



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
August 3, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

Andrew Creel (D-1)	Marisa Perales (D-2) Chair	Pam Thompson (D-3)	Vacant (D-4)
Mary Ann Neely (D-5)	Michael Moya (D-6)	Peggy Maceo (D-7) Vice Chair	Hank Smith (D-8) Secretary
Linda Guerrero (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. None
 - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of July 20, 2016.
 - 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. Update on the tram construction at 70 Pascal Lane
 - 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. None
 - 7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Appointment to the Joint Sustainability Committee
 - b. Environmental Commission Annual Internal Review and Report
 - c. Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council regarding requested staffing in the FY17 proposed budget for the City Arborist – Peggy Maceo, Chair, Urban Forestry Subcommittee

- d. Update on the Austin Youth River Watch’s youth environmental programming – Melinda Chow, Executive Director, Austin Youth River Watch

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Bob Johnson Gas Station SP-2015-0328D (2 Mile ETJ)
Applicant: Moncada Enterprises, LLC
Location: 2051 W FM 1626 RD
Staff Reviewer: Taylor Horton, Environmental Reviewer, Development Services Department; Ana Gonzalez, Watershed Protection Department/Hydrogeologist
Watershed: Bear Creek (Suburban)
Request: To allow the construction of a driveway on a slope with a gradient of more than 15 percent. LDC 25-8-301.
Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for approval.
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have not been met.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- b. Development Committee –Marisa Perales, Richard Grayum, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- c. Water Quality Regulations Committee - Mary Ann Neely, Brian Smith, Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Richard Grayum, and Andrew Creel
- d. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- e. Air Quality Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Andrew Creel, Peggy Maceo, and Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero
- f. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero and Mary Ann Neely
- 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 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 – Linda Guerrero, 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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