



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
September 20, 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)	Alesha Istvan (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 September 6, 2017
(5 minutes)

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. Presentation on Watershed Protection Department Spills and Complaint Response—Thain Maurer, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Watershed Protection Department (20 minutes)

- b. Briefing on Stormwater Management Discount Program—Anupa Gharpurey, Financial Manager and Stephanie Lott, Public Information Specialist Senior, Watershed Protection Department (20 minutes)

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Upper Boggy Creek Trail Phase 1
Applicant: William Power, Public Works, Project Manager, 512-974-7220
Location: 1719 Alexander Ave, Austin, TX 78702
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department
Watershed: Boggy Creek Watershed, Water Supply Urban, Desired Development Zone
Request: Variance Request is as follows:
To vary from 25-8-261(B)(3)(c), limiting a hard surfaced trail located within the CWQZ to 12 feet in width unless a wider trail is designated in the Urban Trails Master Plan adopted by Council, to allow construction of a 14-foot wide multi-purpose trail in the CWQZ to connect with the Capitol Metro transit station and serve as a major pedestrian route between MLK Blvd. and East 12th Street.
Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The Findings of Fact have not been met.
(30 minutes)

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
- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith and Brian Smith
- f. 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 – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo and Linda Guerrero
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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