



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions Room 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
Mary Ann Neely
Brytne Kitchin

Commissioners Absent:

Brian Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
Matt Hollon
Brent Bellinger
Atha Phillips
Sam Hernandez
Patricia Rossett
Idella Wilson
Kaela Champlin
Jose Guerrero

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Perales called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 November 1, 2017 (5 minutes)

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of November 1, 2017 were approved on Commissioner Creel's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a

9-0 vote. Commissioner Guerrero was off the dais. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.

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

- a. Update on Development Services Department's request for additional FTE's for FY17-18
Item 5a was postponed. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

- a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Make a recommendation regarding the creation, continuation or termination and status of Town Lake concessions contained in the 2017 Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake—Samuel Hernandez, Contract Management Specialist IV, Patricia Rossett, Business Process Consultant, and Idella Wilson, Contract Management Specialist IV, Parks and Recreation Department (**20 minutes**)

A recommendation regarding the creation, continuation or termination and status of Town Lake concessions contained in the 2017 Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.

- b. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 2 (**1 hour**)
A recommendation to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Marisa Perales' motion, Commissioner Maceo's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.

A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT was approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Maceo's second on an 8-2 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Perales, Gordon, Guerrero, Maceo, Istvan, Thompson, Neely and Creel. Those voting nay were Commissioners Kitchin and Hank Smith. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.

Speakers

Elloa Mathews

Ana Aguirre

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** 4213 Waters Edge Cove, SP-2017-146D (D-10)

Applicant: Janis Smith

Location: 4213 Waters Edge Cove, Austin, Texas 78731

Staff: Brent Bellinger, Ph.D., Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department and Atha Phillips, Senior Environmental Reviewer, Development Services Department

Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed

Request: Variance request is as follows:

To allow a bulkhead built in front of an existing bulkhead to extend beyond the allowed 6" to 1' [25-8-368(D)]

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval, with condition of providing twelve 1-gallon plantings, beyond what is currently required by code commensurate with the shoreline work, as compensation for the additional lost water area.

Reason for Recommendation: Findings of Fact have been met
(30 minutes)

A recommendation to recommend approval of the request for a variance was approved with conditions on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 10-0 Vote. Commissioner Brian Smith was 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
- 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
Commissioner Neely gave an update regarding the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. **CodeNEXT Draft 3**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 9:53 P.M.

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