



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting  
September 5, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701**

# Agenda

## COMMISSIONERS:

Andrew Creel (D-1)                      Marisa Perales (D-2)                      Pam Thompson (D-3)    Vacant (D-4)  
Mary Ann Neely (D-5)                      Katie Coyne (D-6)                      Peggy Maceo (D-7)    Hank Smith (D-8) Secretary  
Linda Guerrero (D-9) Chair                      Wendy Gordon (D-10) Vice Chair                      Brian Smith (Mayor)

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1.            **CALL TO ORDER**
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 special called Environmental Commission meeting of July 26, 2018 **(5 minutes)**
  - b.    Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of August 15, 2018 **(5 minutes)**
5.            **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
  - a.    Update on CodeNEXT **(5 minutes)**
6.            **STAFF BRIEFINGS\***
  - a.    WPD Youth Education & Outreach Annual Report—Susan Wall, Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department **(10 minutes)**

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**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Presentation on Development Services Department’s FY18-19 Budget—Rodney Gonzales, Director, Development Services Department (**30 minutes**)
- b. Briefing on Dripping Springs Request for ETJ Release – Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning Department (**20 minutes**)
- c. Update on the Environmental Commission’s Annual Internal Review Report—Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair (**5 minutes**)

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Block 36 Site Plan (SP-2018-0015C)  
**Applicant:** KBGE Engineering  
**Location:** 710 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
**Staff:** Patti Dodson, Environmental Review Specialist Senior and Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department  
**Watershed:** Waller Creek  
**Request:** The applicant is requesting to remove two heritage trees, each with a single-stem greater than 30” in diameter (tree #4008-37.5” Pecan and tree #4009-34” American Elm)  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** The request meets the City Arborist approval criteria in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2). The subject trees prevent a reasonable use of the property and it is not reasonable to preserve the trees due to their poor physical condition.  
(1 hour)
- b. **Name:** Spicewood Springs Hotel Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request #4029 and 4030 (D-10)  
**Applicant:** Christopher McComb, P.E., AMC Design Group  
**Location:** 6315 Spicewood Springs Road, Austin, TX 78759  
**Staff:** Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Bull Creek (Water Supply Suburban)  
**Request:** Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request (SER) recommendations  
**Staff Recommendation:** WPD staff recommends against approval of SERs #4029 and #4030  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** WPD staff concludes that providing centralized water and wastewater service to the site would not solve known or potential environmental problems, and would likely facilitate increased development intensity and the associated negative environmental impacts in a highly environmentally sensitive area outside of the City’s full purpose jurisdiction.  
(1 hour)

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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, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
- l. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero
- m. Zilker Park Working Group – Hank Smith
- n. Other reports from Commissioners

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

- a. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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