



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 4, 2015

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Andrew Creel
Michael Moya

Staff in Attendance:

Chris Herrington
Chuck Lesniak
Jessica Coronado
Jose Guerrero
Kirk Scanlon
Morgan Byers
Oscar Garza
Sherry Sirwaitis

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Chair **Mary Gay Maxwell** called the meeting to order at **6:09pm**.
 - 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**
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. EDUCATION**
 - a. None
 - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 21, 2015.
The approval of the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 21, 2015 was made on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on

Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioner's Andrew Creel and Michael Moya were absent.

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

- a. SH45 Update
Item conducted as posted. No action taken
- b. Park Place at Riverside subdivision
Item conducted as posted. No action taken

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development
Applicant: ARG Bull Creek, LTD (Garrett Martin)
Location: 4205 Bull Creek Road
Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff; Sherry Sirwaitis, Planning & Zoning Department/Case Manager.
Watershed: Shoal Creek Watershed
Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority.
Staff Recommendation: No recommendation, however the staff would find the project environmentally superior if two conditions are met.
Reasons: Significant aspects of the PUD, including base zoning and transportation, remain to be addressed so there is no staff recommendation on the PUD as a whole at this time.
This public hearing was postponed to December 16, 2015 on Commissioner Marisa Perales' motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 8-0-1-2. Commissioner Hank Smith abstained and Commissioners Andrew Creel and Michael Moya were absent.

There were two speakers who did not speak due to the postponement:

- 1. Todd Shaw**
- 2. Roseanne Giordani**

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on the localized flooding in the Hyde Park neighborhood and function of the Triangle pond during recent heavy rains – Jose Guerrero, Assistant Director, Watershed Protection Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

8. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Update and request for recommendation on the City of Austin proposed wastewater permitting rule-making petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Chris Herrington, PE, Watershed Protection Department
The recommendation to support the TCEQ Rule-making Petition Policy was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 9-0-0-0. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Michael Moya were absent.

There were two speakers:

- 1. Dr. Lauren Ross**
- 2. Kelly Davis**

- b. Annual Concession Report: Briefing on the status of Town Lake Concessions – Kirk Scanlon, Acting Sales and Events Manager, Parks & Recreation Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

9. COMMISSION BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Appoint four members of the Environmental Commission to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks & Recreation Board
Commissioners Michael Moya, Peggy Maceo, Mary Ann Neely and Mary Gay Maxwell were appointed to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks & Recreation Board on Commissioner Hank Smith’s motion and Commissioner Marisa Perales’ second. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Michael Moya were absent.

10. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. Approval of the Environmental Commission’s new bylaws.
This item was postponed.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee
- b. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee
- c. Development Committee
- d. Water Quality Regulations Committee
- e. Watershed Protection Budget Committee
- f. Air Quality Committee
- g. Report from Mary Gay Maxwell on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
Mary Gay Maxwell provided a brief report.
- i. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force
Pam Thompson provided a brief report.
- j. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee
Erin Gooch provided a brief report.
- k. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee
Mary Ann Neely provided a brief report.
- l. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board
- m. Other reports from Commissioners

12. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- 1. Briefing from staff on the Grove at Shoal Creek PUD.

2. Possible update on any changes to the proposed wastewater permitting rule-making petition.
3. Update on the status of Dove Springs in regards to the recent floods.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm.

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