



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Room 325, Austin, Texas 78704**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Perry Bedford**  
**Andy Creel**  
**Curtis Smith**  
**Pam Thompson**  
**Katie Coyne**  
**Kevin Ramberg**  
**Peggy Maceo**  
**Wendy Gordon**

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Mary Ann Neely**  
**Linda Guerrero**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Kaela Champlin**  
**Jonathan Garner**  
**Chris Herrington**  
**Hank Marley**  
**Kristy Nguyen**  
**Phoebe Romero**  
**Atha Phillips**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Coyne called the meeting to order at 6:06 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.*

**Speakers**

**Frances Acuña**

**3. EDUCATION**

a. None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 2, 2019  
**(5 minutes)**

**The minutes of October 2, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Smith, Neely, and Guerrero were absent.**

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER’S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
  - a. Update on 10111 Dobbin Drive (C8-2018-0057.0A) (5 minutes)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
  - b. Update on personnel changes (5 minutes)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
  
6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS\***
  - a. None
  
7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - a. City of Austin Air Quality Updates—Phoebe Romero, Environmental Program Coordinator, Office of Sustainability  
**A motion to develop an air quality assessment tool failed on Commissioner Thompson’s motion, Commissioner Maceo’s second on a 2-3 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Maceo and Thompson. Those voting nay were Commissioners Bedford, Gordon, and Creel. Commissioners Ramberg, Coyne, and Smith abstained. Commissioners Neely and Guerrero were absent.**
  - b. Approve the 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Schedule and discuss planning for future Environmental Commission town hall meetings (10 minutes)  
**A motion to approve the 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Schedule was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Gordon’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Neely and Guerrero were absent.**
  
8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - a. **Name:** Zully’s B&B, SP-2018-0567C (District 10)  
**Applicant:** Phil Moncada, Moncada Enterprises and Kerri Pena, P.E., Green Civil Design  
**Location:** 8104 Posten Lane, Austin, TX 78744  
**Staff:** Jonathan Garner, Environmental Review Program Coordinator, Development Services Department  
**Watershed:** Carson Creek, Suburban Watershed, Desired Development Zone  
**Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development within a Critical Water Quality Zone  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff does not recommend this variance, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.  
**(30 minutes)**  
**Speakers**  
**Phil Moncada**  
**Item 8a was postponed until November 6, 2019.**
  - b. **Name:** Oaks at Slaughter Site Improvements, SP-2019-0032D (District 2)  
**Applicant:** Joe Farias, P.E., Stantec  
**Location:** 8517 ½ South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78745  
**Staff:** Jonathan Garner, Environmental Review Program Coordinator, Development Services Department  
**Watershed:** Onion Creek, Suburban Watershed, Desired Development Zone  
**Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut for more than four feet of depth  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff does not recommend this variance, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.  
**(30 minutes)**

## Speakers

**Richard Suttle**

**Item 8b was indefinitely postponed.**

- c. **Name:** 3801 Westlake, SP-2019-0243DS (District 10)  
**Applicant:** Eric Moreland, Laguna Taco LLC  
**Location:** 3801 Westlake Drive, Austin, Texas, 78746  
**Staff:** Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department and Lindsey Sydow, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow construction of a boat dock and shoreline access within a 150-foot Critical Environmental Feature (CEF) buffer for a Rimrock CEF.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions.  
**(30 minutes)**  
**Item 8c was postponed until November 6, 2019.**

## 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
- 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  
**Commissioner Maceo gave an update on the Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.**
- f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero
- g. Other reports from Commissioners  
**Commissioner Thompson gave an update on a working group meeting about air quality issues.**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. Discuss committee attendance (**5 minutes**)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Coyne adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.**

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