



**Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
December 4, 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
Mariana Krueger
Melinda Schiera
Hanna Cofer, Vice Chair

Colin Nickells
Jennifer Bristol, Secretary
David Sullivan
Richard Brimer
Perry Bedford, 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 6, 2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

2. **Name:** Dredge of Channel Rd. Lagoon, SP-2023-0376D
Applicant: Stephen Hawkins, Aqua Permits
Location: 4824 Laguna Ln, Austin, TX, 78746
Council District: District 8
Staff: Miranda Reinhard, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department; 512-978-1537, miranda.reinhard@austintexas.gov
Applicant request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261(C)(9)(a) to allow more than 25 cubic yards of dredging in Lake Austin.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions

3. **Name:** Loyola Flats, SP-2024-0147C.SH
Applicant: Allison Lehman, Kimley-Horn
Location: 6700 Decker Lane, Austin, TX, 78724
Council District: District 1
Staff: Miranda Reinhard, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department; 512-978-1537, miranda.reinhard@austintexas.gov
Applicant request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261(G) to allow floodplain modification in the Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ)
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and recommendation on strategies to improve the tree canopy in Austin – Environmental Commissioners Richard Brimer and Melinda Schiera

5. Discussion and recommendation on the Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan – Environmental Commissioners Haris Qureshi and David Sullivan

COMMITTEE UPDATES

6. Update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee on November 1st – Jennifer Bristol

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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