



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
February 6, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

Andrew Creel (D-1)	Curtis Smith (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)	

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 January 16, 2019
(5 minutes)

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

a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

a. Watershed Protection Department homeless activities update—Jose Guerrero, Assistant Director and Ramesh Swaminathan, Managing Engineer, Watershed Protection Department (30 minutes)

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

- a. Reappoint or nominate a member of the Environmental Commission to serve on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board
(10 minutes)

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
Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Request to vary from 25-8-368(E) to allow more than 25 cubic yards of dredging in Lake Austin.
Staff Recommendation: Staff determination is that the findings of fact have been met.
Reasons for Recommendation: Staff recommends the following conditions: 1. Install cofferdams before beginning dredging on the 4 slips adjacent to heritage tree roots; 2. Provided additional mitigation beyond the requirements for wetlands (32 additional plants), riparian restoration (seven additional 609S plants), and tree replacement (38 additional inches).
(30 minutes)
- b. **Name:** Courtyard Final Plat and Subdivision (W/R C8-2017-0016.0A) (D-10)
Applicant: Jerry Perales, Perales Engineering
Location: 6910 West Courtyard Drive, Austin, Texas 78730
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior
Watershed: Bull Creek, Water Supply Suburban
Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. To vary from LDC 25-8-301(A), prohibiting construction of a driveway on slopes greater than 15 percent, unless to provide primary access to an area of at least two contiguous acres with a slope of less than 15 percent or at least five residential units
Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend approval
Reasons for Recommendation: Staff determination is that the findings of fact have not been met.
(30 minutes)
- c. **Name:** Junction Athletic Complex, SP-2016-0607D (2-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)
Applicant: Connor Overby, Texas Engineering Solutions
Location: 8921 W US Highway 290, Austin, TX 78736
Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department and Andrew Clamann, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Slaughter Creek, Water Supply Rural
The variance requests are as follows:
1. Cut exceeding four feet of depth, 13-7-16(b)
Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have not been met
 2. Fill exceeding four feet of depth, 13-7-16(a)
Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have not been met
 3. Construction in the Water Quality Transition Zone, 13-2-563
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval with conditions
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met
(1 hour)

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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
- 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
- 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

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NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. None

11.

ADJOURNMENT

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