



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission  
August 17, 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 Kaela Champlin, Watershed Protection Department, at (512) 974-3443, [Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov](mailto: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).

**CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

Haris Qureshi  
Rachel Scott  
Pam Thompson  
Melinda Schiera  
Audrey Barrett Bixler

Colin Nickells  
Jennifer Bristol, Secretary  
Kevin Ramberg, Chair  
Ana Aguirre  
Richard Brimer  
Perry Bedford, Vice-Chair

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

1. Approval the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on August 3, 2022  
(5 minutes)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Update on ATX Walk Bike Roll to update Austin’s sidewalk, urban trails, and bicycle plans.  
City Staff: Katie Wettick, Program Manager, Public Works (**15 minutes**)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. **Name:** 1609 Nueces St, Case No. 2022-018844 TP  
**Applicant:** Ronald Rodriguez  
**Location:** 1609 Nueces St.  
**Council District:** District 9  
**Staff:** Naomi Rotramel, City Arborist  
**Ordinance:** Heritage Tree Ordinance - LDC 25-8-643- Land Commission Variance  
**Requests:** The applicant is appealing the City Arborist’s denial of application. The applicant is requesting the removal of a Heritage Tree with a single stem 30 inches in diameter or larger.  
**Staff Recommendation:** The request does not meet the City Arborist approval criteria in LDC 25-8-624(A)(1)(2)(3). The variance is not recommended.  
(**30 minutes**)
4. **Name:** Seton Medical Center Planned Unit Development Amendment No. 2, Case No. C814-92-0006.02  
**Applicant:** Michele R. Lynch, Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams  
**Location:** 1201 W. 38th Street  
**Council District:** District 10  
**Staff:** Leslie Lilly, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Shoal Creek, Urban Watershed, Desired Development Zone  
**Requests:** To amend a Planned Unit Development (PUD)  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommended with conditions  
(**30 minutes**)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

5. Urban Forestry Committee – Richard Brimer (Committee Chair), Pam Thompson, Rachel Scott, and Colin Nickells
6. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Haris Qureshi (member) and Richard Brimer (alternate member)
7. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Jennifer Bristol
8. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Pam Thompson, Rachel Scott, Perry Bedford, and Haris Qureshi
9. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Ana Aguirre

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## ADJOURNMENT

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