



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting  
March 23, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Introduction to Watershed Protection Department's Education Division – Jessica Wilson, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department
  4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
    - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of March 2, 2016.
  5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
    - a. SH45 Update
  6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION\***
    - a. Update on the wastewater rule making petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Chris Herrington, P.E., Watershed Protection Department
    - b. Water Resource Evaluation Section programs and publicly available reports and data – Chris Herrington, P.E., Watershed Protection Department
    - c. Briefing on the City's municipal legislative system as it pertains to items from the Environmental Commission – Jessica Coronado, Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. None

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Eliza Springs Outlet Daylighting (as revision to Barton Springs General Grounds Improvements) SPC-2012-0104D  
**Applicant:** City of Austin Watershed Protection Department  
**Location:** Zilker Park, 2201 Barton Springs Road  
**Staff Reviewer:** Atha Phillips, DSD Environmental Review Specialist Senior  
**Watershed:** Barton Creek (Barton Springs Zone), Drinking Water Protection Zone, and Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone  
**Ordinance:** Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance, Watershed Protection Ordinance, Save Our Springs Ordinance  
**Request:** Make a recommendation for a site specific amendment to City Code Section 25-8-514 (Save Our Springs Initiative) and variances to City Code Sections 25-8-281 and 25-8-341 to allow the proposed project to exceed impervious cover limits and cut requirements, exempt the project from the pollution control requirements of the Save Our Springs Initiative, and allow specific construction within the buffer of a critical environmental feature.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended for approval

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- b. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee
- c. Development Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Richard Grayum, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- d. Water Quality Regulations Committee - Mary Ann Neely, Brian Smith, Peggy Maceo, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Richard Grayum, and Andrew Creel
- e. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- f. Air Quality Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- g. Urban Forest Working Group – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, and Erin Gooch.
- h. Report from Mary Gay Maxwell on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- i. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force
- i. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee
- j. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee

k. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, and Michael Moya

l. Other reports from Commissioners

**10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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