



## Board and Commission Council Committee Agenda Item Request

Name of Board or Commission: Environmental Commission

Request Number: YYYYMMDD-### (Date of Board/Commission meeting followed by the agenda number):  
20150520-007b

Description of item:

Changes to Environmental Commission's Enabling Ordinance

Board or Commission Vote to refer item to Council: 7-0. Unanimous.

Date of Approval of Request: May 20, 2015

Attachments:  Yes  No

If yes, please list the attachments: recommendation from the Commission.

Attest:

Jessica Coronado x4-3443

Signature of Board/Commission Chair or Staff Liaison

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Council Committee Assigned:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit & Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development          | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Neighborhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AE Utility Oversight       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Opportunity       | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space, Environment & Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services    |   |  |

Recommend a Fiscal Analysis be completed?

Recommend a Legal Analysis be completed?

Notes:

Mayor Signature & Date:

4-6-16



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20150520 007b**

**Date:** May 20, 2015

**Subject:** Changes to Environmental Board Enabling Ordinance

**Motion By:** Robert Deegan

**Second By:** Mary Ann Neely

**RATIONALE:**

**Whereas**, the description of duties of the Environmental Commission had inaccuracies regarding the purview of the Urban Forestry Board in sections (F)(4), (G)(2), and (H)(15),

**Therefore**, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for the changes in the enabling ordinance for the Environmental Commission, Ordinance #20141211-204 to read as follows (see attached text).

**Staff Conditions:** none

**VOTE 7-0-0-0**

**For:** Maxwell, Neely, Schissler, Deegan, Redmond, Smith and Perales

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Approved By:**

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair

**Suggested Changes to Ordinance #20141211-204**

**PART 20.** City Code Section 2-1-144 (*Environmental Board*) is amended to read:

**“§2-1-144 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION [BOARD]”**

(B) The Environmental Commission [~~Board membership~~] should [~~may~~] include: [~~a Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District board member or staff person who has professional expertise in geology, hydrology, or ecology; and members who have:~~]

(1) [~~Persons who have:~~] Members who have demonstrated concern for and the desire to improve the status of the natural resources and living environment of the City;

(2) [~~A person who has~~] One or more persons who have professional expertise or who have demonstrated expertise in geology, hydrology, civil engineering, land planning, ecology, arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape architecture; and

3) [~~Expertise in arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape architecture~~] One Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District board or staff person who has professional expertise in geology, hydrology, or ecology.

(C) A member described in Subsection (B) (3) need not be a City resident.

(D) Not more than [~~three~~] five members should be employed in land development or related activities.

(E) The department director and the director of the Development Services Department [~~the urban forester, the city arborist, and the director of the Parks and Recreation Department~~] are [~~shall be an~~] ex officio members of the commission [~~board~~] for the purpose of deliberation on a matter relating

to ~~[the]~~ their respective departments. ~~[for which each of them works.]~~

(F) The commission may:

(4) ~~[Study, investigate, plan,]~~ Advise and make recommendations on any [action, program, plan, or legislation] issue which the commission determines necessary or advisable for the [care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs and other landscaping in public parks, along streets, and in other public areas.] enhancement and stewardship of the urban forest, both public and private.

(G) The commission shall:

(2) ~~[Develop,]~~ Oversee the development[, establishment ] and implementation of a comprehensive [urban forest] plan for the planting, maintenance, and replacement of trees [in parks, along streets and in other public areas] within the city's jurisdiction, and revise as necessary. When a portion of the plan has been developed and established, it shall be submitted to the city council for adoption before implementation.

(H)

(15) ~~[and ]~~ the [all matters pertaining to the City's] urban forest, both public and private.