



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andy Creel
Marisa Perales
Pam Thompson
Alesha Istvan
Peggy Maceo
Hank Smith
Linda Guerrero
Wendy Gordon
Brian Smith

Commissioners Absent:

Mary Ann Neely
Brytne Kitchin

Staff in Attendance:

Pamela Abee-Taulli
Andrea Bates
Sue Barnett
Kaela Champlin
Jose Guerrero
Sara Hartley
Matt Hollon
Keith Mars
Atha Phillips
Elizabeth Robinson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Perales called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

None

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 18, 2017
(5 minutes)
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 18, 2017 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith’s motion, Commissioner Creel’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Istvan, Guerrero and Thompson were off the dais. Commissioners Kitchin and Neely were absent.

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER’S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. Discuss upcoming committee meetings related to CodeNEXT.
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. None

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Approve 2018 Environmental Commission Meeting Calendar (5 minutes)
The 2018 Environmental Commission Meeting Calendar was approved.

 - b. Discuss and consider Environmental Commission Committee membership (10 minutes)
Commissioner Istvan was appointed to the Environmental Commission Development Committee and Air Quality Committee.

 - c. Appoint an additional Environmental Commission member to Joint Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board (5 mins)
Commissioner Istvan was appointed to the Joint Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.

 - d. Presentation on the Upper Colorado River Basin and proposed Colorado River Dam near Goldthwaite and impacts to the City of Austin—Ann McElroy, No Colorado River Dam Inc. (20 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

 - e. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 2—Matt Hollon, Environmental Policy and Planning Manager, Watershed Protection Department (1 hour)
A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 2 was approved on Commissioner Perales’ motion, Commissioner Hank Smith’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Neely were absent.

Speakers

**Brian Zabcik
Pinaki Ghosh
Lauren Ice
Ane Aguirre
Carmen Llanes Pulido
Ken Jacob
Lauren Ross
Bill Bunch
Frances Acuna
Elloa Mathews**

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. None

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 Gordon gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee Meeting.
- 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 Canyonlands 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. **Discuss Joint Sustainability Committee membership**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

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