



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
February 21, 2024 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 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 February 7, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation of Development Assessment Report for 500 South Congress, located at 500 South Congress Avenue, CD-2023-0001 (District 9). Applicant: Richard T. Suttle, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC. Staff: Sherri Sirwaitis, Planning Department, and Leslie Lilly, Environmental Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department
3. Presentation on the status of Austin Light Rail. Presenters: Jen Pyne, Executive Vice President Planning, Community & Federal Programs, Lisa Storer, Sustainable Design Program Manager, and Yannis Banks, Public Involvement Manager (Austin Transit Partnership)

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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