



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of July 2015 to June 2016

(This report is due in the first quarter of each calendar year for the previous year.)

Environmental Commission **(Official Name of Board or Commission)**

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) **is:**

- (A) In this section, "department" means the Watershed Protection Department.
- (B) The Environmental Commission should include:
 - (1) members who have demonstrated concern for and the desire to improve the status of the natural resources and living environment of the City;
 - (2) members who have professional expertise, or who have demonstrated expertise, in geology, hydrology, civil engineering, land planning, ecology, arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape architecture; and
 - (3) one Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District board member or staff person who has professional expertise in geology, hydrology, or ecology.
- (C) A member described in Subsection (B) (3) need not be a City resident.
- (D) Not more than three members should be employed in land development or related activities.
- (E) The department director and the director of the Development Services Department are ex officio members of the commission for the purpose of deliberation on a matter relating to the Watershed Protection Department or the Development Services Department, respectively.
- (F) The commission may:
 - (1) review and analyze the policies relating to the environmental quality of the city;
 - (2) act as an advisory board to the city council, the city manager, and the department in their efforts to oversee the protection and integrity of the natural environment;

- (3) promote growth management and land use planning, minimize degradation of water resources, protect downstream areas, and promote recreation opportunities and environmental awareness; and
- (4) advise and recommend on any issue which the commission determines necessary or advisable for the enhancement and stewardship of the urban forest both public and private.

(G) The commission shall:

- (1) assist the city council, the city manager, and the department in studying, promoting and enforcing environmental protection policies to assure the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of all citizens within the City's incorporated boundaries as well as those within its extraterritorial jurisdiction where the boundaries apply; and
- (2) oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the planting, maintenance, and replacement of trees in the City's jurisdiction, and revise the plan as necessary. When a portion of the plan has been developed and established, it shall be submitted to the city council for adoption before implementation.

(H) The commission shall advise the city council, the city manager, and the department concerning policies, projects, and programs that affect the quality of life or have the potential to affect the environment, including those that relate to or affect:

- (1) water quality:
 - (a) watershed protection;
 - (b) urban runoff;
 - (c) innovative wastewater treatment;
 - (d) regional wastewater treatment;
 - (e) improvement and protection of the Colorado River and the Edwards Aquifer; and
 - (f) wastewater irrigation;
- (2) growth management and land use planning:
 - (a) municipal utility district review;
 - (b) capital improvement project review; and
 - (c) the comprehensive plan;
- (3) construction controls for erosion and sedimentation;
- (4) City environmental policies regarding monitoring and enforcement;
- (5) solid waste disposal plan alternatives;
- (6) watershed protection:

- (a) flood control;
- (b) erosion control;
- (c) water quality; and
- (d) utility management;
- (7) roadway planning;
- (8) beautification;
- (9) recreation resources;
- (10) public education on environmental matters;
- (11) hazardous waste materials management;
- (12) revegetation and landscaping;
- (13) air quality;
- (14) noise abatement; and
- (15) all matters pertaining to the City's urban forest, including public and private trees.

(I) The commission shall:

- (1) review all variances to requirements for water quality protection;
- (2) review the monitoring of storm water runoff in developed and undeveloped areas;
- (3) review the efficiency of existing and proposed structural and nonstructural water quality controls;
- (4) periodically review the effectiveness of Chapter 25-4 (*Subdivision*);
- (5) review waste treatment permits within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction;
- (6) review programs and policies for flood control, erosion control, and water quality;
- (7) review capital improvement projects;
- (8) review municipal utility district proposals and amendments;
- (9) review roadway plan amendments;
- (10) recommend urban runoff standards; and
- (11) review the environmental elements of planned unit developments.

(J) The commission may recommend and initiate, with the advice and consent of the city council, specific project studies concerning any of the matters described in Subsections (H) and (I), or any other related environmental or urban forestry issue.

- (K) The commission shall make reports and recommendations for standards and criteria concerning any of the matters described in Subsections (H) and (I), or any other related environmental or urban forestry issue.
- (L) The commission shall promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting natural resource, environmental, and urban forestry activities, so that all similar activities within the city may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.
- (M) A project for which commission review is required:
 - (1) must be submitted to the appropriate staff before the meeting at which it will be considered; and
 - (2) may not be considered by the Planning Commission, the Zoning and Platting Commission, or the city council until the commission has had an opportunity to review the project at a regularly scheduled meeting and to report its findings.

