



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 15, 2021

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners attending in person:

Perry Bedford
Haris Qureshi
Rachel Scott
Audrey Barrett Bixler
Rick Brimer
Kevin Ramberg
Katie Coyne

Commissioners attending remotely:

Jennifer Bristol
Linda Guerrero
Pam Thompson

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Sari Albornoz
Andrea Bates
Kaela Champlin
Sara Hartley
Matt Hollon
Liz Johnston
Jorge Morales
Erin Wood

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Coyne called the meeting to order at 6:04 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

Craig Nazor

1. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION UPDATES

- a. Update on Brodie Oaks Planned Unit Development (PUD)—Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (**10 minutes**)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the August 25, 2021 Environmental Commission Special Called Meeting Minutes and the September 1, 2021 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes (**5 minutes**)
A motion to approve the August 25, 2021 Environmental Commission Special Called Meeting Minutes and the September 1, 2021 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Barrett Bixler’s second on a 10-0 vote.

3. BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on the Watershed Protection Strategic Plan—Andrea Bates, Watershed Planning Manager and Sari Albornoz, Community Engagement Planner, Watershed Protection Department (**1 hour**)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. 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

Commissioner Guerrero requested a briefing about the issues raised by Dr. Craig Nazor regarding the McKalla site and Little Walnut Creek.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coyne adjourned the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

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