



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 2, 2015

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at City Hall Boards & Commissions Meeting Room, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel
Brian Smith
Hank Smith
Mary Ann Neely
Mary Gay Maxwell
Richard Grayum
Michael Moya
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo

Commissioners Absent:

Erin Gooch
Marisa Perales

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
Daryl Slusher
Erin Wood
Gena McKinley
Jessica Coronado
Liz Johnston
Matt Hollon
Michael Carolan
Mike McDougal
Paul DiGiuseppe
Scott Hiers
Sherri Kuhl
Tony Canales
Woody Raine

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.
 - 2. EDUCATION**
 - a. Review the Environmental Commission handbook
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - 3. 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.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of August 19, 2015.
Item 6c on the minutes from August 19 was amended to reflect that Commissioner Pam Thompson was appointed to the Parkland Events Task Force.

The approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2015 meeting as amended was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Erin Gooch were absent.

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

- a. Introduction of the Central Texas Regional Urban Forester from Texas A&M Forest Service, Bradley Hamel
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Mayes Boat Dock SP-2014-0182D
Applicant: Permit Partners; David Cancialosi
Location: 3715 Westlake Drive
Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Scott Hiers, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff
Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed / Water Supply Rural Classification / Drinking Water Protection Zone
Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (pre-2014 Lake Austin Ordinance)
Request: Variance requests are as follows:
1. To allow construction of a boat dock, shoreline access, and shoreline stabilization within a CEF buffer for a canyon rimrock [LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b)]; and
 2. To allow fill up to 8 feet [LDC 25-8-342(A)]

Staff Recommendation: Variance 1: recommended with conditions. Variance 2: no recommendation.

Reason: Variance 1: Findings of fact have been met. Variance 2: Findings of fact have not been met.

The recommendation for approval to allow construction of a boat dock, shoreline access, and shoreline stabilization within a CEF buffer for a canyon rimrock was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Erin Gooch were absent.

The recommendation for approval to allow fill up to 8 feet was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Erin Gooch were absent.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Appoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the BCCP Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – Sherri Kuhl, BCP Program Manager, Austin Water Utility
The appointment of Commissioner Mary Ann Neely to the BCCP Citizens Advisory Committee was approved on Commissioner Pam Thompson's motion and on

Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Erin Gooch were absent.

- b. 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 recommendation to approve the proposed revisions to Chapter 6-5 of the Code applicable to watercraft and marinas was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Andrew Creel's second. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Erin Gooch were absent.

- c. 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) – Woody Raine, Waste Diversion Planner Sr., Austin Resource Recovery

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- d. Final report from the Green Infrastructure working group – Erin Wood, Principal Planner, Watershed Protection Department; Matt Hollon, Environmental Conservation Manager, Watershed Protection Department

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Watershed Protection Department's Summary of Youth Education Program Outreach during the 2015 Fiscal Year – Susan Wall, Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

Item was postponed.

- b. Overview of the City Arborist and Urban Forestry Programs – Michael Embesi, Arborist, Development Services Department

Item was postponed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell provided a report.

- b. Other reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Pam Thompson provided a report on the Parkland Events Task Force.

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

1. Briefing on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan (BCCP).
2. Report on the regional wastewater management stakeholder process.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

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