. Catherine of Siena Church Improvements SP-2014-0476C
Applicant: Urban Design Group, James Wilsford, P.E.
Location: 4800 Convict Hill Road
Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal, Environmental Reviewer; Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer
Watershed: Williamson Creek (Suburban, Barton Springs Zone)
Request: Amend City Code Section 25-8-514 (Save Our Springs) and Section 25-8-261 (Critical Water Quality Zone Development) to allow the proposed redevelopment to exceed impervious cover limits, modify water quality requirements and allow specific development within the Critical Water Quality Zone.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended
Reason: Proposed project provides improved water quality treatment for the area to be redeveloped and reduces pollutant discharge as compared to existing conditions.

There was one speaker: Mary Castetter was neutral on the item.

The recommendation for approval was made on a friendly amendment by Commissioner Marisa Perales and was accepted by the maker of the motion, Commissioner Hank Smith, and by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely, who seconded the motion. Vote 11-0-0-0.

- c. **Name:** Pilot Knob Planned Unit Development C814-2012-0152
Applicant: Carma Easton, Inc (Logan Kimble); Armbrust & Brown, L.L.P. (Lynn Ann Carley)
Location: East William Cannon Drive
Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Wendy Rhoades, Planning & Zoning Department/Case Manager
Watershed: Cottonmouth Creek, North Fork Dry Creek, and South Fork Dry Creek Watersheds (Suburban) Desired Development Zone
Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (current Code)
Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including environmental code modifications and environmental superiority elements.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval.
Reason: The proposed PUD is environmentally superior to development that could otherwise be built under applicable regulations.
The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 1-10-0-0. Commissioner Richard Grayum recused due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Nomination and election of Commission Secretary
The motion to nominate Commissioner Hank Smith as Secretary of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Commissioner Marisa Perales'. Vote 11-0-0-0.
- b. Appoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the Joint Sustainability Committee per Resolution No. 20150604-048.
The motion to appoint Commissioner Erin Gooch to the Joint Sustainability Committee was made by Commissioner Marisa Perales and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 11-0-0-0.
- c. Reappoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the Parkland Events Task Force per Resolution No. 20150305-0025.
The motion to appoint Commissioner Erin Gooch to the Joint Sustainability Committee was made by Commissioner Marisa Perales and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 11-0-0-0.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

None

9. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and recommend proposed revisions to Chapter 6-5 of the Code applicable to watercraft and marinas – Michael Carolan, Water Utility Legal Coordinator, Austin Water Utility
The item was postponed. No action was taken.

- d. Staff briefing on an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 and City Code Chapter 15 regarding recycling and reuse of materials generated by building and demolition permits (Construction Material Recycling Ordinance) – Raine Woody, Austin Resource Recovery
The item was postponed. No action was taken.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- b. Other reports from Board members.

11. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 10:00pm.

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