



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Jennifer Bristol
Perry Bedford
Rick Brimer
Kevin Ramberg
Linda Guerrero
Katie Coyne
Rachel Scott**

Commissioners Absent:

**Pam Thompson
Audrey Barrett Bixler**

Staff in Attendance:

**Kaela Champlin
Sara Hartley
Liz Johnston
Brett Ueno**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 July 7, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)
A motion to approve the July 7, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Brimer's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Scott was off the dais. Commissioners Thompson and Barret Bixler were absent.

2. **WATERSHED PROTECTION DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- a. Update on Right-of-Way Protected Tree Removal Appeal by Patrick Fulker at 13213 Villa Park Drive, Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (**5 minutes**)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

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

- a. Update on Environmental Commission Annual Report—Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair (**10 minutes**)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **Name:** Karanam Subdivision Wastewater Service Extension Request #5067
Applicant: I.T. Gonzalez, I.T. Gonzalez Engineering
Location: 10802 D K Ranch Rd, Austin, TX 78759 (District 10)
Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Bull Creek, Water Supply Suburban, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Wastewater Service Extension
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommend approval of this wastewater service extension request.
(30 minutes)
A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Scott was off the dais. Commissioners Thompson and Barret Bixler were absent.

A motion to recommend support of Karanam Subdivision Wastewater Service Extension Request #5067 was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Scott was off the dais. Commissioners Thompson and Barret Bixler were absent.

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
Commissioner Coyne gave an update on the Climate Equity plan.
- c. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Kevin Ramberg
Commissioner Ramberg gave an update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee.
- 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

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 6:39 P.M.

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