

Environmental Commission Regular Meeting February 15, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. City Hall Boards and Commissions, 301 W. 2nd Street Austin, Texas 78701

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

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 Hank Smith (D-8) Secretary

Chair

Linda Guerrero (D-9) Richard Grayum (D-10) Brian Smith (Mayor)

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 minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of February 1, 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 support for the City of Austin's recent offer to purchase the Central Warehouse Tract from AISD to be developed as a City park – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department

- b. Analysis of the proposed City of Dripping Springs wastewater effluent beneficial reuse program and wastewater discharge permit Mike Personett, Assistant Director, and Chris Herrington, PE, Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department
- c. Presentation on Holdsworth Center Planned Unit Development Assessment Wendy Rhoades, Planner Senior, City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department

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.

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 Visitor Impact 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
- 1. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

a. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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