



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
October 19, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
Permitting and Development Center, Events Center, Room 1405
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive
Austin, Texas 78752**

Some members of the Environmental Commission will be participating by videoconference. The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>

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 Kaela Champlin, Watershed Protection Department, at (512) 974-3443, 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 October 5, 2022
(5 minutes)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Briefing on the Palm District Plan. Briefing and Possible Action. Housing and Planning Staff, Stevie Greathouse, (512) 974-7226, stevie.greathouse@austintexas.gov (30 minutes)
3. Presentation of Development Assessment Report for 311-315 South Congress, located at 311-315 South Congress Avenue, CD-2022-0002 (District 9). Applicant: Amanda Swor, Drenner Group, PC. Staff: Wendy Rhoades, Housing and Planning Department and Leslie Lilly, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department (30 minutes)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. **Name:** Karanam Subdivision Wastewater Service Extension Request #5575
Applicant: I.T. Gonzalez, I.T. Gonzalez Engineering
Location: 10802 D K Ranch Rd, Austin, TX 78759
Council District: Limited Purpose Jurisdiction (District 10)
Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Bull Creek, Water Supply Suburban, Northern Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Wastewater Service Extension
Staff Recommendation: Recommended
(20 minutes)
5. **Name:** Loyola Junction Apartments, SP-2021-0242C
Applicant: Stephen Jamison, Jamison Civil Engineering
Location: 6525 Ed Bluestein Boulevard NB, Austin, Texas 78724
Council District: District 1
Staff: Mel Fuechec, Environmental Review Specialist, Development Services Department
Watershed: Walnut Creek, Suburban Watershed, Desired Development Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill up to 17 feet in the desired development zone
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions
(30 minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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