



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Katie Coyne
Andy Creel
Alesha Istvan
Wendy Gordon
Marisa Perales
Brian Smith
Hank Smith
Pam Thompson

Commissioners Absent:

Linda Guerrero
Peggy Maceo
Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Mark Baker
Kaela Champlin
Matt Hollon
Mike Kelly

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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.
 3. **EDUCATION**
 - a. None
 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of January 17, 2018 (5 minutes)
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of January 17, 2018 were approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Perales abstained. Commissioners Guerrero, Maceo, and Neely were absent.

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

- a. Update on CodeNEXT (10 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***

- a. None

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Status update on Watershed Protection Department’s work plan regarding Resolution No. 20170615-071 on Green Infrastructure and Green Stormwater Infrastructure—Mike Kelly, Managing Engineer, Watershed Protection Department (10 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Discussion on the City of Austin Equity Office’s Equity Workshop for CodeNEXT (January 8th - 9th, 2018)—Marisa Perales, Environmental Commission Chair (30 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

Speakers

Daniel Llanes
Monica Guzmán
Lauren Ross
Roy Waley

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, 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
Commissioner Gordon gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee.
- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith and Brian Smith
- 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, Linda Guerrero and Alesha Istvan
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

a. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

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