



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting  
April 3, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)	

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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 March 6, 2019 (**5 minutes**)
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
  - a. Update on Junction Athletic Complex variance (SP-2016-0607D) (**5 minutes**)
  - b. Update on Forest Bluff Section 7 Preliminary Plan (C8J-2019-0011) (**5 minutes**)
6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS\***
  - a. Presentation on differential growth patterns in the Austin Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)—Ryan Robinson, City Demographer, Planning and Zoning Department (**30 minutes**)

- b. Briefing on Urban Trail Projects Update—Ana Seivert, Urban Trails Project Coordinator, Public Works Department (**30 minutes**)
- c. Update on salamander conservation activities—Tom Devitt, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department (**30 minutes**)

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

- a. None

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Villas on Rio Grande, SP-2018-0362C.SH (D-9)  
**Applicant:** Jason Rogers, Garrett-Ihnen Civil Engineering  
**Location:** 2111 Rio Grande Street  
**Staff:** Jim Dymkowski, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department  
**Watershed:** Shoal Creek Watershed, Urban Classification, Desired Development Zone  
**Request:** Request to vary from 25-8-641 to allow the removal of two heritage trees, each with a single-stem greater than 30” in diameter.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Tree #19730 (34-inch Pecan): The request meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2), thus the variance is recommended.  
Tree #19726 (37-inch Pecan): The request does not meet the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2), thus the variance is not recommended.  
**(30 minutes)**
- b. **Name:** 6420 Bee Caves Road, SP-2018-0299D (2-Mile ETJ)  
**Applicant:** Travis Robinson, P.E.  
**Location:** 6420 FM 2244 Rd  
**Staff:** Alex Butler, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department  
**Watershed:** Bee Creek Watershed (Water Supply Rural) and Eanes Creek Watershed (Water Supply Suburban), Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut above allowable four feet to no more than eight feet of depth.  
2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill above allowable four feet no more than eight feet of depth.  
3. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-423C to exceed impervious cover limit of 40% Net Site Area to no more than 50% Net Site Area.  
**Staff Recommendation:** 1. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.  
2. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.  
3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.  
**Variance Conditions:** 1. Tree mitigation in accordance with current Land Development Code and Environmental Criteria Manual requirements.  
2. Tree mitigation in accordance with current Land Development Code and Environmental Criteria Manual requirements.  
3. Restrictive Covenant preserving the Water Supply Rural portion of the tract to remain undisturbed in perpetuity.  
**(30 minutes)**

**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, 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

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

- a. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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