



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at the Permitting and Development Center (PDC) Room 1406, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, Texas 78752

Commissioners attending in person:

**Perry Bedford
Rachel Scott
Melinda Schiera
Jen Bristol
Colin Nickells
Ana Aguirre
Rick Brimer**

Commissioner attending remotely:

**Pam Thompson
Kevin Ramberg**

Commissioners absent:

**Haris Qureshi
Audrey Barrett Bixler**

Staff in Attendance:

**Pamela Abee-Tauli
Heather Chaffin
Kaela Champlin
John Clement
Katie Coyne
Liz Johnston
Colleen Kirk
Mike McDougal
Leslie Lilly
Andrei Lubomudrov
Miranda Reinhard**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Bedford 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.

Speakers

Craig Nazor

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the May 18, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes **(5 minutes)**

The April 18, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on Commissioner Aguirre, Brimer’s second on a 8-0 vote.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on the 517 Lamar PUD Development Assessment—Heather Chaffin, Housing and Planning Department **(30 minutes)**

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Consider a proposed annexation of approximately 5.03 acres into Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10, C12M-2022-0001—Andrei Lubomudrov, Housing and Planning Department **(30 minutes)**

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Brimer’s motion, Commissioner Aguirre’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Qureshi and Barrett Bixler were absent.

A motion to recommend the proposed annexation request was approved on Commissioner Bristol’s motion, Commissioner Schiera’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Qureshi and Barrett Bixler were absent.

- b. **Name:** Sky Mountain, SP-2021-0079C

Applicant: Reese Hurley, LJA Engineering, Inc.

Location: 8722 W SH 71, Austin, TX 78735

Council District: District 8

Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department and Miranda Reinhard, Watershed Protection Department

Watershed: Williamson Creek, Barton Springs Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone

Requests: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut over 4 feet to 16 feet.

Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions

(15 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Brimer’s motion, Commissioner Aguirre’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Qureshi and Barrett Bixler were absent. Commissioner Scott was off the dais.

A motion to approve the variance request with conditions was approved on Commissioner Bristol’s motion, Commissioner Ramberg’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Qureshi and Barrett Bixler were absent. Commissioner Scott was off the dais.

- c. **Name:** 8020 Parmer Lane SH 130 NW, C8J-2021-0141.0A
Applicant: Pape-Dawson Engineers, Travis Moltz
Location: 8106 E PARMER LN, Manor, TX 78653
Council District: None (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department
Watershed: Gilleland Creek and Harris Branch Creek Watersheds, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone
Requests: Variance request is as follows:
1. Request to vary from LDC 30-5-341 to allow fill over 4 feet to 15 feet.
2. Request to vary from 30-5-261(G) to allow floodplain modification in a critical water quality zone buffer.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions
(15 minutes)
A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Scott’s motion, Commissioner Aguirre’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Qureshi and Barrett Bixler were absent.

A motion to recommend the proposed variance requests was approved on Commissioner Bristol’s motion, Commissioner Aguirre’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Qureshi and Barrett Bixler were absent.

- d. **Name:** Austin Ready Mix Wastewater Service Extension Request #5313
Applicant: Danny Miller, P.E., LJA Engineering, Inc.
Location: 8738 W US 290 Hwy, Austin, Texas 78736
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
Requests: Wastewater service extension
Staff Recommendation: Recommended
(20 minutes)
A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Schiera’s motion, Commissioner Scott’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Qureshi and Barrett Bixler were absent.

A motion to approve the requested Service Extension Request was approved on Commissioner Bristol’s motion, Commissioner Bedford’s second on a 6-3 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Schiera, Bedford, Nickells, Ramberg, and Thompson. Those abstaining were Commissioners Scott, Bristol, and Brimer. Commissioner Qureshi and Barrett Bixler 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 – 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

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners Bristol and Brimer requested an update on the Q2 Stadium retention pond. Commissioner Aguirre also volunteered as a co-sponsor for this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Bedford adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

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