



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

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

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Katie Coyne  
Peggy Maceo**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Kate Clark  
Kaela Champlin  
Chris Herrington  
Kevin Johnson  
Liz Johnston  
Keith Mars  
Andrei Lubomudrov  
Atha Phillips**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.**

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

- a. Approval of the February 3, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes  
**A motion to approve the Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2021 was approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Coyne and Maceo were absent.**

### **2. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER UPDATES**

- a. Announcement of new Deputy Environmental Officer—Chris Herrington, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

### 3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Recognize Peggy Maceo for over five years of service on the Environmental Commission

**Speakers**

**Bobby Levinski**

**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- b. Presentation of Development Assessment Report for the Brodie Oaks Planned Unit Development, located at 4021 S Capital of Texas Highway, CD-2020-0002 (District 5). Applicant: Rebecca Leonard, Lionheart Places. Staff: Kate Clark, Housing and Planning Department and Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

**Speakers**

**Bobby Levinski**

**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to City Council on the preferred design scenario for the Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project—Kevin Johnson, Acting Project Management Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department

**Speakers**

**Bobby Levinski**

**A motion to recommend against Option 1B and support Option 1A with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's vote, Commissioner Creel's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Coyne and Maceo were absent.**

- d. Consider a petition from the SH 130 Municipal Management District, created by the legislature in 2019, for the City of Austin's consent to issue bonds and assess various taxes on any area that is within the District or that the District may annex in the future—Andrei Lubomudrov, Senior Planner, Housing and Planning Department

**A motion to recommend consent to the SH 130 petition provided that this consent includes a requirement that all District development meet current code at the time of site development permit application and that the consent agreement contain a condition that future annexations must return to the City for consent was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Coyne, and Maceo were 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
- c. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
- d. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Kevin Ramberg

- 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**

**None**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.**

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