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.) **See attached spreadsheet.**

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

(If any of the board's actions were outside the scope of the mission statement, the report should explain the non-compliance issues.)

The actions taken by the Environmental Commission complied with the scope of the mission statement.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

(Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.)

The goals and objectives for 2016-2017 are:

The Commission intends to continue to fulfill its responsibilities as expressed in City Code and in the Commission's bylaws. In addition, the Commission intends to follow up on the Flood Mitigation Task Force Report and work on implementing some of the recommendations included in that Report.

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1	Officer elections	8/5/2015													R	P					The motion to nominate Mary Gay Maxwell as Chair of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Commissioner Peggy Maceo. Vote 9-2. Brian Smith was absent and Michael Moya was off the dais. The motion to nominate Marisa Perales as Vice Chair of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Peggy Maceo and seconded by Commissioner Pam Thompson. Vote 9-2. Brian Smith was absent and Michael Moya was off the dais. The motion to nominate Hank Smith as Secretary of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Andrew Creel and seconded by Commissioner Richard Grayum. A substitute motion to postpone the nomination of a secretary to a future meeting when all commissioners are in attendance was made by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Commissioner Marisa Perales. Vote 9-2. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent and Commissioner Michael Moya was off the dais.
2	Discuss and consider for recommendation the City of Austin contract with Austin Youth River Watch – R. Brent Lyles, Executive Director, Austin Youth River Watch	8/5/2015															R				The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and seconded by Commissioner Pam Thompson. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.
3	Land Development Code Common Terms and Acronyms – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department	8/5/2015															x				No action taken. Item posted as conducted.
4	Overview of Land Use Review and the Development Process – George Adams, Andy Linseisen, Sue Barnett, Development Services Department, Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department	8/5/2015															x				No action taken. Item posted as conducted.
5	Name: 8818 Big View #4 SP-2014-0227D Applicant: Raj and Santosh Singla; Bruce Aupperle, P.E., engineer Location: 8818 Big View Drive #4 Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Rosemary Avila, Development Services Department/Case Manager; Brent Bellinger, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: To allow dredging up to 56 cy. 25-8-652(E). Staff Recommendation: Deny	8/5/2015														P					The recommendation to postpone the item was made on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.
6	Name: Caven Boat Dock SP-2015-0202DS Applicant: Caven Hubbard Scott Jr Trust; Phil Moncada agent Location: 2806 Scenic Drive Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Christine Barton-Holmes, Development Services Department/Case Manager; Sylvia Pope, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff Watershed: Taylor Slough North (Water Supply Suburban), Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: To allow the construction of a boat dock within a 150 foot Critical Environmental Feature buffer (Canyon Rimrock/Bluff). 25-8-281(C)(2) (B). Staff Recommendation: Approve	8/5/2015						R													The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-0-0-1. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.

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7	Tree Protection: Regulations and Review Process – Keith Mars, Development Services Department	8/5/2015															x				No action taken. Item posted as conducted.
8	Planned Unit Developments – Wendy Rhoades, Planning and Zoning Department; Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department	8/5/2015															x				No action taken. Item posted as conducted.
9	Review the Environmental Commission handbook	8/19/2015															x				No action taken. Item posted as conducted.
10	Review and discuss the process for making motions	8/19/2015															x				No action taken. Item posted as conducted.
11	Name: 8818 Big View #4 SP-2014-0227DS Applicant: Raj and Santosh Singla; Bruce Aupperle Location: 8818 Big View Drive #4 Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Brent Bellingier, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (pre 2014 Lake Austin Ordinance) Request: 1) To make a recommendation to the Land Use Commission for a required approval of dredging up to 56 cubic yards in Lake Austin. 25-8-652 Staff Recommendation: Deny Reason: The project can be built with much less dredge and therefore the request for 56 yards is considered excessive	8/19/2015				D															The recommendation for denial was made on Commissioner Marisa Perales' motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 8-3-0-0.
12	Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception and past proposed amendments – Erin Wood, Watershed Protection Department	8/19/2015															x				No action taken. Item posted as conducted.
13	Name: St. Catherine of Siena Church Improvements SP-2014-0476C Applicant: Urban Design Group, James Wilsford, P.E. Location: 4800 Convict Hill Road Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal, Environmental Reviewer; Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer Watershed: Williamson Creek (Suburban, Barton Springs Zone) Request: Amend City Code Section 25-8-514 (Save Our Springs) and Section 25-8-261 (Critical Water Quality Zone Development) to allow the proposed redevelopment to exceed impervious cover limits, modify water quality requirements and allow specific development within the Critical Water Quality Zone. Staff Recommendation: Recommended Reason: Proposed project provides improved water quality treatment for the area to be redeveloped and reduces pollutant discharge as compared to existing conditions.	8/19/2015							R												The recommendation for approval was made on a friendly amendment by Commissioner Marisa Perales and was accepted by the maker of the motion, Commissioner Hank Smith, and by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely, who seconded the motion. Vote 11-0.

