



***ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7, December, 2022***

The Environmental Commission convened in a regular meeting on 7, December, 2022 at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

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

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Ana Aguirre and Pam Thompson.

Commissioners absent: Audrey Barrett Bixler and Colin Nickells.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramberg called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 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 16, 2022 (5 minutes)

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Presentation of Development Assessment Report for 200 E. Riverside, located at 200 East Riverside Drive, CD-2022-0003 (District 9). Applicant: Richard T. Suttle, Jr., Armbrust & Brown, PLLC. Staff: Wendy Rhoades, Housing and Planning Department and Leslie Lilly, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department (30 minutes)

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

Speakers

Richard Suttle

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Name:** Oltorf Site Plan (SP-2021-0091C)
Applicant: Jim Wittliff
Location: 4544 E Oltorf, Austin, Texas 78741

Council District: District 3

Staff: Tunde Daramola, Development Services Department

Watershed: Country Club West Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone

Request: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-301 to allow driveways on slopes over 15%

2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut over 4 feet up to 8 feet

3. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill over 4 feet up to 20.5 feet

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions.

(30 minutes)

Speakers

Malcolm Yeatts

Jim Witliff

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

A motion to approve the requested variances with conditions was approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 7-2 vote. Commissioners Aguirre and Thompson were opposed. Commissioners Barrett Bixler and Nickells were absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. Urban Forestry Committee – Richard Brimer (Committee Chair), Pam Thompson, Rachel Scott, and Colin Nickells

Commissioner Brimer gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee.

5. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Haris Qureshi (member) and Richard Brimer (alternate member)

6. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Jennifer Bristol

7. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Pam Thompson, Rachel Scott, Perry Bedford, and Haris Qureshi

8. 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 8:32 P.M.

The minutes of the December 7, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved at the January 18, 2023 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Scott's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was absent.