



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Brian Smith**  
**Andrew Creel**  
**Pam Thompson**  
**Mary Ann Neely**  
**Peggy Maceo**  
**Hank Smith**  
**Katie Coyne**  
**Linda Guerrero**  
**Wendy Gordon**

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Marisa Perales**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Tony Arnold**  
**Kaela Champlin**  
**Rey Hernandez**  
**Chuck Lesniak**  
**Kimberly McNeeley**  
**Atha Phillips**  
**Liana Kallivoka**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Guerrero 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.*

**Speakers**

**Linda Bailey**  
**Bill Nalle**  
**Christie Nalle**  
**Ed Ueckert**

**3. EDUCATION**

a. None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of June 6, 2018  
**(5 minutes)**

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of June 6, 2018 were approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Perales was absent.

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

- a. Environmental Commission Annual Retreat  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS\***

- a. None

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

- a. Discuss and consider the Zilker Park - Stratford Lane landfill maintenance, staging and temporary parking area (**30 minutes**)

**Speakers**

**Mark Gentle**

**Bruce Wiland**

**Jeff Jack**

**Gail Rothe**

**Bill Bunch**

**Robert Corbin**

**Roy Waley**

**Karen Kocher**

**Craig Nazor**

**A motion regarding the Zilker Park – Stratford Lane landfill maintenance, staging and temporary parking area failed on Commissioner H. Smith's motion.**

**A motion regarding the Zilker Park – Stratford Lane landfill maintenance, staging and temporary parking area was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Perales was absent.**

- b. Nominate member of the Environmental Commission to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board (**10 minutes**)  
**Commissioner Pam Thompson was nominated to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board by Commissioner Creel, seconded by Commissioner H. Smith on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Maceo was off the dais. Commissioner Perales was absent.**

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Live Oak Springs C8J-2016-0228  
**Applicant:** Paul Linehan, Land Strategies  
**Location:** 9406 Morninghill Drive (2-Mile ETJ)  
**Staff:** Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department, City of Austin  
**Watershed:** Slaughter Creek  
**Request:** Variance request is as follows: 1. Critical Water Quality Zone Street Crossings [LDC 30-5-262(B)(1)]  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff does not recommend the variance  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** The Findings of fact have not been met.  
**(30 minutes)**

**Speakers**

**Paul Linehan**

**David Knapp**

**Lisa Knapp**

**Diane Chapa**

**Elizabeth Cubberley**

**Ricardo Chapa**

**Jackie Truong**

**Ben Truong**

**Don Cash**

**Katie Cash**

**Dane Perkins**

**Anna Worthy**

**A motion to extend the meeting until 10:30 P.M. was approved on H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Maceo was off the dais. Commissioner Perales was absent.**

**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Thompson's motion, seconded by Commissioner Coyne on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Maceo was off the dais. Commissioner Perales was absent.**

**A motion to extend the meeting until 10:40 P.M. was approved on H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Maceo was off the dais. Commissioner Perales was absent.**

**A motion to approve the variance request with conditions failed on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on 5-3 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Creel, H. Smith, Gordon, Neely, and Coyne. Those voting nay were Commissioners Thompson, Guerrero and B. Smith. Commissioner Maceo was off the dais. Commissioner Perales was absent.**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Linda Guerrero, and Wendy Gordon
- b. Development Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Katie Coyne, and Wendy Gordon
- 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
- 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, and Linda Guerrero

l. Other reports from Commissioners

**10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 10:39 P.M.**

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