



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 19, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Mary Ann Neely
Michael Moya

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Gerard Butler
Michael Embesi
Liz Johnson
Chuck Lesniak

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.

Denis Oxford spoke on his concerns about run off coming from construction on Maund property at Burnet road and Pegram Avenue.

3. EDUCATION

a. Presentation on the Butler Trail at Lady Bird Lake Urban Forest and Natural Area Management Guidelines Jonathan Ogren, Conservation and Environmental Planner, Siglo Group.

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 5, 2016 **The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 5, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Richard Grayum's motion and on Commissioner Pam Thompson's second. Vote 7-0-3. Commissioner Hank Smith was off the dais. Commissioners Mary Ann Neely and Michael Moya were absent.**

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

a. None

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***

a. Briefing on boat dock regulations—Liz Johnston, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

b. Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake—Gerard Bickham, Contract Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

This item will be considered for possible action at the next Environmental Commission Meeting on November 2, 2016.

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. None

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. **Name:** The Carpenter (SP-2016-0073C)

Applicant: RRRTI, Breadmakers, LP (Agent: Bury, Inc.)

Location: 411 Jessie Street

Staff: Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department; Nikki Hoelter, Case Manager, Development Services Department

Watershed: West Bouldin Creek (Urban) Desired Development Zone

Request: To remove two heritage trees with stems greater than 30" in diameter

Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval

Reasons for Recommendation: The request meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2)

Commissioner Marisa Perales made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Linda Guerrero. Vote 8-0-2. Commissioners Mary Ann Neely and Michael Moya were absent.

The recommendation to approve the request with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Andrew Creel's second.

There was a friendly amendment from Commissioner Andrew Creel, which requested that the applicant reuse the wood from the removed trees on the site in the form of something other than mulch as a public benefit. Commissioner Creel's friendly amendment was accepted by Commissioner Hank Smith.

The recommendation to approve the request with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Andrew Creel's second passed. Vote 7-1-2. Commissioners Mary Ann Neely and Michael Moya were absent.

Speakers:

Jack Barron, Principal, The Mighty Union

Zach Hunter, Landscape Architect for the Applicant, Stantec provided a handout for the Carpenter.

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. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

12. Chair Marisa Perales adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

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