



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Brian Smith**  
**Andrew Creel**  
**Curtis Smith**  
**Katie Coyne**  
**Linda Guerrero**  
**Hank Smith**  
**Pam Thompson**  
**Mary Ann Neely**  
**Peggy Maceo**

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Wendy Gordon**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Pamela Abee-Taulli**  
**Kaela Champlin**  
**Chris Herrington**  
**Mike McDougal**  
**Atha Phillips**  
**Annick Beaudet**  
**Warner Cook**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:03 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.*

**None**

**3. EDUCATION**

a. **None**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

a. **Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of February 20, 2019 (5 minutes)**

**The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of February 20, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on an 9-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was absent.**

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

- a. Community Tree Preservation Division Manager announcement (**5 minutes**)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- b. Update on Senna Hills Municipal Utility District (MUD) Land Plan Amendment (C12M-2018-0145) (**5 minutes**)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- c. Update on Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) applications within the Barton Springs Zone (**5 minutes**)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS\***

- a. None

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

- a. Briefing and consideration of a recommendation for the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan—Annick Beaudet, Assistant Director, Austin Transportation Department (**30 minutes**)

**Speakers**

**Susan Hoover**

**Roy Waley**

**A recommendation to support of the current draft of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan was approved on Commissioner H. Smith’s motion, Commissioner Thompson’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Maceo and C. Smith were off the dais. Commissioner Gordon was absent.**

- b. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding the dedication of approximately 56.932 acres of City-owned land as parkland, located along Harold Court, North of Boggy Creek, East of Lott Avenue and West of US-183—Pam Thompson, Environmental Commission (D-3) (**30 minutes**)  
**Item 7b was removed from the agenda. No action taken.**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Forest Bluff Section 7 Preliminary Plan (C8J-2019-0011) (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

**Applicant:** Israel Ramirez, P.E. and John S. Lloyd

**Location:** F.M. 969, Austin, TX 78725

**Staff:** Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

**Watershed:** Decker Creek Watershed, Suburban classification, Desired Development Zone

**Request:** Variance requests are as follows:

- 1. Request to vary from LDC 30-5-341 to allow cut exceeding four feet.
- 2. Request to vary from LDC 30-5-342 to allow fill exceeding four feet.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends these variances, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.

**(10 minutes)**

**A recommendation to support the requested variances with conditions was approved on Commissioner H. Smith’s motion, Commissioner Thompson’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was absent.**

- b. **Name:** AISD Land Development Standards Agreement (D-8)  
**Applicant:** Dave Anderson, Drenner Group  
**Location:** 4103 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX  
**Staff:** Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Slaughter Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** Consider an ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement with Austin Independent School District establishing site development standards for Bowie High School, located at 4103 Slaughter Lane, and allowing transfers of impervious cover for redevelopment of school campuses within the Barton Springs Zone. This action concerns land located with the Barton Springs Zone.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended  
**(30 minutes)**  
**Speakers**  
**Roy Waley**

**A recommendation to support the request for a proposed agreement with Austin Independent School District for redevelopment of school campuses within the Barton Springs Zone was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was absent.**

**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
- 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
- f. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
- g. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee
- h. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
- i. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero
- j. Zilker Park Working Group – Hank Smith and Mary Ann Neely  
**Commissioner H. Smith gave an update on the Zilker Park Working Group.**
- k. Other reports from Commissioners

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

- a. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.**

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