



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Commissioners in Attendance:

Perry Bedford
Andy Creel
Pam Thompson
Linda Guerrero
Mary Ann Neely
Katie Coyne
Kevin Ramberg
Peggy Maceo
Wendy Gordon

Commissioners Absent:

Andrew Creel
Curtis Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Atha Phillips
Justin Stewart
Virginia Collier

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:12 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. Update from Shoal Creek Conservancy—Ivey Kaiser, Executive Director, Shoal Creek Conservancy (10 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of September 18, 2019 (5 minutes)
The minutes of September 18, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Smith, and Gordon were absent.

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

- a. Refresher on Parliamentary Procedures
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***

- a. None

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

- a. None

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Pioneer Crossing Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment #14, C814-96-003.14

Applicant: LJA Engineering, T. Walter Hoysa, P.E.

Location: 3124 East Parmer Lane (District 1)

Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office

Watershed: Harris Branch Watershed, Suburban Watershed Classification, Desired Development Zone

Request: The applicant is requesting a 14th amendment to the Pioneer Crossing PUD to reallocate mixed use density residential (MDR) units in this portion of the PUD, to slightly increase the total amount of commercial area in exchange for a decrease in the total residential area, to request an increase in height on parcel RA-7 up to 75 feet or six stories) and to request and increase in height on parcel RA-8 and parcel RA-9 to a maximum of 60 feet or four stories.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions.

(30 minutes)

Speakers

Craig Nazor

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Smith were absent.

A recommendation for approval of the requested 14th amendment to the Pioneer Crossing PUD with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Smith were absent.

- b. Consider proposed annexation of approximately 4.42 acres into Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10 C12-M-2019-0002—Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office and Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning Department **(30 minutes)**

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Smith were absent.

A recommendation for consent for the proposed annexation was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Smith were absent.

- c. **Name:** Austin Green Improvement District No. 1, C12M-2018-0005

Applicant: Steven Spears, GroundWork

Location: 11600-12337 Harold Green Road (2-mile ETJ)

Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office and Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning Department

Watershed: Elm Creek, Colorado River Basin

Request: Reconsider 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)

Commissioner Ramberg recused himself on Item 8c.

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg recused. Commissioners Creel and Smith were absent.

A motion to recommend the reconsideration of the petition requesting City consent to the creation of the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1 was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg recused. Commissioners Creel and Smith were absent.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Pam Thompson, Kevin Ramberg, Mary Ann Neely, Curtis Smith, and Perry Bedford
- b. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, and Mary Ann Neely
- c. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
Commissioner Coyne gave an update on the Joint Sustainability Committee.
- d. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Mary Ann Neely
- e. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
- f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero
- g. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. **Commissioner Coyne requested a briefing from Dr. Patrick Bixler**
- b. **Request for briefing on 6900 Parmer Lane PUD**
- c. **Request for briefing on city wastewater treatment facilities on a city-wide basis**
- d. **Discussion on air quality for construction sites**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

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