



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

### Commissioners in Attendance:

Linda Guerrero  
Mary Ann Neely  
Marisa Perales  
Peggy Maceo  
Hank Smith  
Wendy Gordon

### Commissioners Absent:

Brian Smith  
Andrew Creel  
Pam Thompson  
Katie Coyne

### Staff in Attendance:

Pamela Abee-Taulli  
Kaela Champlin  
Chris Herrington  
Atha Phillips  
Samuel Hernandez  
Idella Wilson  
Pat Rossett  
Reyna Holmes  
Mike McDougal  
Colleen Kirk  
Cole Huggins  
Kevin Critendon

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.*
  3. **EDUCATION**
    - a. None
  4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
    - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 17, 2018 (5 minutes)

**The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 17, 2018 were approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, Thompson, and Coyne were absent.**

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

- a. Update on Watershed Protection Department's review process for water and wastewater service extension requests **(5 minutes)**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS\***

- a. None

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

- a. Approve the Environmental Commission 2019 Meeting Calendar **(10 minutes)**  
**The Environmental Commission 2019 Meeting Calendar was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, Thompson, and Coyne were absent.**
- b. Make a recommendation regarding the creation, continuation or termination and status of Town Lake concessions contained in the 2018 Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake—Samuel Hernandez, Contract Management Specialist IV, Idella Wilson, Contract Management Specialist IV, and Pat Rossett, Contract Management Supervisor II, Parks and Recreation Department **(20 minutes)**  
**A recommendation regarding the 2018 Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, Thompson, and Coyne were absent.**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Discuss and consider proposed amendments to Chapter 15-5 of the City Code regarding the regulation of existing and proposed On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) located within the City's full purpose boundaries of the City and areas annexed for the implementation of the Health and Safety Code. The proposed amendments clarify requirements for property owners and add registration requirements for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) licensed maintenance providers—Reyna Holmes, Supervising Engineer, Austin Water **(30 minutes)**  
**A recommendation regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 15-5 of the City Code regarding the regulation of existing and proposed on-site sewage facilities was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, Thompson, and Coyne were absent.**
- b. **Name:** All Stor Westlake, SP-2017-0478D (Austin 2-Mile ETJ)  
**Applicant:** Nhat Ho, Civiltude, LLC  
**Location:** 9021 FM 2244, Austin TX, 78746  
**Staff:** Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior  
**Watershed:** Barton Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone  
**Request:** Variance request is as follows:  
**1.** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 Fill Requirements to allow fill up to 11 feet.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval with conditions.  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** The findings of fact have been met.  
**(30 minutes)**

**A recommendation to approve the variance request for Item 8b was approved with conditions on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners B. Smith, Creel, Thompson, and Coyne were absent.**

- c. **Name:** 9479 El Rey Boulevard Water Service Extension Request #4279  
**Applicant:** Hank Smith, P.E., Texas Engineering Solutions, LLC  
**Location:** 9479 El Rey Boulevard, Austin, TX 78737  
**Staff:** Kaela Champlin, Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Slaughter Creek Watershed (Barton Springs Zone) Drinking Water Protection Zone, Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone  
**Request:** Water Service Extension Request (SER) recommendation  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends against approval.  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** Watershed Protection Department staff recommends against the SER as the proposed extension would facilitate increased development in a sensitive environmental area outside of the City of Austin Full Purpose Jurisdiction.  
**(30 minutes)**  
**Item 8c was postponed. No action taken.**

- d. **Name:** 620 Volvo Dealership Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request #4272 and 4273 (D-6, Limited Purpose Jurisdiction)  
**Applicant:** Judd Willman, Land Development Consulting  
**Location:** 10600 N FM 620 Rd, Austin, TX 78726  
**Staff:** Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Bull Creek Watershed  
**Request:** Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request (SER) recommendation  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends against approval.  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** Watershed Protection Department staff recommends against the SER as the proposed extension would facilitate increased development intensity in a sensitive environmental area outside of the City of Austin Full Purpose Jurisdiction.  
**(30 minutes)**  
**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Perales's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 6-0 vote.**

**A recommendation to approve water and wastewater SER #4272 and 4273 failed on Commissioner H. Smith's motion.**

- e. **Name:** Pilot Knob 30-Inch Regional Wastewater Interceptor, Phase 2B, SP-2018-0062D  
**Applicant:** Daniel Dow, Lockwood, Andrews & Newman, Inc.  
**Location:** 8113 ½ Dee Gabriel Collins Rd  
**Staff:** Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior  
**Watershed:** Cottonmouth Creek Watershed, Suburban, Desired Development Zone  
**Request:** Variance request is as follows:  
1. Request to vary from LDC 30-5-261 to allow construction of a maintenance access road for a wastewater utility line in the outer half of the Critical Water Quality Zone.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff determination is that the findings of fact have not been met.  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** The findings of fact have not been met.  
**(30 minutes)**  
**Item 8e was postponed. No action taken.**

## **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  
**Commissioner Perales gave an update on the Development Committee meeting of November 6, 2018.**
- 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  
**Commissioner Neely gave an update 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  
**Commissioner H. Smith gave an update on the Zilker Park Working Group.**
- n. Other reports from Commissioners

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

- a. **Presentation on water quality highlights and environmental impacts from flood events and the water reserved that were impacted**
- b. **Update on Camelback Planned Unit Development**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:22 P.M.**

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