



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 20, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel
Brian Smith
Hank Smith
Marisa Perales
Mary Ann Neely
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo
Richard Grayum
Linda Guerrero

Commissioners Absent:

Michael Moya

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
Jessica Coronado
Sue Barnett
Atha Phillips
Taylor Horton
David Johns
Pamela Abee-Tauli
Andrea Bates
Rodney Gonzales
Beth Culver
David Chapman
Andy Linseisen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marisa Perales called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

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:

-Carol Lee

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of July 6, 2016.
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of July 6, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Pam Thompson's vote and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 8-2. Commissioner Mary Ann Neely was off the dais. Commissioner Mike Moya was absent.

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

a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Review and recommend the Urban Trail Projects for the Upper Boggy Creek Trail (D-1) and Violet Crown Trail North Phase (D-8) – Nadia Barrera, Urban Trails Program Manager, Public Works Department

Item was postponed.

b. Discuss the City's residential review process and drainage and water quality regulations – David Chapman, EV Inspector Senior, Development Services Department; Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

There were two speakers:

-Bruce Wiland

David King donated time to Bruce Wiland

c. Discuss a recommendation from the Development Committee regarding the Flood Mitigation Task Force Recommendations

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. **Name:** Kristin Boat Dock SP-2016-0185DS (D-10)

Applicant: Ricky Rasberry (512) 970-0371

Location: 3811 Westlake Drive

Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Environmental Reviewer, Development Services Department; Scott Hiers, Watershed Protection Department

Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request: To allow the construction of a boat dock within a 150 foot Critical Environmental Feature buffer (Canyon Rimrock). 25-8-281(C)(2)(b).

Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval.

Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.

This item was postponed on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on Commissioner Brian Smith's second. Vote 6-2-1-1. Commissioners Hank Smith and Andrew Creel voted against. Commissioner Richard Grayum abstained. Commissioner Mike Moya was absent.

b. **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.

This item was postponed on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Linda Guerrero's second. Vote 8-2. Commissioner Mary Ann Neely was off the dais. Commissioner Mike Moya was absent.

There was one speaker:

-Phil Moncada

- c. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding a proposed Project Consent Agreement for Lantana Tract 33 located at 6701, 6825 ½, and 7045 ½ Rialto Drive. – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department

The recommendation for approval with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 9-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.

- d. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding a proposed Project Consent Agreement for property located at 12501 Hewitt Lane. – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department

The recommendation for approval with conditions was made on Commissioner Richard Grayum's motion and on Commissioner Andrew Creel's second. Vote 7-1-1-1. Chair Marisa Perales voted against. Commissioner Hank Smith recused. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.

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, and Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero
- f. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, 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

Commissioner Pam Thompson provided a report.

- 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

- 1. Update on tram construction at 70 Pascal Lane
- 2. Schedule an update to the residential review process for October

11. ADJOURNMENT

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