



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners attending in person:

**Perry Bedford
Haris Qureshi
Rick Brimer
Kevin Ramberg
Linda Guerrero
Jennifer Bristol
Rachel Scott**

Commissioner attending remotely:

Audrey Barrett Bixler

Commissioners absent:

Pam Thompson

Staff in Attendance:

**Pamela Abee-Tauli
Kaela Champlin
Tunde Daramola
Katie Frazier
Liz Johnston
Colleen Kirk
Mike McDougal
Brett Ueno**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.

Speakers

**Reese Glusing
Frank Fletcher
Jonathan Woldenberg
William Dehlinger
Gabriela Monsalve**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the October 20, 2021 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

(5 minutes)

A motion to approve the October 20, 2021 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Scott’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Name:** Park 183 Buildings 6 & 7, SP-2021-0072C

Applicant: Nick Brown, P.E., LDC

Location: 4800 Distribution Drive & 7900 Industry Way, Austin, Texas, 78727

Council District: District 2

Staff: Tunde Daramola, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

Watershed: Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban, Desired Development Zone

Request: Variance request is as follows:

1. Request to vary from 25-8-342 to allow fill over 4 feet up to 17 feet.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions.

(30 minutes)

Speakers

Nick Brown

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Bedford’s motion, Commissioner Ramberg’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

A motion to recommend the variance with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Bedford’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

- b. **Name:** 4315 City Park Water Service Extension Request #5216

Applicant: Eddy Salazar, A New Hope Investments, LLC (applicant) and Mauricio Quintero-Rangel, PE, Servant Engineering & Consulting, PLLC (engineer)

Location: 4315 City Park Road, Austin, Texas, 78730

Council District: Limited Purpose Jurisdiction (Adjacent to Council District 10)

Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

Watershed: Coldwater Creek Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request: Water Service Extension

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of this water service extension request.

(30 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Scott’s motion, Commissioner Ramberg’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

A motion to recommend approval of the service extension request was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Bedford’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

- c. **Name:** 8921 US Hwy 290 West Wastewater Service Extension Request #4796
Applicant: Joe Longaro, P.E., LJA Engineering, Inc.
Location: 8921 US 290 Hwy West, Austin, Texas 78737
Council District: Austin 2-mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Slaughter Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Wastewater Service Extension
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the wastewater service extension.
(30 minutes)
Speakers
Stefanie Hammon
Kate McKinsey
Terry Kedrick
Michael Whellan

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Scott’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

A motion to recommend approval of the proposed wastewater service extension request was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Brimer’s second on 8-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Forestry Committee –Pam Thompson, Richard Brimer, and Linda Guerrero
- b. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne and Audrey Barrett Bixler
- 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

- a. **Discussion on the Building Austin Tougher Strategic Initiative**
- b. **Approval of the 2022 Environmental Commission Calendar**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

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