



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
October 7, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Boards & Commissions Meeting Room, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

Andrew Creel (D-1)	Marisa Perales (D-2)	Pam Thompson (D-3)	Erin Gooch (D-4)
Mary Ann Neely (D-5)	Michael Moya (D-6)	Peggy Maceo (D-7)	Hank Smith (D-8)
Mary Gay Maxwell (D-9)	Richard Grayum (D-10)	Brian Smith (Mayor)	

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 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.
 3. **EDUCATION**
 - a. None
 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of September 16, 2015.
 5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. Update on SH45 SW
 6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. **Name:** 504 East 8th Street Heritage Tree Variance (D-9)
Applicant: Barton Creek Capital LLC
Location: 504 East 8th
City Arborist: Keith Mars, Development Services Department
Request: The applicant is requesting to remove a heritage tree with a stem greater than 30 inches as allowed under LDC 25-8-643
Staff Recommendation: Recommended

- b. **Name:** Block 188 (D-9)
Applicant: COA, Economic Development Department (Fred Evins)/ TC Austin Development Inc. (Clayton Baca)
Location: 202 Nueces Street
Staff Reviewer: Nikki Hoelter, Senior Planner, Development Services Department
Watershed: Lady Bird Lake (Urban)
Request: The applicant is requesting a recommendation on the site plan, which is located in the Waterfront Overlay, North Shore Subdistrict.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Briefing on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan (BCCP) and the Water Quality Protection Land (WQPL) – Sherri Kuhl, BCP Program Manager, Austin Water Utility; Kevin Thuesen, PhD, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Austin Water Utility

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Appoint three members of the Environmental Commission to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks & Recreation Board

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Discuss committee structure.
- b. Report from Mary Gay Maxwell on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- c. Other reports from Commissioners
- d. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force
- e. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee
- f. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

11. ADJOURNMENT

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