



***ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
5, October, 2022***

The Environmental Commission convened in a regular meeting on 5, October, 2022 at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Commissioners in Attendance: Ana Aguirre, Perry Bedford, Jennifer Bristol, Rick Brimer, Melinda Schiera, Kevin Ramberg, and Haris Qureshi.

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Pam Thompson and Rachel Scott.

Commissioners absent: Audrey Barrett Bixler and Colin Nickells.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramberg called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

1. Approval the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on September 21, 2022 (5 minutes)

The minutes of the September 21, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved with a noted amendment on Vice Chair Bedford's motion, Chair Ramberg's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Barrett Bixler and Nickells were absent. Commissioner Bristol was off the dais.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Review and approve the 2023 Environmental Commission meeting calendar (10 minutes)

The 2023 Environmental Commission meeting calendar was approved on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Chair Ramberg's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Barrett Bixler and Nickells were absent. Commissioner Bristol was off the dais.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Name:** Park 290 Logistic, SP-2021-0095C

Applicant: BSREP III Decker Lane

Location: 11653 Decker Lane, Austin, TX 78724

Council District: District 1

Staff: Enrique A. Maiz-Torres, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

Watershed: Gilleland Creek/Decker Creek Watershed, Suburban, Desired Development Zone

Request: Variance requests are as follows:

1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill over 4 feet up to 28 feet.
2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut over 4 feet up to 22 feet.

Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions
(30 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Chair Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Bedford’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Barrett Bixler and Nickles were absent.

A motion to recommend the requested variance with conditions was approved on Commissioner Bristol’s motion, Commissioner Ramberg’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Barrett Bixler and Nickells were absent.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

4. Briefing on a proposed ordinance in response to Resolution 20211029-003 which directs staff to review City Code, criteria manuals, and permitting procedures to identify impediments to the design, construction, implementation, and operation of Project Connect—Donna Galati, Project Connect Office **(1 hour)**
A recommendation to support the proposed ordinance was approved with conditions on Chair Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Brimer’s second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Barrett Bixler and Nickells were absent. Commissioner Bristol was off the dais.
5. Working Group report and possible action on additional recommendations for an ordinance regarding amendments to Title 25 related to environmental protection, landscape requirements, and site plan requirements **(30 minutes)**
A recommendation to support the amendments to Title 25 was approved with additional recommendations on Vice Chair Bedford’s motion, Commissioner Brimer’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Barrett Bixler and Nickells were absent. Commissioner Bristol was off the dais. Chair Ramberg abstained.

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

Commissioner Aguirre gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramberg adjourned the meeting at 9:04 P.M.

The minutes of the October 5, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved at the November 2, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Bristol's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Schiera abstained. Commissioner Scott was off the dais. Commissioner Nickells was absent.