



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission  
February 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
Permitting And Development Center, Events Center, Room 1405  
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive  
Austin, Texas 78752**

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via 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 by telephone.

To register to speak remotely, call or email Elizabeth Funk, Watershed Protection Department, at (512) 568-2244, [Elizabeth.Funk@austintexas.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Funk@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 signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on January 18, 2023 (5 minutes)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2.     **Name:** Velocity Channel Improvements, SP-2021-0153D  
      **Applicant:** Justin J. Kramer, Kimley-Horn  
      **Location:** 3875 ½ S FM 973 Rd, Austin, TX 78617  
      **Council District:** District 2  
      **Staff:** Miranda Reinhart, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department  
      **Watershed:** Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone  
      **Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261(G) to allow floodplain modification for development within the Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ).  
      **Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends this variance with conditions having determined the findings of fact to have been met.  
      **(30 minutes)**
  
3.     **Name:** Kaalo Studio, SPC-2021-0195C  
      **Applicant:** Shari Pape, Kaalo Studio  
      **Location:** 7901 RM 2222, Austin, TX 78730  
      **Council District:** District 10  
      **Staff:** Enrique Maiz-Torres, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department  
      **Watershed:** West Bull Creek, Water Supply Suburban, Desired Development Zone  
      **Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-301 to allow a driveway on a slope of more than 15 percent.  
      **Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends this variance with conditions, having determined the findings of fact to have been met  
      **(30 minutes)**
  
4.     **Name:** Country Club Creek Trail Elmont Dr. to E. Oltorf St., SP-2022-0197D  
      **Applicant:** Katie Wettick, Public Works Department, City of Austin  
      **Location:** 2511 1/2 East Oltorf Street, AUSTIN, Texas, 78741  
      **Council District:** District 3  
      **Staff:** Brad Jackson, Environmental Compliance Specialist Senior, Development Services Department  
      **Watershed:** Country Club West Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone  
      **Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut exceeding 4 feet to 10 feet  
      **Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommend this variance with conditions, having determined the findings of fact to have been met  
      **(30 minutes)**

## **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

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9. Update on FY23-24 budget process – Elizabeth Funk, Environmental Commission Liaison, Watershed Protection Department (**5 minutes**)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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