



***ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
21, September, 2022***

The Environmental Commission convened in a regular meeting on 21, September, 2022 at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

**Commissioners in Attendance: Ana Aguirre, Perry Bedford, Rick Brimer, Colin Nickells, Melinda Schiera, and Kevin Ramberg,
Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Audrey Barrett Bixler, Jennifer Bristol, Rachel Scott, Pam Thompson, and Haris Qureshi.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramberg called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

1. Approval the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on September 7, 2022 (5 minutes)
The minutes of the August 3, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting were approved on Vice-Chair Bedford's motion, Chair Aguirre's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Barrett Bixler were off the dais.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Consider an ordinance regarding amendments to Title 25 related to environmental protection, landscape requirements, and site plan requirements. City Staff: Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (1 hour)

Speakers

**Lisa Arceneaux, EA Environmental Co.
Brian Zabcik, Save Barton Creek Association (SBCA)
Roy Waley, Sierra Club**

The Chair took a break at 7:38 P.M.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:54 P.M.

A motion to support aspects of the amendments to Title 25 with conditions was made on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second.

A motion to amend was made by Commissioner Brimer and seconded by Commissioner Ramberg.

A working group to further discuss the proposed code amendments was planned with Commissioners Aguirre, Bedford, Bristol, Brimer, and Thompson.

A substitute motion to recommend the proposed code amendments without the suggestions proposed in the previous motion and amendment was made on Commissioner Nickells motion, Commissioner Brimer's second.

Commissioner Scott made a motion to move the question that failed for lack of a second.

A substitute motion to recommend the proposed code amendments without the suggestions proposed in the previous motion and amendment failed on Commissioner Nickells motion, Commissioner Brimer's second on a 1-10 vote. Commissioner Nickells voted aye. Commissioners Aguirre, Barrett Bixler, Bedford, Bristol, Brimer, Ramberg, Schiera, Scott, Thompson, and Qureshi voted nay.

The motion to amend was approved on a 11-0 vote.

The main motion was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Nickells abstained.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Name:** Manor ISD Elementary School #10 (SP-2022-0095CX)
Applicant: Manor ISD Elementary School #10 (Monica Silva)
Location: 10400 Wildhorse Ranch Trail, Austin, Texas 78724
Council District: District 1
Staff: Tunde Daramola, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department
Watershed: Gilleland Creek Watershed, Suburban, Desired Development Zone
Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill over 4 feet up to 33 feet.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions (30 minutes)

Speakers

Monica Silva

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Chair Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Nickell's second on an 11-0 vote.

A motion to support the variance request with conditions was approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second with conditions on an 11-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Briefing and discussion on Trash in Creeks study—Andrew Clamann, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department (1 hour)
A motion to extend the meeting until 10:05 was made on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on an 11-0 vote.

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

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)
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 10:03 P.M. without objection.

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.