



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Pam Thompson

Curtis Smith

Kevin Ramberg

Linda Guerrero

Perry Bedford

Katie Coyne

Mary Ann Neely

Wendy Gordon

Peggy Maceo

Commissioners Absent:

Andrew Creel

Ryan Nill

Staff in Attendance:

Robert Anderson

Kaela Champlin

Jonathan Garner

Chris Herrington

Mike McDougal

Pamela Abee-Tauli

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the November 20, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
A motion to approve the November 20, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes were approved on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority Raw Water Pump Station, SP-2020-0028D
Applicant: Karen Bondy, General Manager, Brushy Creek regional Utility Authority
Location: 9416 Lime Creek Road, Leander, Texas 78641 (Located in the City of Austin Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)
Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department
Watershed: Lake Travis Watershed, Water Supply Rural Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Variance requests are as follows:
1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-301 to construct private driveways crossing slopes in excess of 15 percent gradient
 2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-302(A) to construct a surface parking lot on slopes in excess of 15 percent gradient.
 3. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-302(B) to construct a building on slopes in excess of 25 percent gradient and exceed impervious cover allowance on slopes with a gradient of more than 15 percent.
 4. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill in excess of four feet in the Drinking Water Protection Zone.
 5. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-453(D)(1) to allow impervious cover in excess of 20 percent Net Site Area

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends these variances with conditions (15 minutes)

Registered Speakers
David Smith

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Coyne’s motion, Commissioner Thompson’s second on a 9-0 vote.

A motion to recommend the variance request with conditions was approved on Commissioner Coyne’s motion, Commissioner Gordon’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg recused. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

- b. **Name:** 1514 W Koenig Lane Office Building, SP-2019-0027CT
Applicant: Wheels and Water LLC; Katie Kam, PhD, PE
Location: 1514 W Koenig Lane (District 7)
Staff: Mike McDougal, Environmental Policy Program Manager, Development Services Department
Watershed: Shoal Creek Watershed, Urban Watershed Classification, Desired Development Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow construction in the Critical Water Quality Zone
Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend support for this variance, the findings of fact have not been met.
(15 minutes)
Registered Speakers
Katie Kam

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 9-0 vote.

A motion to recommend denial of the variance request was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

- c. **Name:** Applied Materials Logistics Service Center, SP-2020-0321C
Applicant: Tammi Migl, Migl Engineering
Location: 9614 E US 290 Hwy, Austin, TX 78724 (District 1)
Staff: Pamela Abee Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department
Watershed: Decker Creek Watershed, Suburban, Desired Development Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut to 12 feet.
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommend this variance
(15 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote.

A motion to approve the variance request with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Pam Thompson, Kevin Ramberg, and Perry Bedford
- b. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, and Linda Guerrero
- c. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
- d. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Vacant
- e. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
- f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

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