



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
April 5, 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)	Brytne Kitchin (D-6)	Peggy Maceo (D-7) Vice Chair	Hank Smith (D-8) Secretary
Linda Guerrero (D-9)	Wendy Gordon (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 March 1, 2017
- 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. Legislative update – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
- 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. None
- 7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Consider a resolution to Council supporting the re-naming of the Slaughter Creek Management Unit in honor of Mary Gay Maxwell – Kevin Thuesen, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Austin Water

- b. Discuss and consider nominating an Environmental Commission member to the South Central Waterfront (SWC) Advisory Board— Alan Holt, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning Department
- c. Discuss and consider reducing the number of standing committees of the Environmental Commission.
- d. Consider a recommendation that the City of Austin take steps to consolidate the Red Bluff / Harold Court Tracts and turn the property into a wildland preserve.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Easton Park Section 2B Preliminary Plan C8J-2015-0255.SH (D-2)
Applicant: Peloton Land Solutions
Location: 7901 Colton Bluff Springs Rd.
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist, Development Services Department
Watershed: Cottonmouth Creek and North Fork Dry Creek Suburban Desired Development Zone
Request: LDC 30-5-342 to allow fill to 10 feet
Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The Findings of Fact have been met
- b. Proposed amendments to the Watershed Protection Ordinance including an amendment to the Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception (SOS) – Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- b. Development Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- c. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Brian Smith, Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, 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. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith and Brian Smith
- 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 and Peggy Maceo

l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

a. Election of Environmental Commission officers for the May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 term.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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