



***ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 2, 2024***

The Environmental Commission convened in a Regular meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bedford called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at \_\_ p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Perry Bedford, Hanna Cofer, Mariana Krueger, Melinda Schiera, David Sullivan, Richard Brimer

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:** Haris Qureshi

**Commissioners Absent:** Jennifer Bristol and Colin Nickells

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on September 18, 2024

**The minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on September 18, 2024 were approved on Commissioner Sullivan’s motion, Commissioner Cofer’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Krueger was off the dais. Commissioners Bristol and Nickells were absent.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS**

2. Presentation on Hays Commons Municipal Utility District (MUD) and request for a recommendation to initiate a Site-Specific Amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 of the Save Our Springs Initiative – Leslie Lilly, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department

**Speakers:**

**Leslie Lilly, Watershed Protection  
Robert Deegan, landscape architect  
Jeff Howard, speaking for the applicant**

**Mike Clifford, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA); received time donation from Anne \_\_\_**  
**Jim Camp, Local landowner next to Hays Commons**  
**Bobby Levinski, Save Our Springs Alliance**  
**Tanzia Karim, Save Our Springs Alliance**  
**Brian Zabcik, Save Barton Creek Association**  
**Carol Pennington, Local landowner next to Hays Commons (virtual)**  
**Lee Burton, Save Barton Creek Association**  
**Craig Nazor, Sierra Club**  
**Roy Wayley, Sierra Club**  
**Liz Johnston, Interim Environmental Officer**

**A motion to close the public hearing passed on Commissioner Bedford’s motion, Commissioner Krueger’s second, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Bristol and Nickells were absent.**

**A motion to recommend the initiation of a Site-Specific Amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 of the Save Our Springs Initiative for the Hays Commons Municipal Utility District (MUD) with conditions failed on Commissioner Bedford’s motion, Commissioner Cofer’s second, on a 3-3 vote. Commissioners Cofer, Bedford, and Sullivan voted in favor. Commissioners Krueger, Schiera, and Brimer voted against. Commissioner Qureshi abstained. Commissioners Bristol and Nickells were absent.**

**Chair Bedford called for a recess at 8:08. Chair Bedford reconvened the meeting at 8:16.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Presentation and discussion on listed endangered and potentially listed species in Travis County – Michael Warriner, Supervisory Fish & Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken**
  
4. Presentation and discussion on Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) and covered species – Sherri Kuhl, Environmental Resource Officer, and Kimberlee Harvey, BCCP Officer, Austin Water  
**Speakers:**  
**Sherri Kuhl, AW**  
**Kimberlee Harvey, AW**  
**Craig Nazor, Sierra Club**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

5. Review and approve the draft 2025 Environmental Commission Regular meeting schedule  
**A motion to approve the 2025 Environmental Commission Regular meeting schedule was approved on Commissioner Bedford's motion, Commissioner Sullivan's second, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Bristol and Nickells were absent.**

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

6. Update from the Urban Forestry Committee on the rescheduled meeting – Richard Brimer  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Commissioner Cofer requested to keep informed on the SOS amendment process.**

**Commissioner Brimer requested applicant and public presentation materials be distributed to commissioners prior to the meeting.**

**Chair Bedford adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.**