



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 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  
Marisa Perales  
Katie Coyne  
Mary Ann Neely  
Peggy Maceo  
Hank Smith  
Linda Guerrero  
Wendy Gordon**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**None**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Kaela Champlin  
Chris Herrington  
Atha Phillips  
Liz Johnston  
Scott Hiers  
Wendy Rhoades  
Keith Mars  
Jerry Rusthoven  
Anaiah Johnson**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:17 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**

**Roy Waley**

### **3. EDUCATION**

a. None

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

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

**The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of September 5, 2018 were approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner B. Smith's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson abstained. Commissioner Gordon 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. None

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

- a. Presentation on Austin Code Department's boat dock registration program—Mackenzie Davison, Administrative Specialist, Austin Code Department **(30 minutes)**

**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- b. Appoint one additional member of the Environmental Commission to serve on the Zilker Park Working Group to provide recommendations regarding proposed improvements to fortify the landfill cap, traffic, and parking issues in Zilker Park as directed by City Council Resolution No. 20180628-072 **(5 minutes)**

**A motion to nominate Mary Ann Neely was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais.**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Island Cove Boat Dock, SP-2017-0279D (D-10)

**Applicant:** David Canciolosi, Permit Partners

**Location:** 4409 Island Cove

**Staff:** Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

**Watershed:** Lake Austin

**Ordinance:** Watershed Protection Ordinance

**Request:** Variance Request is as follows:

1. Placement of fill in the lake [25-8-368]
2. Cut over 4 feet (LDC 25-8-341)
3. Fill over 4 feet (LDC 25-8-342)

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff does not recommend approval for the variances.

**Reasons for Recommendation:** Findings of fact have not been met.

**(30 minutes)**

**A recommendation to support the request for the variances with conditions was made on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 10-0 vote.**

- b. **Name:** Camelback Planned Unit Development (D-10)

**Applicant:** Jonathan Coon

**Location:** 6507 Bridge Point Parkway

**Staff:** Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

**Watershed:** Lake Austin

**Request:** Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority.

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions.

**(1 hour)**

**Commissioner Perales recused herself from Item 8b due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.**

**Speakers**

**Linda Bailey  
Denise Hogan  
Erin Burgess  
Tony Iglesias  
Tom Burns  
Hilton Puckett  
Wayne Radwanski  
William Wells  
Juan Penelas  
Rick Swisher  
Jim Rumbo  
Ed Ueckert  
Terry Irion  
Richard Garriott  
Edward Fowler  
Roy Waley  
Jill VanVoorhis  
David Eastman  
Craig Nazor  
Dale Bulla  
Patrick Scott  
Grant Richards  
Hank Lydick**

**A motion to extend the meeting until 10:30 P.M. was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon on a 9-0 vote.**

**A motion to extend the meeting until to 11:00 P.M. was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, seconded by Commissioner Thompson on a 9-0 vote.**

**A motion to extend the meeting until to 11:20 P.M. was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon on a 9-0 vote.**

**A motion to extend the meeting until to 11:30 P.M. was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon on a 9-0 vote.**

**A motion to recommend that Camelback PUD is environmentally superior to the 1984 PUD with conditions was made on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second.**

**Commissioner Neely offered an amendment to reject the request for a tram and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion failed on a 3-6 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Thompson, Neely, and Maceo. Those voting nay were: Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, H. Smith, Guerrero, Gordon, and Coyne.**

**A motion to extend the meeting until to 11:35 P.M. was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon on a 9-0 vote.**

**The motion to recommend that Camelback PUD is environmentally superior to the 1984 PUD with conditions failed on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second on a 5-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, H. Smith,**

**Gordon, and Coyne. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Thompson, Neely, Maceo, and Guerrero.**

**A motion to extend the meeting until 11:40 P.M. was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon on a 9-0 vote.**

**A motion to reconsider Commissioner Gordon's motion was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 7-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, H. Smith, Neely, Guerrero, Gordon, Coyne. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Thompson and Maceo.**

**The motion to recommend that Camelback PUD is environmentally superior to the 1984 PUD with conditions was approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second on a 7-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, H. Smith, Neely, Guerrero, Gordon, Coyne. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Thompson and Maceo.**

**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
- n. Other reports from Commissioners

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

- a. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 11:37 P.M.**

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