



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Andrew Creel
Pam Thompson
Katie Coyne
Kevin Ramberg
Linda Guerrero
Perry Bedford
Audrey Barrett Bixler
Rick Brimer**

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

**Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Liz Johnston
Cole Huggins
Pamela Abee-Taulli
Hank Marley**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the April 7, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the April 7, 2021 Environmental Commission meeting were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 8-0 vote.

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

- a. Election of Environmental Commission Officers for the May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 term **(10 minutes)**
Commissioner Guerrero was unanimously supported for the Chair position.
Commissioner Coyne was unanimously supported for the Vice-Chair position.
Commissioner Ramberg was unanimously supported for the Secretary position.
- b. Discuss committee memberships **(10 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **Name:** Braker Valley Subdivision, C8-2020-0112
Applicant: Chris Rawls, BGE, Inc.
Location: 4806 Blue Goose Rd, Austin, TX 78754 (District 1)
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department
Watershed: Walnut Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone
Request: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut over four feet to 11.5 feet
2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill over four feet to 17 feet
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions
(30 minutes)

Speakers

Chris Rawls

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 8-0 vote.

A motion to recommend the variance requests with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on 8-0 vote.

- b. **Name:** 1076 Springdale, SP-2019-0385C
Applicant: Brad Lingvai, WGI Engineering
Location: 1076 Springdale Road, Austin, TX, 78721 (District 1)
Staff: Hank Marley, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department
Watershed: Tannehill Branch Watershed, Urban Classification, Desired Development Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development inside the Critical Water Quality Zone
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions
(30 minutes)

Speakers

Dave Anderson

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Brimer's second on a 8-0 vote.

A motion to recommend the variance request with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 8-0 vote.

- c. **Name:** FM 620 and Anderson Mill Road Wastewater SER #4652
Applicant: Jewels Cain, Land Development Consultant, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC
Location: 11213 FM 620 Road, Austin, TX 78726 (Located partially in Austin's full-purpose jurisdiction (District 6) and 2-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)
Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Bull Creek, Water Supply Suburban, Northern Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Request for a wastewater service extension
Staff Recommendation: Staff do not recommend this service extension request (30 minutes)
Commissioner Kevin Ramberg recused on Item 3c.

Speakers

Jewels Cain

Bobby Levinski

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 7-0 vote.

A motion to recommend denial of the SER request was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 6-1 vote. Commissioner Creel voted against. Commissioner Ramberg recused on Item 3c.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Pam Thompson, Kevin Ramberg, and Perry Bedford
- b. Urban Forestry Committee –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 – Kevin Ramberg
- e. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board –Linda Guerrero and Pam Thompson
- f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

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