



***ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023***

The ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on Wednesday, APRIL 19, 2023, at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ramberg called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Kevin Ramberg, Perry Bedford, Richard Brimer, Hanna Cofer, Colin Nickells, Haris Qureshi, Melinda Schiera, Rachel Scott, and David Sullivan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: None

Commissioners Absent: Jennifer Bristol and Pam Thompson

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Ana Aguirre, Austin Airport fuel tanks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on April 5, 2023
(5 minutes)
The minutes from the meeting of April 5, 2023 were approved on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner 's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Bristol and Thompson were absent.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER UPDATES

2. Thank Commissioner Thompson for her eight years of service to the Environmental Commission – Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer (5 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. Staff briefing regarding AUS West Jet Fuel Storage Facility Overview — Kane Carpenter, P.G., Environmental Manager, AUS (30 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Election of Environmental Commission Officers for May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 term **(10 minutes)**
A motion to nominate Commissioner Ramberg as Chair, Commissioner Bedford as Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Bristol as Secretary was approved on Commissioner Brimer's motion, Commissioner Qureshi's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Bristol and Thompson were absent.
5. Discuss committee membership **(5 minutes)**
The commission nominated Commissioner Schiera as a member of the Urban Forestry Committee.
The commission nominated Commissioner Ramberg as a member of the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.
The commission nominated Commissioner Sullivan for the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.
6. Approve an amendment to Part 81 of Ordinance 20131017-046, also known as the Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO), clarifying that the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund (RZMF) may be used for restoration – Ana Gonzalez, Division, Watershed Protection Department **(30 minutes)**
A motion to recommend the amendment to Part 81 Ordinance 20131017-046, also known as the Watershed Protection Ordinance, was approved with conditions on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Brimer abstained. Commissioners Bristol and Thompson were absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Urban Forestry Committee – Richard Brimer (Committee Chair), Rachel Scott, and Colin Nickells
8. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Haris Qureshi (member) and Richard Brimer (alternate member)
9. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Jennifer Bristol
10. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Rachel Scott, Perry Bedford, and Haris Qureshi
11. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – VACANT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Brimer suggested adding an agenda item to the next meeting to recommend an informal working relationship between the Environmental Commission and Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Scott seconded.

Commissioner Scott requested to give a brief presentation on the 2022 FEMA hazard mitigation report. Commissioner Brimer seconded.

Commissioner Qureshi about the redevelopment of the Borden Dairy Site. Liz Johnston clarified why it has not come to the commission.

Chair Ramberg adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the May 3, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Ramberg's second on a 10-0 vote.