



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Andrew Creel  
Pam Thompson  
Jennifer Bristol  
Katie Coyne  
Perry Bedford  
Audrey Barrett Bixler  
Rick Brimer**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Kevin Ramberg  
Linda Guerrero**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Brent Bellinger  
Kaela Champlin  
Chris Herrington  
Liz Johnston  
Stevie Greathouse  
Mark Walters**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice-Chair Coyne 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 May 19, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes  
**(5 minutes)**

**A motion to approve the May 19, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes were approved on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Brimer's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Guerrero and Ramberg were absent.**

## 2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on Palm District Planning Initiative—Stevie Greathouse and Mark Walters, Housing and Planning Department  
**(30 minutes)**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- b. Update on Lady Bird Lake Harmful Algal Proliferation—Brent Bellinger, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department **(30 minutes)**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

## 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Forestry Committee –Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Richard Brimer  
**Kaela Champlin, Watershed Protection Department, gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee.**
- b. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne  
**Katie Coyne gave an update on the Joint Sustainability Committee.**
- c. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee  
– Kevin Ramberg
- d. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Linda Guerrero and Pam Thompson
- e. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Discuss Environmental Commission retreat scheduling and agenda items  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Vice-Chair Coyne adjourned the meeting at 7:47 P.M.**

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