



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

**Kaela Champlin
Jonathan Garner
Chris Herrington
Atha Phillips
Radmon Rice
Sherri Sirwaitis**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the June 17, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the June 17, 2020 Environmental Commission regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Neely was off the dais.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Update on the Environmental Commission Annual Internal Review—Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair **(5 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. **Name:** Circuit of the Americas (COTA) Planned Unit Development, C814-2018-0122

Applicant: Michele Rogerson-Lynch

Location: 9201 Circuit of the Americas (District 2)

Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office

Watershed: Dry Creek East and Maha Creek

Request: To create a Planned Unit Development (PUD)

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions

(30 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 11-0 vote.

A motion to recommend the creation of the COTA PUD with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 11-0 vote.

b. **Name:** Persimmons, SP-2018-0579C.SH

Applicant: Mike Mullone, Dunaway & Associates

Location: 7051 Meadow Lake Boulevard, Austin, TX 78744 (District 2)

Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department

Watershed: Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban Watershed Classification, Desired Development Zone

Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut of more than four feet on slopes in excess of 15 percent gradient

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions

(30 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 11-0 vote.

A motion to recommend the variance from LDC 25-8-341 with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 11-0 vote.

c. **Name:** 3002 Scenic Drive Boat Dock Replacement, SP-2020-1025D

Applicant: Rick Rasberry, Lake Austin Boat Docks and Shoreline Permits

Location: 3002 Scenic Drive, Austin, TX 78703 (District 10)

Staff: Radmon Rice

Watershed: Lake Austin watershed, Water Supply Rural

Request: Variance request is as follows:

Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction within 150-foot of a Critical Environmental Feature (CEF).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.

(30 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 11-0 vote.

A motion to recommend the variance from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) with conditions was approved on Commission Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 11-0 vote.

4. 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
- f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 3:58 P.M.

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