



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 5, 2018

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Brian Smith
Andrew Creel
Curtis Smith
Katie Coyne
Linda Guerrero
Hank Smith
Wendy Gordon

Commissioners Absent:

Pam Thompson
Mary Ann Neely
Peggy Maceo

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Atha Phillips
Mike McDougal
Cole Huggins
Wendy Rhoades
Jonathan Garner
Andrew Clamann
Sara Hartley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

Cole Kitten
Carlos Leon

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of November 7, 2018
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of November 7, 2018 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Curtis Smith's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Thompson, Neely, and Maceo were absent. Commissioner Creel was off the dais.

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

- a. Update on the Camelback Planned Unit Development (C14-86-023.01) **(5 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Update on City of Drippings Springs wastewater discharge permit **(5 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

- a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Consider application requesting City consent to the annexation of approximately 124 acres into the Lazy Nine MUD 1A (MUD) (C12M-2018-0004)—Virginia Collier, Planner Principal, Planning and Zoning Department and Chris Herrington, Interim Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department **(30 minutes)**
A recommendation to approve the annexation of approximately 124 acres into the Lazy Nine MUD 1A was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Thompson, Neely and Maceo were absent.
- b. Presentation on the Austin Green Planned Unit Development Assessment (CD-2018-0008)—Wendy Rhoades, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning Department **(30 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- c. Appoint an alternate member to the Joint Sustainability Committee **(5 minutes)**
A motion to nominate Wendy Gordon as an alternate member to the Joint Sustainability Committee was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Thompson, Neely, and Maceo were absent.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** West Harbour Marina, SP-2018-0221C (D-10)
Applicant: G4 Interests LLC
Location: 2503 Westlake Dr., Austin, TX 78745
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior
Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Variance request is as follows:
Request to vary from 25-8-368(E) to allow more than 25 cubic yards of dredging in Lake Austin
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval with conditions
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met
(30 minutes)
Item 8a was postponed. No action taken.
- b. **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 8a was postponed. No action taken.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee –Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Linda Guerrero, and Wendy Gordon
- b. Development Committee –Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Katie Coyne, and Wendy Gordon
- c. Air Quality Committee –Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson, and Wendy Gordon
Commissioner Gordon gave an update on the December 4, 2018 Air Quality Committee meeting.
- d. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely, and Wendy Gordon
- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee –Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith, and Brian Smith
- i. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
Commissioner Coyne gave an update on the Joint Sustainability Committee.
- 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
Commissioner Guerrero gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.
- 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. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

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