



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 3, 2018

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Marisa Perales
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo
Hank Smith
Wendy Gordon
Mary Ann Neely
Katie Coyne
Linda Guerrero

Commissioners Absent:

Andy Creel
Alesha Istvan
Brian Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
Matt Hollon
Kaela Champlin
Andrew Moore
Kelly Gagnon
David Johns
Mike Kelly
Mike Personett
Sara Hartley
Kevin Shunk
Pam Kearfott
Andrea Bates
Sherri Kuhl
Kevin Thuesen
Reem Zoun
Alan Holt
Lewis Leff
Jose Guerrero
Katy Zamesnik

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Commissioner 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.

None

3. **EDUCATION**

a. None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of December 6, 2017 (5 minutes)

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of December 6, 2017 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan and Brian Smith were absent.

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. Consider Environmental Commission's work plan for CodeNEXT Draft 3 (30 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

b. Discuss and consider the proposed amendment to a settlement agreement relating to the development of property located at 6409 City Park Road (Champion Tract 3)—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (1 hour)
Item 7d. was withdrawn. No action taken.

c. Presentation on Watershed Protection Department's 2018 Bond Proposal—Matt Hollon, Environmental Policy and Planning Manager, Watershed Protection Department (30 minutes)
A recommendation to support the Watershed Protection Department's 2018 Bond Proposal was made by Commissioner Hank Smith, Commissioner Neely's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan and Brian Smith were absent.

d. Discuss and provide recommendations to Council regarding an ordinance authorizing execution of the first amendment to a settlement agreement relating to the development of property located at 6409 City Park Road (Champion Tract); amending Ordinance Number 960613-J; modifying provisions of the Lake Austin Watershed Regulations in Ordinance 840301-F; and modifying provisions of the Hill Country Roadway Regulations in City Code Chapter 25-2—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (1 hour)
Item 8a. was taken up prior to Item 7d.

A motion to extend the meeting until 10:30 P.M. was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan and Brian Smith were absent. Commissioner Perales recused herself from Item 7d.

A motion to extend the meeting until 10:45 P.M. was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan and Brian Smith were absent. Commissioner Perales recused herself from Item 7d.

Item 7d. was referred to the Environmental Commission Development Committee for consideration.

Speakers

Richard Suttle

Carol Lee

Linda Bailey

Bobby Levinski

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** 425 W. Riverside Planned Unit Development, C814-2017-0001 (D-9)
Applicant: Ronald Nelson and Molly Belle Properties, LP (Ronald Nelson, Trustee)
Location: 425 W. Riverside Dr.
Staff: Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department and Andrew Moore, Planner Senior, Planning and Zoning Department
Watershed: Lady Bird Lake, Urban Watershed, Desired Development Zone
Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including environmental superiority elements
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions
(1 hour)
A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan and Brian Smith were absent.

A recommendation to approve the environmental aspects of the proposed 425 W. Riverside Planned Unit Development with conditions was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan and Brian Smith were absent.

Speakers

Richard Suttle

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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, and Alesha Istvan
- c. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson, Wendy Gordon, and Alesha Istvan
- 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 from Mary Ann Neely 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 – Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, and Alesha Istvan

l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

a. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Maceo adjourned the meeting at 10:41 P.M.

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