



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 4, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Brian Smith
Erin Gooch
Hank Smith
Marisa Perales
Michael Moya
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo
Richard Grayum

Commissioners Absent:

Andrew Creel
Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Andrea Bates
Beth Robinson
Chris Herrington
Chuck Lesniak
Jerry Rusthoven
Jessica Coronado
Kelly Gagnon
Liz Johnston
Margaret Shaw
Scott Hiers
Wendy Rhoades

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Vice Chair Marisa Perales called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
 - 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 April 20, 2016.

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of April 20, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Pam Thompson's motion and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 8-2. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Mary Ann Neely were absent.

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

- a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION*

- a. Cascades Planned Unit Development I at Onion Creek CD-2015-0017 Development Assessment Briefing – Wendy Rhoades, Planner Senior, Planning & Zoning Department; and Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on Water Service Extension Request #3771 Wong 7.50 Acre Tract – Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department
The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 8-2. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Mary Ann Neely were absent.
- b. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding amendments to lake development regulations – Liz Johnston, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 8-2. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Mary Ann Neely were absent.
- c. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding a proposed amendment to the Land Development Code Waterfront Overlay Festival Beach Subdistrict regulations (Section 25-2-735) including the area containing the RBJ Senior Center – Margaret Shaw, Economic Development Department and Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 7-1-2. Commissioner Perales voted against and Commissioners Andrew Creel and Mary Ann Neely were absent.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Marisa Perales, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- b. Development Committee –Marisa Perales, Richard Grayum, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- c. Water Quality Regulations Committee - Mary Ann Neely, Brian Smith, Peggy Maceo, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Richard Grayum, and Andrew Creel

- d. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- e. Air Quality Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- f. Urban Forest Working Group – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, and Erin Gooch.
- g. Report on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- h. 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 Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, and Michael Moya
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Marisa Perales called the meeting to order at 7:46pm.

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