



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 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**

Commissioner attending remotely:

**Audrey Barrett Bixler
Pam Thompson**

Commissioners absent:

Rachel Scott

Staff in Attendance:

**Mel Fuechec
Kaela Champlin
Liz Johnston
Mike McDougal
Sara Hartley**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the November 3, 2021 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes (**5 minutes**)

A motion to approve the November 3, 2021 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Scott was absent.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Approve the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022
A motion to approve the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022 was approved on Commissioner Bedford’s motion, Commissioner Ramberg’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Scott was absent.

- b. Hold an emergency election for vacant Environmental Commission officer positions for the May 2021 through April 2022 (**10 minutes**)
Commissioner Bedford nominated Commissioner Ramberg for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Bristol nominated herself for Vice-Chair. Those voting for Commissioner Ramberg were: Commissioners Brimer, Ramberg, Guerrero, Qureshi, Bedford, Bixler, and Thompson. Commissioner Bristol voted for herself (7-1).

Commissioner Ramberg nominated Commissioner Bristol for secretary. Those voting for Commissioner Bristol for secretary were Commissioners Bristol, Brimer, Ramberg, Guerrero, Qureshi, Bedford, Bixler, and Thompson (8-0).

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Name:** Stillwater - Double Creek Phase 2, SP-2021-0178C
Applicant: Lance Rosenfield, Malone Wheeler Inc
Location: 10801 Brezza Lane, Austin, Texas, 78748
Council District: District 5
Staff: Mel Fuechec, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, DSD
Watershed: Onion Creek, Suburban Watershed, Desired Development Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development in the critical water quality zone.
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions.
(30 minutes)
Speakers
Michael Whellan
Lance Rosenfield

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

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

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Forestry Committee –Pam Thompson, Richard Brimer, and Linda Guerrero
Commissioner Brimer gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee.

- b. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – 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
Chair Guerrero gave an update on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.

e. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

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