



Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
August 2nd, 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
Peter Einhorn
Mariana Krueger
Melinda Schiera
Hanna Cofer
Colin Nickells

Jennifer Bristol, Secretary
Kevin Ramberg, Chair
David Sullivan
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 July 5, 2023 **(5 minutes)**

DISCUSSION

2. New Environmental Commission member welcome and introduction **(5 minutes)**
3. Update on Environmental Commission Annual Report—Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair **(10 minutes)**

STAFF BRIEFINGS

4. Staff briefing on Austin's Blackland Prairie ecoregion study recommendations and follow-up actions—Ana Gonzalez, Division Manager, Watershed Protection, and Valerie Tamburri, Ben Bertram, Tree Folks **(30 minutes)**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a recommendation on the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) Land Management Guide for parkland natural areas – Amanda Ross, Division Manager, and Matt McCaw, Program Manager, PARC **(30 minutes)**
6. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to Austin City Council to eliminate parking on the Zilker Park Polo Field and expand the Zilker Park Shuttle – Requested and presented by Commissioner Brimer **(10 minutes)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Urban Forestry Committee – Richard Brimer (Committee Chair), Colin Nickells, 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, and Kevin Ramberg
11. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – David Sullivan

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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