



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
November 15, 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 Kaela Champlin, Watershed Protection Department, at (737) 230-3786, Kaela.Champlin@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 November 1, 2023

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding equity efforts within the City of Austin—Kye Tavernier, Equity and Inclusion Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Make a recommendation regarding the following requests to vary from the Land Development Code.
Name: Northwind Apartments (SP-2021-0384C.SH)
Applicant: Jeff Kittle, Kittle Property Group
Location: 11216 Cameron Rd, Austin, Texas 78754
Council District: District 1
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department
Applicant request: Request to vary from a) LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut to 12 feet; b) LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill to 17 feet; and c) LDC 25-8-261 to allow a driveway in a Critical Water Quality Zone
Staff recommendation: Recommended with conditions
4. Make a recommendation regarding the request for Champion Commercial Development (Tract 4) Rezoning (C14-2023-0005) located at 6025 N Capital of Texas Highway, Austin, Texas 78737 (District 10). Presented by Leslie Lilly, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
5. Consider a recommendation regarding the “HOME” Land Development Code Amendments—Dave Sullivan, Environmental Commission member

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

10. Update from the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – David Sullivan
11. Update from the Native Landscaping Working Group – Melinda Schiera, Perry Bedford, Richard Brimer, and David Sullivan

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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