



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting  
September 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Boards & Commissions Meeting Room, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701**

# **Agenda**

## **COMMISSIONERS:**

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| Andrew Creel (D-1)     | Marisa Perales (D-2)  | 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) |
| Mary Gay Maxwell (D-9) | Richard Grayum (D-10) | Brian Smith (Mayoral) |                  |

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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. EDUCATION**  
a. Rainscape rebate –Chris Charles, Conservation Program Specialist, Austin Water Utility; Jessica Wilson, Education Manager, Watershed Protection Department
  - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**  
a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of September 2, 2015.
  - 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER’S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**  
a. Update on Planned Unit Developments
  - 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**  
a. None
  - 7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**  
a. Overview of City of Austin’s Development Services Tree Division – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Development Services Department
  - 8. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Watershed Protection Department's Summary of Youth Education Program Outreach during the 2015 Fiscal Year – Susan Wall, Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
- b. Briefing on the regional wastewater management stakeholder process and potential rule-making petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – Chris Herrington, P.E., Manager, Water Resource Evaluation Section, Watershed Protection Department
- c. Update on the Watershed Protection Master Plan and overview of the Master Plan Problem Score Map Viewer – Jean Drew, Environmental Policy Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Report from Mary Gay Maxwell on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- b. Other reports from Commissioners
- c. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force
- d. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee
- e. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee

**10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Future Agenda Items Requested by Board, as of August 2015**

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

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| 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<br><br>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<br>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 |
| 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 <sup>rd</sup> Street   | Environmental Board |                                     | WPD  | Pending |
| 6/3/15  | Update on Imagine Austin and the overlay on watersheds  | Environmental Board |                                     | WPD  | Pending |