



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at City in Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

**Amanda Ross
Andrew Clamann
Chuck Lesniak
David Johns
Jessica Coronado
Kevin Thuesen
Sherri Kuhl**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Vice Chair Marisa Perales called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
 - 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 March 23, 2016.
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of March 23, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-0.
 - 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. Update on the Audit & Finance Committee's action on the Environmental Commission's bylaws and enabling ordinance.

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION*

- a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed SH45 Southwest tollway.

The item was referred for discussion to a joint meeting of the Environmental Committee's Urban Growth Policy Subcommittee and Water Quality Regulations Subcommittee on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-0.

There was one speaker: Bill Bunch

- b. Discuss and consider a resolution honoring Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Commission Chair.

A resolution honoring Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Commission Chair was approved on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on Commissioner Peggy Maceo's second. Vote 10-0.

Recommendations to encourage the fulfillment of Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell's legacy were approved on Commissioner Erin Gooch's motion and on Commissioner Pam Thompson's second. Vote 10-0.

There were three speakers:

**-Julie Jenkins
-Toni Guckert
-Tom Guckert**

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Marisa Perales, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- b. Development Committee –Marisa Perales, Richard Grayum, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- c. Water Quality Regulations Committee - Mary Ann Neely, Brian Smith, Peggy Maceo, Erin Gooch, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Richard Grayum, and Andrew Creel
- d. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- e. Air Quality Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Erin Gooch, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- f. Urban Forest Working Group – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, and Erin Gooch.

- g. Report 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 – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, and Michael Moya
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- 1. Reschedule the postponed meetings of the following subcommittees: Air Quality; Watershed Protection Budget; plus the Urban Forest Working Group.**
- 2. Scheduled a joint meeting of the Urban Growth Policy Subcommittee and the Water Quality Regulations Subcommittee to discuss SH45.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Marisa Perales adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

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