

Versión en español a continuación.

Environmental Commission Regular Meeting August 18, 2021

Environmental Commission to be held August 18, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications.

Public comment will be allowed via telephone; no in-person input will be allowed. **All speakers must register in advance (August 17, 2021 by noon).** All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the **August 18, 2021 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting**, members of the public must:

- Call or email the board liaison Kaela Champlin, (512) 974-3443, Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov, no later than noon, (the day before the meeting). The following information is required: speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).
- Once a request to speak has been made to the board liaison, the information to call on the day of the scheduled meeting will be provided either by email or phone call.
- Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to meeting start time in order to speak, late callers will not be accepted and will not be able to speak.
- Speakers will be placed in a queue until their time to speak.
- Handouts or other information may be emailed to Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov by noon the day before the scheduled meeting. This information will be provided to Board and Commission members in advance of the meeting.
- If the meeting is broadcast live, it may be viewed here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>

Reunión del Environmental Commission FECHA de la reunion (18 de agosto de 2021)

La junta se llevará con modificaciones de distanciamiento social

Se permitirán comentarios públicos por teléfono; no se permitirá ninguna entrada en persona. Todos los oradores deben registrarse con anticipación (**17 de agosto de 2021** antes del mediodía). Todos los comentarios públicos se producirán al comienzo de la reunión.

Para hablar de forma remota en la reunión, los miembros del público deben:

- Llame o envíe un correo electrónico al enlace de la junta en Kaela Champlin, (512) 974-3443, Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov a más tardar al mediodía (el día antes de la reunión). Se requiere la siguiente información: nombre del orador, número (s) de artículo sobre el que desean hablar, si están a favor / en contra / neutral, dirección de correo electrónico (opcional) y un número de teléfono (debe ser el número que se utilizará para llamar).
- Una vez que se haya realizado una solicitud para hablar con el enlace de la junta, la información para llamar el día de la reunión programada se enviará por correo electrónico o por teléfono.
- Los oradores deben llamar al menos 15 minutos antes del inicio de la reunión para poder hablar, no se aceptarán personas que llamen tarde y no podrán hablar.
- Las oradoras esperarán en una fila hasta que llegue el momento de hablar.
- Los folletos u otra información pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov antes del mediodía del día anterior a la reunión programada. Esta información se proporcionará a los miembros de la Junta y la Comisión antes de la reunión.
- Si la reunión se transmite en vivo, se puede ver aquí: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>



Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
August 18, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING
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COMMISSIONERS:

Vacant (D-1)	Rachel Scott (D-2)	Pam Thompson (D-3)	Katie Coyne (D-4) Vice Chair
Audrey Barrett Bixler (D-5)	Vacant (D-6)	Jennifer Bristol (D-7)	Kevin Ramberg (D-8) Secretary
Linda Guerrero (D-9) Chair	Richard Brimer (D-10)	Perry Bedford (Mayor)	

Agenda

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. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION UPDATES**
 - a. Recognize Andrew Creel for 6 years of service on the Environmental Commission **(5 minutes)**
 - b. New Environmental Commission member welcome and introduction **(5 minutes)**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approval of the August 4, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes **(5 minutes)**
- 3. BRIEFINGS**
 - a. Update on School Year 2020-2021 WPD Youth Education Report—Susan Wall, Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department **(15 minutes)**

- b. Updating the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Waller, Walnut, Taylor Slough South, and the Spicewood Tributary of Shoal Creek—Julie White, Environmental Program Coordinator and Andrew Clamann, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department **(30 minutes)**

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Joint presentation on the Programing, Operations and Maintenance Agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) and The Trail Foundation (TTF)—Christine Canal Chute, Program Manager II, PARC, Heidi Anderson, CEO, TTF and Al Godfrey, TTF Board Member **(30 minutes)**
- b. Discuss and consider proposed changes to the Land Development Code for Urban Trails including:
 - (1) Amendment to LDC 25-8-341 and 25-8-342 to cut and fill requirements to allow cut and fill of up to 8 ft for a public trail if the cut or fill is not located on a slope of more than 15% or within 100 feet of a classified waterway and the trail is constructed in accordance with the Environmental Criteria Manual
 - (2) Amendment to LDC 25-8-261 to clarify the language to formalize the current interpretation making clear that a trail within the critical water quality zone is limited to 12 feet plus one foot compacted subgrade shoulders on each side.

Staff: Katie Wettick, Urban Trails Program Manager, Public Works Department **(20 minutes)**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Forestry Committee –Pam Thompson, Richard Brimer, Audrey Barrett Bixler, and Linda Guerrero
- 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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days before the meeting date. Please call **Kaela Champlin** at Watershed Protection Department, at (512) 974-3443 for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711. For more information on the Environmental Commission, please contact **Kaela Champlin**, Watershed Protection Department, at (512) 974-3443.

** A member of the public may not address a board or commission at a meeting on an item posted as a briefing, per City Code Section 2-1-144(E).*