



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
16, November, 2022**

The Environmental Commission convened in a regular meeting on 16, November, 2022 at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

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

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Pam Thompson.

Commissioners absent: Audrey Barrett Bixler

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramberg called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:04 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.

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

1. Approval the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on November 2, 2022 **(5 minutes)**

The minutes of the November 2, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Thompson and Scott were off the dais.

Commissioner Barrett Bixler was absent.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER UPDATES

2. Update on amendments to Title 25 related to environmental protection, landscape requirements, and site plan requirements—Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department **(5 minutes)**

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

Update on Bull Creek PUD Amendment #3, Case No. C814-2009-0139.03—Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department **(5 minutes)**

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Name:** 1703 N River Hills Road Marina Reconstruction, SP-2022-0167D
Applicant: Janis Smith, Janis Smith Consulting, LLC
Location: 1703 N River Hills Road, Austin, Texas, 78733
Council District: District 10
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department and Miranda Reinhard, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request:
1. Request to vary LDC 25-8-261 Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ) development to allow, in the CWQZ of Lake Austin, development of a gasoline fuel line with a dispenser at the dock for re-fueling private boats
2. Request to vary from LDC-25-8-368(E) to allow more than 25 cubic yards of dredging in Lake Austin
Staff Recommendation:
1. Staff does not recommend the request to vary LDC 25-8-261 Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ) development, development of a gasoline fuel line with a dispenser at the dock for re-fueling private boats, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.
2. Staff recommend the request to vary from LDC-25-8-368(E) to allow more than 25 cubic yards of dredging in Lake Austin, with conditions.
(30 minutes)
Speakers
Janis Smith, applicant, Janis Smith Consulting
Greg Greeson, WCID #2
Terry Barnes, Rob Roy on the Lake Homeowners Association
Lauren Ice, Attorney, Perales, Allmon, and Ice.

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Barrett Bixler was absent.

A motion to deny the request to vary LDC 25-8-261 Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ) development, development of a gasoline fuel line with a dispenser at the dock for re-fueling private boats was approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 9-1 vote. Commissioner Nickells voted nay. Commissioner Barrett Bixler was absent.

A motion to request to vary from LDC-25-8-368(E) to allow more than 25 cubic yards of dredging in Lake Austin was approved with conditions on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 7-3 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Aguirre, Bedford, Bristol, Nickells, Qureshi, Ramberg, and Schiera. Those voting nay were Commissioners Brimer, Scott, and Thompson. Commissioner Barrett Bixler was absent.

4. **Name:** Concordia Sports Complex, SP-2022-0020C
Applicant: Allison Kennaugh, P.E., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Location: 8200 Kilian Road, Austin, Texas, 78726

Council District: District 6

Staff: Mel Fuechec, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

Watershed: Bull Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request: Variance requests are as follows:

1. Request to vary from Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance No. 840301-F Section 9-10-409(b) to allow cut exceeding four feet to fifteen feet
2. Request to vary from Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance No. 840301-F Section 9-10-409(a) to allow fill exceeding four feet up to twelve feet

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions
(30 minutes)

Chair Ramberg recused on Item 5.

Speakers

Allison Kennaugh, P.E., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Qureshi's motion, Commissioner Scott's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Barrett Bixler was absent. Chair Ramberg recused on agenda item 5.

A motion to recommend the requested variances with conditions was approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 9-0 vote. Chair Ramberg recused. Commissioner Barrett Bixler was absent.

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)
Commissioner Qureshi gave an update on the Joint Sustainability Committee.
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
Commissioner Aguirre gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramberg adjourned the meeting at 8:52 P.M.

The minutes of the November 16, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved at the December 7, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Brimer's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Barrett Bixler and Commissioner Nickells were absent.