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14	<p>Name: Pilot Knob Planned Unit Development C814-2012-0152 Applicant: Carma Easton, Inc (Logan Kimble); Armbrust & Brown, L.L.P. (Lynn Ann Carley) Location: East William Cannon Drive Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Wendy Rhoades, Planning & Zoning Department/Case Manager Watershed: Cottonmouth Creek, North Fork Dry Creek, and South Fork Dry Creek Watersheds (Suburban) Desired Development Zone Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (current Code) Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including environmental code modifications and environmental superiority elements. Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval. Reason: The proposed PUD is environmentally superior to development that could otherwise be built under applicable regulations.</p>	8/19/2015									R										<p>The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 1-10-0-0. Commissioner Richard Grayum recused.</p>
15	Nomination and election of Commission Secretary	8/19/2015																			<p>The motion to nominate Commissioner Hank Smith as Secretary of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Commissioner Marisa Perales. Vote 11-0-0-0.</p>
16	Appoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the Joint Sustainability Committee per Resolution No. 20150604-048.	8/19/2015																			<p>The motion to appoint Commissioner Erin Gooch to the Joint Sustainability Committee was made by Commissioner Marisa Perales and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 11-0-0-0.</p>
17	Reappoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the Parkland Events Task Force per Resolution No. 20150305-0025.	8/19/2015																			<p>The motion to appoint Commissioner Pam Thompson to the Parkland Events Task Force was made by Commissioner Marisa Perales and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 11-0-0-0.</p>
18	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	8/19/2015														P					<p>The item was postponed.</p>
19	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) – Raine Woody, Austin Resource Recovery	8/19/2015														P					<p>The item was postponed.</p>
20	Review the Environmental Commission handbook	9/2/2015															X				<p>Item conducted as posted. No action was taken.</p>
21	Introduction of the Central Texas Regional Urban Forester from Texas A&M Forest Service, Bradley Hamel	9/2/2015															X				<p>Item conducted as posted. No action was taken.</p>

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22	<p>Name: Mayes Boat Dock SP-2014-0162D</p> <p>Applicant: Permit Partners; David Cancialosi</p> <p>Location: 3715 Westlake Drive</p> <p>Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer;</p> <p>Scott Hiers, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff</p> <p>Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed / Water Supply Rural</p> <p>Classification / Drinking Water Protection Zone</p> <p>Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (pre-2014 Lake Austin Ordinance)</p> <p>Request: Variance requests are as follows:</p> <p>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</p> <p>2. To allow fill up to 8 feet [LDC 25-8-342(A)]</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Variance 1: recommended with conditions. Variance 2: no recommendation.</p> <p>Reason: Variance 1: Findings of fact have been met. Variance 2: Findings of fact have not been met.</p>	9/2/2015					R														<p>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 9-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Erin Gooch were absent.</p>
23	Appoint a member of the Environmental Commission to the BCCP Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – Sherri Kuhl, BCP Program Manager, Austin Water Utility	9/2/2015													R						<p>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 9-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Erin Gooch were absent.</p>
24	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	9/2/2015															R				<p>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 9-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Erin Gooch were absent.</p>
25	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	9/2/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
26	Final report from the Green Infrastructure working group – Erin Wood, Principal Planner, Watershed Protection Department; Matt Hollon, Environmental Conservation Manager, Watershed Protection Department	9/2/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
27	Watershed Protection Department's Summary of Youth Education Program Outreach during the 2015 Fiscal Year – Susan Wall, Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	9/2/2015														P					Item was postponed.
28	Overview of the City Arborist and Urban Forestry Programs – Michael Embesi, Arborist, Development Services Department	9/2/2015														P					Item was postponed.

