



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
August 19, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Boards & Commissions 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair (D-9)	Marisa Perales, Vice Chair (D-2)	Andrew Creel (D-1)	Pam Thompson (D-3)
Erin Gooch (D-4)	Mary Ann Neely (D-5)	Michael Moya (D-6)	Peggy Maceo (D-7)
Hank Smith (D-8)	Richard Grayum (D-10)	Brian Smith (Mayor)	

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**
Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.
 - 3. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**
None
 - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission meeting of August 5, 2015.
 - 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. Discussion of Environmental Officer updates and report
 - b. Review the Environmental Commission handbook
 - 6. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Nomination and election of Commission Secretary
 - b. Appoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the Joint Sustainability Committee per Resolution No. 20150604-048.
 - c. Reappoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the Parkland Events Task Force per Resolution No. 20150305-0025.

- d. Review and discuss the process for making motions.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** 8818 Big View #4 SP-2014-0227DS
Applicant: Raj and Santosh Singla; Bruce Aupperle
Location: 8818 Big View Drive #4
Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Brent Bellinger, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff
Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone
Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (pre 2014 Lake Austin Ordinance)
Request: 1) To make a recommendation to the Land Use Commission for a required approval of dredging up to 56 cubic yards in Lake Austin. 25-8-652
Staff Recommendation: Deny
Reason: The project can be built with much less dredge and therefore the request for 56 yards is considered excessive.
- b. **Name:** St. Catherine of Siena Church Improvements SP-2014-0476C
Applicant: Urban Design Group, James Wilsford, P.E.
Location: 4800 Convict Hill Road
Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal, Environmental Reviewer; Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer
Watershed: Williamson Creek (Suburban, Barton Springs Zone)
Request: Amend City Code Section 25-8-514 (Save Our Springs) and Section 25-8-261 (Critical Water Quality Zone Development to allow the proposed redevelopment to exceed impervious cover limits, modify water quality requirements and allow specific development within the Critical Water Quality Zone.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended
Reason: Proposed project provides improved water quality treatment for the area to be redeveloped and reduces pollutant discharge as compared to existing conditions.
- c. **Name:** Pilot Knob Planned Unit Development C814-2012-0152
Applicant: Carma Easton, Inc (Logan Kimble); Armbrust & Brown, L.L.P. (Lynn Ann Carley)
Location: East William Cannon Drive
Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Wendy Rhoades, Planning & Zoning Department/Case Manager
Watershed: Cottonmouth Creek, North Fork Dry Creek, and South Fork Dry Creek Watersheds (Suburban) Desired Development Zone
Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (current Code)
Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including environmental code modifications and environmental superiority elements.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval.
Reason: The proposed PUD is environmentally superior to development that could otherwise be built under applicable regulations.

9. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and recommend proposed revisions to Chapter 6-5 of the Code applicable to watercraft and marinas – Michael Carolan, Water Utility Legal Coordinator, Austin Water Utility

- b. Staff briefing on an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 and City Code Chapter 15 regarding recycling and reuse of materials generated by building and demolition permits (Construction Material Recycling Ordinance) – Raine Woody, Austin Resource Recovery
- c. Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception and past proposed amendments – Erin Wood, Watershed Protection Department

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- b. Other reports from Board members.

11. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

12. ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Environmental Board, please contact **Jessica Coronado**, Watershed Protection Department, at (512) 974-3443.



Future Agenda Items Requested by Board, as of August 2015

Request Date	Topic	Requestor	Staff	Agency	EB Meeting Date
Standing item WILL BE COMPLETED SPRING 2015	WTP4 TM Quarterly report on project status and Environmental Commissioning	Board	Robyn Smith, Chuck Lesniak	PW, WPD	Quarterly
11/5/14 **	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION Provide information for new Council members regarding the Environmental Board functions	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	Pending
11/5/14	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION Presentation about environmental issues for each district	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	July/August 2015
11/5/14	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION Watershed Protection Department to brief the Environmental Board with the same presentation material provided to new City Council	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	July/August 2015
3/4/15	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION How the ozone is formed	Mary Ann Neely/ Environmental Board	Pharr Andrews Cari Beutow	ATD ATD	Pending
6/3/15	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION: Isolating fecal bacteria sources in Austin creeks	Staff	Chris Herrington	WPD	Pending

7/15/15	Introduction of Texas A&M's Central Texas Regional Urban Forester	Environmental Officer	Brad Hamel		September 2
5/6/15	Update on the voluntary buyout program	Environmental Board		WPD	Pending
4/15/15	Update on the Zucker report and outline of the structure of the two departments: Development Services Department and Planning & Zoning Department	Environmental Board	Rodney Gonzalez George Adams	Development Services Department and Planning & Zoning Department	Pending
6/17/15	Discuss possible action regarding the use of neonicotinoids in the City	Environmental Board	Chris Herrington Luke Metzger	WPD Environment TX	Pending
2/18/15	Briefing from City Clerk on new Council Committee structure and procedures	Environmental Board		Clerk's Office	Pending
4/6/15	SOS Amendment for the Eliza Springs Daylighting	Staff	Chris Herrington	WPD	Pending
5/20/15	Briefing on spring flow and spring rehab study	Environmental Board	Mike Personett	WPD	Pending
6/3/15	Update on Shady Hollow annexation and W/WW service	Environmental Board		WPD AWU	Pending
6/3/15	Update on local flooding along Hemphill and E 33 rd Street	Environmental Board		WPD	Pending
6/3/15	Update on Green Infrastructure and CodeNEXT	Environmental Board		WPD	Pending
6/3/15	Update on Imagine Austin and the overlay on watersheds	Environmental Board		WPD	Pending