



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 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
Audrey Barrett Bixler**

Commissioners Absent:

Peggy Maceo

Staff in Attendance:

**Heather Chaffin
Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Andrei Lubomudrov
Atha Phillips**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 January 20, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
A motion to approve the January 20, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 7-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was off the dais. Commissioner Maceo was absent.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. **Discuss and consider Environmental Commission committee membership**

Commissioner Guerrero made a motion to nominate Commissioner Ramberg for the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee and was seconded by Commissioner Coyne on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Maceo were absent.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Approve a recommendation consenting to the annexation by Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10 of 36 properties totaling approximately 115.4 acres currently served by the Camelot Water Supply Corporation, located south of Barton Creek Road off of Canyon Rim Drive, Whippoorwill Trail, Lancelot Way, Cabin Road, and Guinevere Street (Extraterritorial jurisdiction, near Council District 8). This property is located in the Barton Creek Watershed—Andrei Lubomudrov, Planner Senior, Housing and Planning Department

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Guerrero’s motion, Commissioner Ramberg’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Maceo were absent. A motion to approve the recommendation consenting to the annexation by Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10 was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Thompson’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was off the dais. Commissioner Maceo was absent.

- b. **Name:** Springdale Green Planned Unit Development, C814-2020-0104
Applicant: Michael Whellan, Armbrust & Brown PLLC
Location: 1011 and 1017 Springdale Road (District 3)
Staff: Heather Chaffin, Planner, Housing and Planning Department and Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Boggy Creek and Tannehill Branch Watersheds, Urban Watershed Classification, Desired Development Zone
Request: To create a Planned Unit Development (PUD)
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the PUD with conditions

Speakers

**Michael Whellan
Daniel Woodroffe**

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Gordon’s second on a 8-0 vote. A motion to recommend the PUD with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Coyne’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Maceo was absent.

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
Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator with the Watershed Protection Department gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee.
- 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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

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