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29	Rainscape rebate –Chris Charles, Conservation Program Specialist, Austin Water Utility; Jessica Wilson, Education Manager, Watershed Protection Department	9/16/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
30	Update on Planned Unit Developments	9/16/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
31	Overview of City of Austin's Development Services Tree Division – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Development Services Department	9/16/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
32	Watershed Protection Department's Summary of Youth Education Program Outreach during the 2015 Fiscal Year – Susan Wall, Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	9/16/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
33	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	9/16/2015															R				The recommendation to support the regional wastewater management stakeholder process on the condition that a draft of the proposed rule is presented to the Environmental Commission at an upcoming commission meeting was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 11-0.
34	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	9/16/2015															X				Item posted as conducted. No action taken.
35	Update on SH45 SW	10/7/2015															X				Item posted as conducted. No action taken.
36	Name: 504 East 8th Street Heritage Tree Variance (D-9) Applicant: Barton Creek Capital LLC Location: 504 East 8th City Arborist: Keith Mars, Development Services Department Request: The applicant is requesting to remove a heritage tree with a stem greater than 30 inches as allowed under LDC 25-8-643 Staff Recommendation: Recommended	10/7/2015														P					The item was postponed to the October 21 Environmental Commission meeting.
37	Name: Block 188 (D-9) Applicant: COA, Economic Development Department (Fred Evins)/ TC Austin Development Inc. (Clayton Baca) Location: 202 Nueces Street Staff Reviewer: Nikki Hoelter, Senior Planner, Development Services Department Watershed: Lady Bird Lake (Urban) Request: The applicant is requesting a recommendation on the site plan, which is located in the Waterfront Overlay, North Shore Subdistrict. Staff Recommendation: Recommended	10/7/2015											R								The recommendation to approve the request was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 9-2. Commissioners Marisa Perales and Brian Smith were absent.
38	Briefing on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan (BCCP) and the Water Quality Protection Land (WQPL) – Sherri Kuhl, BCP Program Manager, Austin Water Utility; Kevin Thuesen, PhD, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Austin Water Utility	10/7/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
39	Appoint three members of the Environmental Commission to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks & Recreation Board	10/7/2015														P					The item was postponed to the October 21 Environmental Commission meeting.

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40	Consider and make a recommendation on the Watershed Protection Department's Master Plan – Jean Drew, Environmental Policy Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department	10/21/2015															R				The recommendation to support the Watershed Protection Department's Master Plan was made on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and Commissioner Marisa Perales' second. Vote 8-0-2-1. Commissioners Richard Grayum and Michael Moya recused. Commissioner Hanks Smith was absent.
41	Update on the City of Austin proposed wastewater permitting rule-making petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Chris Herrington, PE, Watershed Protection Department.	10/21/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
42	Name: Heritage Tree Variance Applicant: Barton Creek Capital, LLC Location: 504 East 8th City Arborist: Keith Mars, Development Services Department Request: The applicant is requesting to remove two heritage trees with stems greater than 30 inches as allowed under LDC 25-8-643. Staff Recommendation: The request meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2), thus the variance is recommended.	10/21/2015										D									The approval to table item 7a and adjourn to meet again after the Lake Austin Training was approved on Commissioner Andrew Creel's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-0-0-1. Commissioner Hank Smith was absent. Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting back to order at 9:01pm. There was a substitute motion from Commissioner Richard Grayum to approve the request for granting the variance to allow removal of the tree. This motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Seconded by Mike Moya. Vote 3-7-0-1. Hank Smith was absent. The recommendation to deny the request to remove two heritage trees with stems greater than 30 inches was made on Commissioner Marisa Perales's motion and on Commissioner Peggy Maceo's second. Vote 7-3-0-1. Commissioner Hanks Smith was absent.
43	SH45 Update	11/4/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken
44	Park Place at Riverside subdivision	11/4/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken
45	The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development - Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority.	11/4/2015									P										This public hearing was postponed to December 16, 2015 on Commissioner Marisa Perales' motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 8-0-1-2. Commissioner Hank Smith abstained and Commissioners Andrew Creel and Michael Moya were absent.
46	Update on the localized flooding in the Hyde Park neighborhood and function of the Triangle pond during recent heavy rains – Jose Guerrero, Assistant Director, Watershed Protection Department	11/4/2015															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
47	Update and request for recommendation on the City of Austin proposed wastewater permitting rule-making petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Chris Herrington, PE, Watershed Protection Department	11/4/2015															R				The recommendation to support the TCEQ Rule-making Petition Policy was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 9-0. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Michael Moya were absent.
48	Annual Concession Report: Briefing on the status of Town Lake Concessions – Kirk Scanlon, Acting Sales and Events Manager, Parks & Recreation Department	11/4/2015																			Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
49	Appoint four members of the Environmental Commission to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks & Recreation Board	11/4/2015													X						Commissioners Michael Moya, Peggy Maceo, Mary Ann Neely and Mary Gay Maxwell were appointed to the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks & Recreation Board on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and Commissioner Marisa Perales' second. Vote 9-2. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Michael Moya were absent.
50	Approval of the Environmental Commission's new bylaws	11/4/2015																			This item was postponed.

