



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 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
Peggy Maceo
Hank Smith
Linda Guerrero
Richard Grayum
Brian Smith

Commissioners Absent:

Michael Moya

Staff in Attendance:

Sue Barnett
Kaela Champlin
Kelly Gagnon
Cole Huggins
Reyna Holmes
Chuck Lesniak
Keith Mars
Mike McDougal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marisa Perales called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of November 2, 2016
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of November 2, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 9-0-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.

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

- a. Update on the November 14, 2016 Audit and Finance Committee meeting regarding the Environmental Commission recommendation to City Council to create an Environmental Commission Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee—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. None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Broadstone 620/Birden Multi-Family
Applicant: Alliance Residential
Location: 11205 N FM 620 Road, Austin, Texas
Staff: Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Bull Creek Watershed, Water Supply Suburban
Request: Wastewater Service Extension Request (SER) recommendation
Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The proposed extension would facilitate increased development intensity in a sensitive environmental area outside the City of Austin Full Purpose jurisdiction.
Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Pam Thompson. Vote 9-0-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.

The recommendation for denial of the Service Extension Request was made on Commissioner Marisa Perales' motion and was seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely. Vote 7-2-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.

Speakers:

**Dan Brown, Civil Engineer, Malone Wheeler
Brandon Easterling, Applicant, Alliance Residential**

- b. **Name:** Channel Road Subdivision C8-2016-0074.0A (D-10)
Applicant: Ryan Irion, PE
Location: 1750 Channel Road, Austin, Texas
Staff: Mike McDougal, Environmental Reviewer, Development Services Department
Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural
Request: Request for a variance to allow the creation of a one lot subdivision with a density of 1 unit per 0.08 acres net site area and a minimum lot size of 0.08 acres net site area [LDC 25-8-453(B)(1)]
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions
Reasons for Recommendation: Findings of fact have been met
The recommendation for approval of the request with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and was seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely. Vote 9-0-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.

Speakers:

Terry Irion, Attorney for Applicant

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 16, 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 7:29 P.M.

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