



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
3, August, 2022**

The Environmental Commission convened in a regular meeting on 3, August, 2022 at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Perry Bedford, Jennifer Bristol, Melinda Schiera, Kevin Ramberg, and Haris Qureshi.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Ana Aguirre, Rick Brimer, Colin Nickells, and Rachel Scott.

Board Members/Commissioners Absent: Audrey Barrett Bixler and Pam Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramberg called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Kimery Duda, The Expedition School

Adam Shedlosky, The Expedition School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

1. Approval the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on July 6, 2022 **(5 minutes)**

The minutes of the July 6, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved on Vice-Chair Bedford’s motion, Secretary Bristol’s second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Ramberg abstained. Commissioners Thompson and Barrett Bixler were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Update on Environmental Commission Annual Report—Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair **(10 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Name:** Bull Creek PUD Amendment #3, 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
(30 minutes)

Speakers

David Armbrust, Attorney, Armbrust and Brown

Daniel Woodruff, Landscape Architect

Denise Hogan, Courtyard HOA

Linda Bailey

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Vice Chair Bedford's motion, Chair Ramberg's second without objection.

A motion to approve the request to amend the Bull Creek PUD Amendment #3 was approved on Secretary Bristol's motion, Chair Ramberg's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Thompson and Barrett Bixler were absent.

4. **Name:** 5709 Sam Houston Circle Boat Dock, SP-2021-0300D

Applicant: Holly Gunn

Location: 5709 Sam Houston Circle, Austin, Texas, 78731

Council District: District # 10

Staff: Eric Brown, Senior Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department

Watershed: Lake Austin and Bull Creek Watersheds, Water Supply Suburban, Drinking Water Protection Zone

Requests: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction within 150-foot of a rimrock and seep Critical Environmental Feature (CEF)

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions
(15 minutes)

Speakers

Jon Fichter, Aqua Permits

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Chair Ramberg's motion, Vice-Chair Bedford's second without objection.

A motion to approve the requested variance with conditions was approved on Secretary Bristol's motion, Vice Chair Bedford's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Thompson and Barrett Bixler were absent.

5. **Name:** Borders Boat Dock 1, SP-2021-0084D

Applicant: Land Strategies Inc.

Location: 2500 Matthews Drive, Austin, Texas 78703

Council District: District # 10

Staff: Eric Brown, Senior Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department

Watershed: Lake Austin watershed, Water Supply Suburban, Drinking Water Protection Zone

Requests: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction within 150-foot of a rimrock Critical Environmental Feature (CEF)

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions (15 minutes)

Speakers

Michael Linehan, Land Strategies Inc.

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Vice Chair Bedford’s motion, second without objection.

A motion to approve the requested variance with conditions was approved on Secretary Bristol’s motion, Vice Chair Bedford’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Thompson and Barrett Bixler were absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Discuss and consider proposed amendments to City Code Title 25 related to environmental, drainage, landscape, and water quality requirements. City Staff: Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (45 minutes)

A motion to extend the meeting until 10:10 P.M. was approved on Chair Ramberg’s motion, Vice-Chair Bedford’s second without objection.

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramberg adjourned the meeting at 10:06 P.M. without objection.

The minutes were approved on August 18, 2022 on Chair Ramberg's motion, Vice-Chair Bedford's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Qureshi and Barrett Bixler were off the dais.