



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 17, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel
Hank Smith
Richard Grayum
Linda Guerrero
Michael Moya
Peggy Maceo

Commissioners Absent:

Mary Ann Neely
Marisa Perales
Brian Smith
Pam Thompson

Staff in Attendance:

Jessica Coronado
Nadia Barrera
Sue Barnett
Taylor Horton
Scott Hiers
Atha Phillips
Tony Lopez
Susan Wall
Chris Herrington

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peggy Maceo called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

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 were no speakers.

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of August 3, 2016.

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of August 3, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Linda Guerrero's

second. Vote 6-0-4. Commissioners Mary Ann Neely, Marisa Perales, Brian Smith, and Pam Thompson were absent.

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

a. Discuss possible dates and agenda for the annual retreat for the Environmental Commission
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

a. Update on the Watershed Protection Department's Youth Education Programs – Susan Wall, M.Ed., Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

b. Update on Bull Creek water quality conditions – Chris Herrington, Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Discuss and consider a recommendation from the Parkland Events Task Force regarding PARD criteria for trees in parks – Pam Thompson
Item was postponed.

b. Review and consider a possible recommendation for 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 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.

The Environmental Commission recommended approval of the request on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and was seconded by Commissioner Richard Grayum. Vote 5-1-4. Commissioner Linda Guerrero abstained. Commissioners Mary Ann Neely, Marisa Perales, Brian Smith, and Pam Thompson were 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, 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

- a. **Modify committee list**
- b. **Criteria on mulch socks**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Peggy Maceo adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

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