



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 2, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at City in Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Brian Smith
Hank Smith
Marisa Perales
Mary Ann Neely
Mary Gay Maxwell
Richard Grayum
Michael Moya
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo**

Commissioner Absent:

**Andrew Creel
Erin Gooch**

Staff in Attendance:

**Andrea Bates
Chuck Lesniak
Jessica Coronado
Mateo Scoggins**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
 - 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**
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 February 3, 2016.
The minutes of the regular meeting of the Environmental Commission meeting on February 3, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 8-3. Commissioners Erin Gooch and Andrew Creel were absent and Commissioner Michael Moya was off the dais.
 - 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- a. Update on City Council's Action on St. Catherine of Siena Church – Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Item posted as conducted. No action taken.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. None

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION*

- a. Update on the 303(d) list and TMDLs per district – Mateo Scoggins, P.E., Watershed Protection Department
Item posted as conducted. No action taken.
- b. Zilker Park Regulatory Overview – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
Item posted as conducted. No action taken.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. None

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
Commissioner Maxwell provided a report.
- f. Air Quality Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
Commissioner Neely provided a report.
- g. Urban Forest Working Group – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, and Erin Gooch.
Commissioner Maxwell provided a report.
- 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
Commissioner Thompson provided a report.

- i. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee
Commissioner Maxwell provided a report.
- 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
Commissioner Maxwell provided a report.
- l. Other reports from Commissioners
Chair Maxwell and Environmental Officer Chuck Lesniak provided a report on the current developments of the proposed SH45 highway.

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- 1. **Chair Maxwell requested ongoing updates on the development of the proposed SH45 highway.**
- 2. **A meeting of the Water Quality Regulations Subcommittee will be set to discuss the 303(d) list and TMDLs.**
- 3. **A meeting of the Development Subcommittee will be set to discuss the Eliza Daylighting project.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

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