



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions Room at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Andrew Creel
Brytne Kitchin
Peggy Maceo
Marisa Perales
Brian Smith
Hank Smith
Pam Thompson**

Commissioners Absent:

**Alesha Istvan
Wendy Gordon
Linda Guerrero
Mary Ann Neely**

Staff in Attendance:

**Kaela Champlin
Kelly Gagnon
Jose Guerrero
Sara Hartley
Matt Hollon
Chuck Lesniak
Peggy MacCallum
Mike Personett
Joe Pantalione
Kelly Strickler**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Perales called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.

**Joel Wixson spoke about the proposed amendments to the Watershed Protection Ordinance.
Scott Johnson spoke about sustainable tourism.**

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission regular meeting of June 7, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2017 Environmental Commission regular meeting of was approved on Commissioner Creel's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Istvan, Gordon, Guerrero and Neely were absent.

- b. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission special called meeting of July 13, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017 Environmental Commission special called meeting was approved on Commissioner Creel's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Istvan, Gordon, Guerrero and Neely were absent.

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

- a. Update on resolution directing the City Manager to take actions regarding green infrastructure and green stormwater infrastructure

Item Conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Update on City of Austin agreement with Austin Independent School District establishing site development standards for redevelopment of Bowie High School, located at 4103 W. Slaughter Lane

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. Review and recommend the Watershed Protection Department's FY18 Budget—Peggy MacCallum, Chief Financial Manager and Joe Pantalione, Director, Watershed Protection Department

A motion recommending the Watershed Protection Department's FY18 Budget was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Maceo was off the dais. Commissioners Istvan, Gordon, Guerrero and Neely were absent.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Linda Guerrero, Wendy Gordon

- b. Development Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Mary Ann Neely, Brytne Kitchin

- c. Air Quality Committee –Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson and Wendy Gordon

- d. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely and Wendy Gordon

Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee meeting of July 18, 2017.

- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith and Brian Smith

Commissioner Perales gave an update on the Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee meeting of July 19, 2017.

- f. Report from Pam Thompson on the Visitor Impact Task Force
Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the Visitor Impact Task Force Report.
- 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 – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo and Linda Guerrero
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. none

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Perales adjourned the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

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