



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions Room at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel
Marisa Perales
Pam Thompson
Alesha Istvan
Hank Smith
Linda Guerrero
Brian Smith
Wendy Gordon

Commissioners Absent:

Brytne Kitchin
Mary Ann Neely
Peggy Maceo

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
John Clement
Ana Gonzales
Amy Grossman
Matt Hollon
Chuck Lesniak
Mike Kelly
Lindsay Olinde
Mateo Scoggins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Perales called the meeting to order at 6:03 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.

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of August 16, 2017 **(5 minutes)**
A motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017 Environmental Commission regular meeting was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith’s motion, Commissioner Creel’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was off the dais. Commissioners Kitchin, Neely and Maceo were absent.
5. **EDUCATION**
 - a. None
6. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER’S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. None
7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. None
8. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Presentation on upper Waller Creek Restoration: Stormwater and Reilly Elementary School— Ana Gonzales, Environmental Scientist Senior and Amy Grossman, Landscape Architect Associate, Watershed Protection Department **(20 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - b. Briefing on Blackland Prairie Riparian Areas—Lindsay Olinde, Graduate Engineer A, and Mateo Scoggins, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department **(20 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. None
10. **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

11. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

a. None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

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