

Environmental Commission Regular Meeting February 3, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. City Hall Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2nd Street Austin, Texas 78701

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

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 (Mayor)

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. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of January 13, 2016.

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

a. Update on erosion issues at 708 Josephine Street

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION*

a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Name: Gallagher Boat Dock SP-2015-0232DS (D-10)

Applicant: David Cancialosi **Location:** 3909 Westlake Drive

Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services/Environmental Staff; Scott Grantham,

Development Services/Case Manager

Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request: 1) To allow the construction of a boat dock, access maintenance and the installation of a new hand rail within several 150 foot Critical Environmental Feature buffers (Canyon Rimrock,

Springs/Seep). 25-8-281 (C)(2)(B)

Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval

Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.

b. Name: Restoration Temple of Deliverance Ministries SP-2015-0004C (D-1)

Applicant: IT Gonzales Engineers (Bill Graham, PE)

Location: 6301 Moonglow Drive

Staff Reviewer: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Development Services/Environmental Staff; Benny Ho,

Development Services/Case Manager

Watershed: Walnut Creek Watershed, Suburban

Request: To allow construction in a critical water quality zone of a drive and required grading to

provide primary access. [LDC 25-8-261]

Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.

Reasons for Recommendation: Findings of fact have been met.

c. Name: Bowie High School Practice Fields (SP-2014-0465DX) (D-8)

Applicant: Austin Independent School District (Florence Rice)

Location: 3900-1/2 West Slaughter Lane

Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Development Services/Environmental Staff; Nikki Hoelter,

Development Services/Case Manager

Watershed: Slaughter Creek Watershed (Barton Springs Zone), Drinking Water Protection Zone **Request:** To allow approximately 17,000 square feet of a natural grass football/practice field to be within the water quality transition zone of a minor classified waterway within a Barton Springs Zone watershed. LDC Section 25-8-482 (A) (1)

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval.

Reasons for Recommendation: Findings of fact have not been met; however, the proposed location of the field reduces the magnitude of the variance needed, encroachment into adjacent water quality controls, and is consistent with the agreement between AISD and the City of Austin. Thus the variance is recommended by the Environmental Officer.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee
- b. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee
- c. Development Committee
- d. Water Quality Regulations Committee
- e. Watershed Protection Budget Committee
- f. Air Quality Committee
- g. Report from Mary Gay Maxwell on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- h. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force
- i. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee
- j. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee
- k. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board
- 1. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

11. ADJOURNMENT

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