



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at the Permitting and Development Center (PDC) Room 1406, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, Texas 78752

Commissioners attending in person:

**Perry Bedford
Haris Qureshi
Rachel Scott
Melinda Schiera
Colin Nickells
Jen Bristol
Kevin Ramberg
Ana Aguirre
Rick Brimer**

Commissioner attending remotely:

Audrey Barrett Bixler

Commissioners absent:

Pam Thompson

Staff in Attendance:

**Pamela Abee-Taulli
Kaela Champlin
Katie Coyne
Susan Daniels
Donna Galati
Liz Johnston
Leslie Lilly**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramberg called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 20, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the April 20, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved on Commissioner Bedford’s motion, Commissioner Aguirre’s second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discussion and recommendation of Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for approval to include in the 5-year Capital spending plan as required by Financial Policy #8—Aurora Pizano, Financial Manager II, Austin Water **(15 minutes)**

A motion to recommend approval of Austin Water’s Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone was approved on Commissioner Bristol’s motion, Commissioner Bedford’s second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

- b. Briefing on proposed changes to City Land Development Code Title 25 (§ 25-1, § 25-2, § 25-8) to address challenges to the successful design and construction of public mobility projects in the right-of-way—Susan Daniels, Deputy Director, Corridor Program Office. **(30 minutes)**

Item conducted as posted. No action was taken.

Speakers

Chris Riley

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Name:** Pinnacle at Wildhorse Ranch, C8-2021-0152

Applicant: Kevin Burks, Kimley Horn & Associates

Location: 12000 Blue Bluff Rd, Austin, TX 78724

Council District: District 1

Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department

Watershed: Gilleland 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 15 feet.

2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill to 15 feet.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions **(30 minutes)**

Commissioner Ramberg recused on item 3a.

Speakers

Kevin Burks

Rob Smith

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Qureshi’s motion, Commissioner Scott’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg recused. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

A motion to approve the requested variances with conditions was approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Schiera's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg recused. Commissioner Thompson was absent.

- b. **Name:** Bull Creek PUD Amendment #4, Case No. C814-2009-0139.03
Applicant: David Armbrust, Armbrust & Brown
Location: 5305, 5400, 5404, 5408, 5505, Paradox Cove; 4909, 4915-1/2, 4929 FM 2222 Road
Council District: District 10
Staff: Leslie Lilly, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Bull Creek Watershed, Water Supply Suburban, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Requests: To amend a Planned Unit Development (PUD)
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions
(1 hour)
A motion to postpone Item 3b was approved on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Scott's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was 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 – Haris Qureshi (member) and Richard Brimer (alternate member)
- c. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Jennifer Bristol
- 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 – Ana Aguirre
Commissioner Aguirre gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board
- f. Other Updates: Update on BATS initiative – Rachel Scott
Commissioner Scott gave an update on the BATS initiative

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramberg adjourned the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

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