



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting  
May 15, 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)	Kevin Ramberg (D-8)
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. Texas Campaign for the Environment Update—Andrew Dobbs, Texas Campaign for the Environment (**10 mins**)
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
  - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of May 1, 2019 (**5 minutes**)
- 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER’S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
  - a. Update on Villas on Rio Grande (SP-2018-0362C.SH) Heritage Tree variance (**5 minutes**)
- 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS\***
  - a. Update on water quality trends in streams and reservoirs in Austin: 1984 to 2018—Mateo Scoggins, Program Manager III, Watershed Protection Department (**15 minutes**)

- b. Update on Watershed Protection Department 2019 Master Plan—Matt Hollon, Planning Manager, Watershed Protection Department (**15 minutes**)
- c. Update on 2018 State of Our Environment Report—Kaela Champlin, Project Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department (**15 minutes**)

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

- a. Review and recommend approval to include Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone—Christina Romero, Financial Manager II, Austin Water (**10 minutes**)

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Austin Green Improvement District No. 1, C12M-2018-0005  
**Applicant:** Steven Spears, GroundWork  
**Location:** 11600-12337 Harold Green Road (2 Mile ETJ)  
**Staff:** Virginia Collier, Planner Principal, Planning and Zoning Department and Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Elm Creek, Colorado River Basin  
**Request:** Consider a petition requesting City consent to the creation of the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1 and make a recommendation to Council on the petition.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends City Council approve a Consent Agreement and a Strategic Partnership Agreement for the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1.  
**Note:** The Austin Green Planned Unit Development application (C814-2018-0154) may be discussed but no action will be taken.  
**(30 minutes)**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee –Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, and Wendy Gordon
- b. Development Committee –Pam Thompson 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, and Brian Smith
- i. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
- j. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Mary Ann Neely
- 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. Report on the Zilker Park Working Group – Mary Ann Neely
- n. Other reports from Commissioners

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

a. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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