



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in Council Chambers City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Ryan Nill

Staff in Attendance:

Chris Herrington
Atha Phillips
Kaela Champlin
Wendy Rhoades
Kate Clark
Scott Hiers
Radmon Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner 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. Buying and selling ecosystem services, Jim Blackburn, Professor in the Practice of Environmental Law, Rice University

(15 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 December 4, 2019

(5 minutes)

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of December 4, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Nill were absent.

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

- a. Update on Ventura at Parmer Lane, SP-2018-0564D (5 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Discussion on 218 S. Lamar PUD (C814-2018-0121) (5 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

- a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Development Assessment Briefing on 614 South 1st Street Planned Unit Development, CD-2019-0006—Kate Clark, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Lantana PCA
Applicant: Michael Whellan, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC
Location: 7415 Southwest Parkway (District 8)
Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office
Watershed: Williamson Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Consider a Project Consent Agreement waiving provisions of City Code Chapters 25-7 (Drainage) and 25-8 (Environment), including Chapter 25-8, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative), to allow construction of a mixed-use residential project at located at 7415 Southwest Parkway in the East Oak Hill Neighborhood Planning Area. This action concerns land located in the Barton Springs zone.
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions
(30 minutes)
Item 8a was postponed. No action taken.
- b. **Name:** Austin Green PUD, C814-2018-0154
Applicant: Steven Spears, Groundwork
Location: 11600-12337 Harold Green Road (2-mile ETJ, will be District 2 once PUD is approved)
Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office
Watershed: Colorado River Basin and Elm Creek Watershed, Suburban Watershed Classification, Desired Development Zone
Request: To create a new Planned Unit Development (PUD)
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions
(1 hour)
Commissioner Ramberg recused on Item 8b.
A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg recused. Commissioner Nill was absent.

A motion for approval with conditions was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg recused. Commissioners Nill and Gordon 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
Commissioner Maceo gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee.
- 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
Commissioner Guerrero gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.
- g. Other reports from Commissioners
Commissioner Thompson gave an update regarding an upcoming Austin Youthworks MLK Day of Service event. Commissioner Smith gave an update on the Apple Campus recommendation.

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. Discuss 2020 Environmental Commission Town Hall Meetings
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

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