



Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
April 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Permitting And Development Center, Events Center, Room 1405
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive
Austin, Texas 78752

Some members of the Environmental Commission will be participating by videoconference.

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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, 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
VACANT
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 March 1, 2023 and Environmental Commission Special Called Meeting on March 29, 2023 **(5 minutes)**

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER UPDATES

2. Recognition of Ana Aguirre and Audrey Barrett Bixler for their service on the Environmental Commission – Katie Coyne, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department **(5 minutes)**
3. Update on the waterline break at Shoal Creek – Katie Coyne, Watershed Protection Department **(10 minutes)**

STAFF BRIEFING

4. Staff briefing of Project Connect Light Rail Update – Jen Pyne, Chief of Planning and Risk Management, and Peter Mullan, Chief of Architecture and Urban Design, Austin Transit Partnership **(1 hour)**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and possible action on the ecological recommendations in the Draft Zilker Park Vision Plan – Gregory Montes, Program Manager II, Parks and Recreation Department, Claire Hempel, Principal at Design Workshop, and Jonathan Ogren, Siglo Group. **(1 hour)**

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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