



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at City Hall Boards & Commissions Meeting Room, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Andrew Creel  
Brian Smith  
Erin Gooch  
Hank Smith  
Marisa Perales  
Mary Ann Neely  
Mary Gay Maxwell  
Richard Grayum  
Michael Moya  
Pam Thompson  
Peggy Maceo**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Andrea Bates  
Atha Phillips  
Brent Bellinger  
Chuck Lesniak  
Erin Wood  
Jessica Coronado  
Jim Dymkowski  
Liz Johnston  
Michelle Adlong  
Mike McDougal  
Wendy Rhoades**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.**

### **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.

**There were no speakers.**

### **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.

**The approval of the minutes from the August 5, 2015 Environmental Commission meeting was made on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on Commissioner Marisa Perales' second. Vote 11-0-0-0.**

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- a. Discussion of Environmental Officer updates and report  
**Item posted as conducted. No action taken.**
- b. Review the Environmental Commission handbook  
**Item posted as conducted. No action taken.**

**6. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- d. Review and discuss the process for making motions.  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

**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.  
**The recommendation for denial was made on Commissioner Marisa Perales' motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 8-3-0-0.**

**9. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- c. Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception and past proposed amendments – Erin Wood, Watershed Protection Department  
**Item posted as conducted. No action taken.**

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- 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.

**There was one speaker: Mary Castetter was neutral on the item.**

**The recommendation for approval was made on a friendly amendment by Commissioner Marisa Perales and was accepted by the maker of the motion, Commissioner Hank Smith, and by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely, who seconded the motion. Vote 11-0-0-0.**

- 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.  
**The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 1-10-0-0. Commissioner Richard Grayum recused due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.**

## **6. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Nomination and election of Commission Secretary  
**The motion to nominate Commissioner Hank Smith as Secretary of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Commissioner Marisa Perales'. Vote 11-0-0-0.**
- b. Appoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the Joint Sustainability Committee per Resolution No. 20150604-048.  
**The motion to appoint Commissioner Erin Gooch to the Joint Sustainability Committee was made by Commissioner Marisa Perales and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 11-0-0-0.**
- c. Reappoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the Parkland Events Task Force per Resolution No. 20150305-0025.  
**The motion to appoint Commissioner Erin Gooch to the Joint Sustainability Committee was made by Commissioner Marisa Perales and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 11-0-0-0.**

## **7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

None

## **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  
**The item was postponed. No action was taken.**

- d. 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  
**The item was postponed. No action was taken.**

**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**

**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 10:00pm.**

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