



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at City in Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

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

**Commissioner Absent:**

**Andrew Creel**  
**Erin Gooch**

**Staff in Attendance:**

Andrea Bates  
Chuck Lesniak  
Jessica Coronado  
Mateo Scoggins

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
  - 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**  
There were no speakers.
  - 3. EDUCATION**
    - a. None
  - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
    - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of February 3, 2016.  
**The minutes of the regular meeting of the Environmental Commission meeting on February 3, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 8-3. Commissioners Erin Gooch and Andrew Creel were absent and Commissioner Michael Moya was off the dais.**
  - 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- a. Update on City Council's Action on St. Catherine of Siena Church – Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Item posted as conducted. No action taken.**

**6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. None

**7. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION\***

- a. Update on the 303(d) list and TMDLs per district – Mateo Scoggins, P.E., Watershed Protection Department  
**Item posted as conducted. No action taken.**
- b. Zilker Park Regulatory Overview – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department  
**Item posted as conducted. No action taken.**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. None

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- b. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee
- c. Development Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Richard Grayum, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- d. Water Quality Regulations Committee - Mary Ann Neely, Brian Smith, Peggy Maceo, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Richard Grayum, and Andrew Creel
- e. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson  
**Commissioner Maxwell provided a report.**
- f. Air Quality Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson  
**Commissioner Neely provided a report.**
- g. Urban Forest Working Group – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, and Erin Gooch.  
**Commissioner Maxwell provided a report.**
- h. Report from Mary Gay Maxwell on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- i. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force  
**Commissioner Thompson provided a report.**

- i. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee  
**Commissioner Maxwell provided a report.**
- 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 – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, and Michael Moya  
**Commissioner Maxwell provided a report.**
- l. Other reports from Commissioners  
**Chair Maxwell and Environmental Officer Chuck Lesniak provided a report on the current developments of the proposed SH45 highway.**

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

- 1. **Chair Maxwell requested ongoing updates on the development of the proposed SH45 highway.**
- 2. **A meeting of the Water Quality Regulations Subcommittee will be set to discuss the 303(d) list and TMDLs.**
- 3. **A meeting of the Development Subcommittee will be set to discuss the Eliza Daylighting project.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.**

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