



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Andrew Creel
Pam Thompson
Kevin Ramberg
Linda Guerrero
Perry Bedford
Katie Coyne
Wendy Gordon
Peggy Maceo
Audrey Barrett Bixler**

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

**Pamela Abee-Tauli
Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Liz Johnston
Jorge Morales
Mike McDougal
Kristy Nguyen
Radmon Rice**

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.

Speakers

Katie Lee

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the December 2, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
A motion to approve the December 2, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was off the dais.

2. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Commissioner Audrey Barret Bixler welcome and introduction
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Recognize Mary Ann Neely for over 13 years of service on the Environmental Commission
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. Consider a recommendation to support the City of Austin’s 87th State Legislative Agenda
A resolution to support the City of Austin’s 87th State Legislative Agenda was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Chair Guerrero’s second on a 7-1 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Thompson, Barret Bixler, Coyne, Maceo, Ramberg, Guerrero, and Bedford. Commission Creel voted nay. Commissioner Gordon abstained.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **Name:** Allegro Parmer, SP-2019-0170C
Applicant: Michele Rogerson Lynch
Location: 4001 W. Parmer Ln, Austin, TX, 78727 (District 7)
Staff: Kristy Nguyen, Environmental Review Specialist Sr., Development Services Department
Watershed: Walnut Creek, Suburban, Desired Development Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow construction in a critical water quality zone
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions
Speakers
Michele Rogerson Lynch

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Creel’s second on a 9-0 vote. A motion to recommend the variance with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Creel’s second on a 9-0 vote.

- b. **Name:** 3336 Mount Bonnell Road, SP-2020-0274D
Applicant: Caitlin Kuglen
Location: 3336 Mount Bonnell Road, Austin, TX, 78731 (District 10)
Staff: Radmon Rice, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Lake Austin and Huck’s Slough watersheds, Water Supply Suburban, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction within 150-foot of a spring Critical Environmental Feature (CEF).
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions
Speakers
Janis Smith

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 9-0 vote. A motion to recommend the variance with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 9-0 vote.

- c. **Name:** Goodnight Ranch Planned Unit Development (PUD) – 2nd Amendment, C814-04-0187.02.SH
Applicant: Austin Goodnight Ranch, L.P. (Myra Goepp); Alice Glasco, Alice Glasco Consulting, representing the owner
Location: East of Old Lockhart Road between Nuckols Crossing Road and Capitol View Drive
Staff: Wendy Rhoades, Case Manager, Planning and Zoning and Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection
Watershed: Onion Creek and Marble Creek
Request: To amend an existing PUD
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the PUD amendment with conditions
Speakers
Myra Goepp

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Chair Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 9-0 vote. A motion to recommend the Goodnight Ranch PUD 2nd Amendment with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 9-0 vote.

- d. **Name:** Blue Bluff at Wildhorse Ranch, C8-2020-0033
Applicant: Kevin Burks, P.E., Kimley-Horn
Location: 10621 Blue Bluff Rd, Austin, TX, 78653 (District 1)
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department (DSD)
Watershed: Gilleland Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut over 4 feet to 15 feet and 25-8-342 to allow fill over 4 feet to 15 feet
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions
Speakers
Kevin Burks

Commissioner Ramberg recused on Item 8d. A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 8-0 vote. motion to recommend the variance with conditions was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 8-0 vote.

4. 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
Commissioner Coyne gave an update on the Joint Sustainability Committee.
- 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
Chair Guerrero gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss committee membership

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Coyne adjourned the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

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