



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

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

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Andrew Creel  
Ryan Nill**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Kaela Champlin  
Brie Franco  
Ana Gonzalez  
Chris Herrington**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approval of the September 16, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes (5 minutes)

**The minutes of the September 16, 2020 Environmental Commission meeting were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Nill, Maceo, and Gordon were absent.**

#### **2. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Briefing on 87<sup>th</sup> State Legislative Agenda—Brie Franco, Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (30 minutes)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- b. Briefing on riparian zone protection—Ana Gonzalez, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department (**30 minutes**)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Update on remote meeting schedule—Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department (**5 minutes**)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

**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  
**Commissioner Katie 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 Linda Guerrero gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.**

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