



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
February 1, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Boards and Commissions, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

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| Andrew Creel (D-1) | Marisa Perales (D-2) Chair | Pam Thompson (D-3) | Vacant (D-4) |
| Mary Ann Neely (D-5) | Michael Moya (D-6) | Peggy Maceo (D-7) Vice Chair | Hank Smith (D-8) Secretary |
| Linda Guerrero (D-9) | Richard Grayum (D-10) | Brian Smith (Mayor) | |

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- 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.
 - 3. EDUCATION**
 - a. None
 - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the revision to the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of December 7, 2016
 - b. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of January 18, 2017
 - 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. Discuss and consider options for Environmental Commission engagement in CodeNEXT review.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Name:** 88.2 Acre Gragg Tract
Applicant: Gragg Tract, LP
Location: W FM 1626 Rd, Austin, Texas
Staff: Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Little Bear Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone & Suburban Watershed Regulation Areas
Request: Water Service Extension Request (SER) #3473 recommendation
Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The proposed extension would facilitate increased development intensity in a sensitive environmental area outside of the City of Austin Full Purpose jurisdiction.
- b. Name:** 88.2 Acre Gragg Tract
Applicant: Gragg Tract, LP
Location: W FM 1626 Rd, Austin, Texas
Staff: Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Little Bear Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone & Suburban Watershed Regulation Areas
Request: Wastewater Service Extension Request (SER) #3474 recommendation
Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The proposed extension would facilitate increased development intensity in a sensitive environmental area outside of the City of Austin Full Purpose jurisdiction.
- c. Name:** WK 281
Applicant: WK 281 Bear Creek Ltd.
Location: Bliss Spillar Rd, Manchaca, Texas
Staff: Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Little Bear & Bear Creek Watersheds, Barton Springs Zone
Request: Water Service Extension Request (SER) #3530 recommendation
Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The proposed extension would facilitate increased development intensity in a sensitive environmental area outside of the City of Austin Full Purpose jurisdiction.
- d. Name:** WK 281
Applicant: WK 281 Bear Creek Ltd.
Location: Bliss Spillar Rd, Manchaca, Texas
Staff: Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Little Bear & Bear Creek Watersheds, Barton Springs Zone
Request: Wastewater Service Extension Request (SER) #3531 recommendation
Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The proposed extension would facilitate increased development intensity in a sensitive environmental area outside of the City of Austin Full Purpose jurisdiction.
- e. Name:** Zilker Metropolitan Park Trailhead Restrooms, SPC-2012-0104D(R3)
Applicant: City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
Location: Zilker Metropolitan Park, 2210 ½ William Barton Drive
Staff Reviewer: Gary Gregson, Project Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department
Watershed: Barton Creek and Lady Bird Lake (Barton Springs Zone)
Request: Amend City Code Section 25-8-514 (Pollution Prevention Required) and grant variances to Section 25-8-261 (Critical Water Quality Zone Development) to allow the site to exceed impervious cover limits, modify pollution control requirements, and allow development of a restroom and associated facilities within the Critical Water Quality Zone.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval

Reason: The proposed project will result in a net decrease of impervious cover on the site and will provide water quality enhancements and innovative stormwater management.

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

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** A member of the public may not address a board or commission at a meeting on an item posted as a briefing, per City Code Section 2-1-144(E).*