



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 6, 2016**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Andrew Creel**  
**Brian Smith**  
**Erin Gooch**  
**Hank Smith**  
**Marisa Perales**  
**Mary Ann Neely**  
**Michael Moya**  
**Pam Thompson**  
**Peggy Maceo**  
**Richard Grayum**  
**Linda Guerrero**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Chuck Lesniak**  
**Jessica Coronado**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
Chair Marisa Perales called the meeting to order at
  - 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.*  
**There was one speaker:**  
**-Bruce Wiland spoke on erosion controls.**
  - 3. EDUCATION**
    - a. Slope failure during recent tram construction at 70 Pascal Lane – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
  - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
    - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of June 15, 2016.
  - 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER’S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
    - a. Appreciation for departing Commissioner and Staff Coordinator
  - 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION\***
    - a. None

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - a. Discuss and consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed SH45 Southwest tollway – Referral from Joint Urban Growth Policy and Development Committees
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, Linda Guerrero
  - f. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, and Erin Gooch.
  - g. Report on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee – Marisa Perales
  - 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**

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