



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
October 17, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd 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 regular Environmental Commission meeting of September 19, 2018 (**5 minutes**)
 - 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. Clarify rules for making motions (**5 minutes**)
 - 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. None
 - 7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Update on Water Forward—Chris Herrington, Interim Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (**10 minutes**)

- b. 20 years of protecting Barton Springs naturally—Sherri Kuhl, Division Manager and Kevin Thuesen, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Austin Water Wildland Conservation Division (30 minutes)

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and consider the modifications for a Restrictive Covenant Amendment application for an 18.308-acre piece of property located at 6901 Old Bee Caves Road, Austin, TX 78735—Chris Herrington, Interim Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (30 minutes)

- b. **Name:** 3919 Westlake Drive, SP-2018-0320DS (D-10)
Applicant: Kathryn O’Conner Counts and Rick Rasberry, (512) 970-0371
Location: 3919 Westlake Drive, Austin, TX 78746
Staff: Scott Hiers, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior
Mike McDougal, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department
Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Variance request is as follows:
 - 1. To allow the construction of a boat dock within a 150-foot Critical Environmental Feature buffer (Canyon Rimrock/Seep Complex). 25-8-281(C)(2)(b)**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval for the variances
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.
(30 minutes)

- c. **Name:** The Holdsworth Center, SPC-2017-0513C (D-10)
Applicant: Dwayne Shoppa, Stantec, (512) 469-5364
Location: 4907 RM 2222, Austin, TX 78731
Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department
Scott Hiers, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Lake Austin
Request: Variance request is as follows:
 - 1. Fill exceeding four feet in depth in the drinking water protection zone, not to exceed 10 feet.**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval with conditions
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.
(30 minutes)

- d. **Name:** 2001 S.1st Street, SP-2018-0017C (D-9)
Applicant: Casey Giles, PSW Real Estate, LLC, (512) 294-3609
Location: 2001 S 1st Street, Austin, TX 78704
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department
Watershed: East Bouldin Creek, Urban, Desired Development Zone
Request: Variance request is as follows:
 - 1. Request to vary from 25-8-261 to allow a portion of the driveway to be constructed in the critical water quality zone.**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval, with conditions.
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.
(30 minutes)

9. 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 and Mary Ann Neely
- n. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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