



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

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

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Katie Coyne**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Eric Brown  
Kaela Champlin  
Chris Herrington  
Liz Johnston  
Atha Phillips**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:02 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**

**Zenobia C. Joseph**

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

- a. Approval of the June 2, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes  
(5 minutes)

**A motion to approve the June 2, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes were approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg abstained. Commissioner Coyne was absent.**

2. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER UPDATES**

- a. Watershed Protection Department staffing updates **(15 minutes)**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

3. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update on 2020 State of Our Environment Report—Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department **(45 minutes)**

**Speakers**

**Ana Aguirre**

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **Name:** 3800 Island Way, SP-2021-0021D

**Applicant:** Janis Smith, PE, Janis Smith Consulting, LLC

**Location:** 3800 Island Way, Austin, Texas 78746 (Council District #10)

**Staff:** Eric Brown, Senior Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department

**Watershed:** Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone

**Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(B) to allow construction within 150-feet of Critical Environmental Feature (Rimrock)

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions

**(30 minutes)**

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

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

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Forestry Committee –Pam Thompson, Rick Brimer, and Linda Guerrero

**Chris Herrington gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee.**

- b. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne

- 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

**Chair Guerrero gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**None**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:19 P.M.**

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