



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>**

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  
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 September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing regarding the Austin Energy Transportation Electrification Implementation Overview – Cameron Freberg, Austin Energy. Requested by Environmental Commissioner Qureshi
3. Staff briefing on “Eliza Springs Daylighting: Response of Barton Springs Salamanders to Habitat Expansion” – Nathan Bendik, Watershed Protection.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council regarding the allocation of additional funds to preserve the topsoil in exposed parts of Zilker Park and to ban parking on the Polo Field – Presented and requested by Commissioners Sullivan and Brimer.

## **WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

5. Update from the Urban Forestry Committee – Richard Brimer (Committee Chair), Mariana Krueger, Colin Nickells, and Melinda Schiera
6. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee – Haris Qureshi (member) and Richard Brimer (alternate member)
7. Update from the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Jennifer Bristol
8. Update from the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Perry Bedford, Hanna Cofer, Haris Qureshi, and Kevin Ramberg
9. Update from the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – David Sullivan
10. Update from the Native Landscaping Working Group – Melinda Schiera, Perry Bedford, Richard Brimer, and David Sullivan

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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