



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
April 6, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Permitting and Development Center, Events Center, Room 1405
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, Texas 78752**

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation.

To register to speak remotely, 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).

COMMISSIONERS:

Haris Qureshi (D-1)	Rachel Scott (D-2)	Pam Thompson (D-3)	Vacant (D-4)
Audrey Barrett Bixler (D-5)	Colin Nickells (D-6)	Jennifer Bristol (D-7) Secretary	Kevin Ramberg (D-8) Vice-Chair
Ana Aguirre (D-9)	Richard Brimer (D-10)	Perry Bedford (Mayor)	

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approval of the March 2, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 30, 2022 Environmental Commission Special Called Meeting Minutes **(5 minutes)**

2. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Election of Environmental Commission Officers for May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 term **(10 minutes)**

 - b. Nominate a new member for the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board **(5 minutes)**

 - c. Nominate a new member and an alternate for the Joint Sustainability Committee **(5 minutes)**

 - d. Discuss committee membership **(5 minutes)**

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - a. **Name:** 7715 1/2 West State Highway 71 Restrictive Covenant Amendment, C14-85-288.23(RCA)
Applicant: Amanda Swor, Drenner Group
Location: 7715 ½ W. SH 71
Council District: District 8
Staff: Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Williamson Creek, Barton Springs Zone Contributing Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: To amend a restrictive covenant
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions
(30 minutes)

 - b. **Name:** Travis County ESD #4 Fire Station Parking Lot Improvements, SP 2020-0255DS
Applicant: Travis County ESD #4
Location: 4200 City Park Rd
Council District: District 10
Staff: Mike McDougal, Environmental Policy Program Manager, Development Services Department
Watershed: Turkey Creek Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Requests:
 1. A Land Use Commission variance is requested to construct a driveway on slopes over 15% per LDC 25-8-301(A)(1)
 2. A Land Use Commission variance is requested to construct a parking lot on slopes over 15% per LDC 25-8-302(A)(2)
 3. A Land Use Commission variance is requested to allow fill over 4 feet per LDC 25-8-342
 4. A Land Use Commission variance is requested to allow an impervious cover of 27.5% net site area per LDC 25-8-453

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of variance requests 1-3 with conditions. Staff does not recommend approval of variance request 4.
(30 minutes)

- c. **Name:** Lot 1 Block 1 Srivathanakul Subdivision Project Assessment, C8J-2021-0206.0APA
Applicant: Janice Srivathanakul
Location: 101 Lago Verde Dr
Council District: District 10 and ETJ
Staff: Mike McDougal, Environmental Policy Program Manager, Development Services Department
Watershed: Harrison Hollow Watershed and Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request:
1. A Land Use Commission variance is requested to allow density to exceed one unit for each two acres with a minimum lot size of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre [LDC 25-8-453(B)(1) & LDC 30-5-453(B)(1)]
 2. A Land Use Commission variance is requested to allow a lot that lies within a Critical Water Quality Zone to include less than two acres in a Water Quality Transition Zone or uplands [LDC 25-8-452(C)]
- Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the variance requests with conditions
(30 minutes)

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Briefing on Watershed Protection Department's work removing obstructions from Creeks—Christopher Meyer, Julius Ochoa, Ramesh Swaminathan, P.E., Watershed Protection Department Field Operations Division **(30 minutes)**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Forestry Committee –Pam Thompson, Richard Brimer, and Rachel Scott
- b. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Vacant
- 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 –Pam Thompson, Rachel Scott, Perry Bedford, and Haris Qureshi
- e. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Vacant

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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