



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at the Permitting and Development Center (PDC) Room 1405, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, Texas 78752

Commissioners attending in person:

**Kevin Ramberg
Perry Bedford
Rachel Scott
Rick Brimer
Colin Nickells**

Commissioner attending remotely:

**Pam Thompson
Ana Aguirre**

Commissioners absent:

**Audrey Barrett Bixler
Haris Qureshi
Jen Bristol**

Staff in Attendance:

**Pamela Abee-Taulli
Kaela Champlin
Katie Coyne
Brie Franco
Liz Johnston**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramberg called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

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.

None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. **Approval of the April 6, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes (5 minutes) A motion to approve the April 6, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Aguirre's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Qureshi, Barrett Bixler, and Bristol were absent.**

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. 87th State Legislature Update—Brie Franco, City of Austin Intergovernmental Relations Officer **(30 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Name:** Dalfen Industrial, SP-2020-0407D
Applicant: Hollis Scheffler, Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Location: 6106 Ross Rd, Del Valle, Texas 78617
Council District: Not Applicable
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department
Watershed: Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone
Requests: Variance requests are as follows:
 - 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut to 17 feet.
 - 2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill to 18 feet.
 - 3. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-301 to allow construction of a driveway on a slope with a gradient exceeding 15 percent.**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommended with conditions
(30 minutes)
Speakers
Clayton Strolle, Pacheco Koch

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Perry’s motion, Commissioner Scott’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Qureshi, Barrett Bixler, and Bristol were absent.

A motion to recommend the requested variances with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Bedford’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Qureshi, Barrett Bixler, and Bristol were absent.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Forestry Committee – Richard Brimer (Committee Chair), Pam Thompson, Rachel Scott, and Colin Nickells
- b. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Appointment will be made at the 4/21/22 Council meeting
- c. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee –Appointment will be made at the 4/21/22 Council meeting
- 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 – Appointment will be made at the 4/21/22 Council meeting

6. STAFF UPDATES

- a. Reminder regarding the annual deadline for filing the Statement of Financial Information (SFI)—Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **Commissioner Scott requested to give an update at the next meeting on the BATS initiative working group.**
- b. **Commissioner Brimer requested an update from the Parks and Recreation Department about parkland acquisition at 6315 Spicewood Springs Road.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramberg adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

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