



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
May 17, 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, 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
Mariana Krueger
Melinda Schiera
Hanna Cofer
Colin Nickells

Jennifer Bristol, Secretary
Kevin Ramberg, Chair
David Sullivan
Richard Brimer
VACANT, 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 May 3, 2023
(5 minutes)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **Name:** Redevelopment Exception in Barton Springs Zone for Texas Research International Expansion, SP-2019-0383D
Applicant: WGI, Siri Soth
Location: 9225 FM 2244 RD
Council District: NA (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department
Watershed: Barton Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Approve a resolution authorizing a redevelopment exception in the Barton Springs Zone under City Code Section 25-8-26 for a tract in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The project, Texas Research International Expansion, proposes redevelopment of an existing commercial use on a 17.6-acre tract located at 9225 FM 2244. This action concerns land located within the Barton Springs Zone, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction.
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval.
(30 minutes)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discuss membership of the Joint Sustainability Committee (5 minutes)
4. Election of the Environmental Commission Vice Chair for May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 term (10 minutes)
5. Discussion and recommendation of Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for approval to include in the 5-year Capital spending plan as required by Financial Policy #8 – Aurora Pizano, Financial Manager II, Austin Water (30 minutes)
6. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on the 2022 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Report – Requested and presented by Environmental Commission member Rachel Scott (15 minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Urban Forestry Committee – Richard Brimer (Committee Chair), Colin Nickells, Rachel Scott, and Melinda Schiera

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 – Perry Bedford, Haris Qureshi, Kevin Ramberg, and Rachel Scott
11. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – David Sullivan

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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