



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 2, 2016

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

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Linda Guerrero

Staff in Attendance:

Pamela Abee-Taulii
Sue Barnett
Gerard Bickham
Kaela Champlin
Chuck Lesniak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marisa Perales called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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.

Kelly Davis spoke on behalf of Save Our Springs Alliance about concerns regarding the City of Dripping Springs's application to discharge wastewater into Onion Creek.

Phil Moncada spoke on his concerns regarding the City of Dripping Springs's application to discharge wastewater into Onion Creek.

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 19, 2016
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 19, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Andrew Creel's

second. Vote 8-0-2. Commissioner Michael Moya was off the dais. Commissioner Linda Guerrero was absent.

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

- a. Update on SH 45 Southwest—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Update on Denis Oxford's concerns from October 19, 2016 Environmental Commission meeting—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

- a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Make a recommendation regarding the creation, continuation or termination and status of Town Lake concessions contained in the 2016 Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake—Gerard Bickham, Contract Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department
Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to recommend the continuation of the concession contracts on Town Lake with conditions and was seconded by Commissioner Peggy Maceo. Vote 9-0-1. Commissioner Linda Guerrero was absent.
- b. Adoption of the 2017 Environmental Commission meeting schedule—Kaela Champlin, Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to adopt the 2017 Environmental Commission meeting schedule with revisions and was seconded by Commissioner Michael Moya. Vote 9-0-1. Commissioner Linda Guerrero was absent.
- c. Consider a recommendation to City Council regarding the creation of an Environmental Commission Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee—Kaela Champlin, Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
The recommendation that City Council create an Environmental Commission Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and was seconded by Commissioner Pam Thompson. Vote 9-0-1. Commissioner Linda Guerrero was absent.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Iglesia Camino Del Rey Church (SP-2015-0372C) (D-1)
Applicant: Moncada Enterprises LLC (Phil Moncada)
Location: 7604 FM 969 RD
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulii, Environmental Reviewer, Development Services Department
Watershed: Walnut Creek Watershed, Suburban Desired Development Zone
Request: Variance request as follows:
 - 1. 25-8-301(A) Construction of a roadway or driveway on slopes
 - 2. 25-8-302(A)(2) Construction of a building or parking area on slopes
 - 3. 25-8-341 Cut requirements
 - 4. 25-8-342 Fill requirements**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions
Reasons for Recommendation: Findings of fact have been met

Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Peggy Maceo. Vote 9-0-1. Commissioner Linda Guerrero was absent.

The recommendation to support the variance requests with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Pam Thompson's second. Vote 9-0-1. Commissioner Linda Guerrero was absent.

Speakers:

Phil Moncada, Moncada Enterprises LLC

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
Report on the November 2, 2016 Development and Water Quality Regulations Joint Committee Meeting
- 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

Commissioner Marisa Perales adjourned the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

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