



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 18, 2018

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Brian Smith
Katie Coyne
Linda Guerrero
Alesha Istvan
Peggy Maceo
Mary Ann Neely
Marisa Perales
Hank Smith
Pam Thompson

Commissioners Absent:

Andy Creel
Wendy Gordon

Staff in Attendance:

Pamela Abee-Taulli
Andrea Bates
Kaela Champlin
Matt Hollon
Taylor Horton
Karl McArthur
Mike McDougal
Mike Personett
Kelly Strickler
Reem Zoun

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Perales called the meeting to order at 6:08 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.

Speakers

Pinaki Gosh
Eleanor McKinney

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of April 4, 2018 (5 minutes)
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of April 4, 2018 were approved on Commissioner H. Smith’s motion, Commissioner Thompson’s second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent. Commissioner Istvan was off the dais.

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER’S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
a. None

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***
a. 2017 City Arborist Report—Keith Mars, City Arborist & Urban Forest Conservation Program Manager, Development Services Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
a. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3
A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 street tree regulations was approved on Commissioner Maceo’s motion, Commissioner Perales’ second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.

A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 environmental regulations was approved on Commissioner Perales’ motion, Commissioner Maceo’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.

A resolution regarding alignment of City initiatives with CodeNEXT for collective impact was approved on Commissioner Coyne’s motion, Commissioner H. Smith’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.

A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT and interim regulations addressing expected changes to the 100-year floodplain was approved on Commissioner Perales’ motion, Commissioner Coyne’s second on an 8-1 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners B. Smith, Thompson, Istvan, Maceo, Perales, Neely, Coyne, and Guerrero. Those voting nay were: Commissioner H. Smith. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.

A recommendation for a staffing analysis in conjunction with CodeNEXT was approved on Commissioner H. Smith’s motion, Commissioner Neely’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.

Speakers
Eleanor McKinney

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
- 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 – Katie Coyne
- 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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

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