



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 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  
Rick Brimer**

### **Commissioner attending remotely:**

**Haris Qureshi  
Pam Thompson  
Audrey Barrett Bixler  
Kevin Ramberg  
Ana Aguirre  
Colin Nickells**

### **Commissioners absent:**

**None**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Brent Bellinger  
Katie Coyne  
Liz Johnston  
Jackie Ramos**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice Chair Bedford called the meeting to order at 6:00 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**

**Carlos Soto**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approval of the June 1, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
(5 minutes)

**The minutes of the June 1, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved on Commissioner Bristol’s motion, Commissioner Brimer’s second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Pam Thompson was off the dais.**

**2. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update on Austin’s reservoirs monitoring and management efforts—Brent Bellinger, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department (**1 hour**)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- b. Update on resolution relating to environmental protections and water quality; and initiating amendments to the City Code—Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (**1 hour**)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

**3. 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)  
**Commissioner Qureshi gave an update on the Joint Sustainability Committee**
- 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

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. **Commissioners Brimer, Aguirre, Thompson and Qureshi requested a briefing on the fuel storage at the airport.**
- b. **Commissioners Qureshi and Bristol requested a briefing on the Fayette Coal Plant & the City of Austin’s energy package as a whole.**
- c. **Commissioner Qureshi requested an update on trash in grow zones in Bartholomew Park.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice Chair Bedford adjourned the meeting at 8:39 P.M.**

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