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51	Briefing on Service Extension Requests Process – Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department	11/18/2015												X							Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
52	Briefing on the Planned Unit Development review process and updates on the status of The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development – Sherri Sirwaitis, Planner, Planning and Zoning Department, and Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	11/18/2015									X										Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
53	Briefing on Wastewater Service Extension Request #3683 Rolling Hills West Subdivision – Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department	11/18/2015												R							The recommendation to approve the Wastewater Service Extension Request #3683 Rolling Hills West Subdivision was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 11-0.
54	Briefing on the Planned Unit Development review process and updates on the status of The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development – Sherri Sirwaitis, Planner, Planning and Zoning Department, and Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	11/18/2015									X										Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
55	Name: Hart Residence SP-2011-0037D(R1) (D-6) Applicant: Phil Moncada Location: 13500 Pecan Drive Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: 1) A variance to 25-8-261 to allow the construction of a third access to an existing boat dock in a Critical Water Quality Zone Staff Recommendation: Deny Reasons: The findings of fact have not been met.	11/18/2015					RwC														There was a motion by Commissioner Andrew Creel, seconded by Mary Ann Neely to approve the request with conditions. The substitute motion to approve the request only if a feasibility study of the existing ramp with the addition of a lift to the boat house proved to have more of an environmental impact that the requested third access was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and Commissioner Mary Gay Maxwell's second. Vote 6-5.
56	Name: Sun Chase PUD C814-2012-0163 (D-2) Owner: Qualico CR, L.P. (Vera Massaro) Agent: Armbrust & Brown, L.L.P (Amanda Morrow) Location: 15201, 15810, 16070 Pearce Lane and 7910 Wolf Lane Staff Reviewer: James Dymkowski, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff; Wendy Rhoades, Planning & Zoning Department/Case Manager Watershed: Dry Creek East Watershed (Suburban) Desired Development Zone Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority. Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval with the condition that environmental superiority is met. Reasons: The proposed PUD is not environmentally superior to development that could otherwise be built under current applicable regulations.	11/18/2015														P					Item was postponed.
57	Adoption of the bylaws of the Environmental Commission	11/18/2015																			The recommendation to adopt the bylaws of the Environmental Commission was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 11-0.

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58	Adoption of the 2016 Environmental Commission meeting schedule.	11/18/2015																			The recommendation to adopt the 2016 Environmental Commission meeting schedule was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 11-0.
59	<p>Name: Sun Chase PUD Owner: Qualico CR, L.P. (Vera Massaro) Agent: Armbrust & Brown, L.L.P. (Richard Suttle) Location: 15201, 15810, 16070 Pearce Lane and 7910 Wolf Lane Staff Reviewer: Andrea Bates, Watershed Protection Department; James Dymkowski, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff; Wendy Rhoades, Planning & Zoning Department/Case Manager Watershed: Dry Creek East Watershed (Suburban) Desired Development Zone Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority. Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval with the condition that environmental superiority is met. Reasons: The proposed PUD is not environmentally superior to development that could otherwise be built under current applicable regulations.</p>	12/16/2015									RwC										The recommendation for approval with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Erin Gooch was absent.
60	<p>Name: The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development Applicant: ARG Bull Creek, LTD (Garrett Martin) Location: 4205 Bull Creek Road Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff; Sherri Sirwaitis, Planning & Zoning Department/Case Manager. Watershed: Shoal Creek Watershed Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority. Staff Recommendation: Postponement Reasons: Significant aspects of the PUD, including base zoning and transportation, remain to be addressed so there is no staff recommendation on the PUD as a whole at this time.</p>	12/16/2015														P					The recommendation to postpone the item indefinitely was made on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on Andrew Creel's second. Vote 7-1-1-2. Commissioner Erin Gooch was absent and Commissioner Pam Thompson was off the dais. Commissioner Hank Smith abstained. There was a friendly amendment made by Commissioner Richard Grayum to send the item for review to the Development Committee of the Environmental Commission prior to its placement on a future Environmental Commission agenda. This was not accepted by the maker of the motion or the second.
61	Briefing on the status of land acquisition activity and funding for the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and for Water Quality Protection Lands – Kevin Thuesen, Environmental Conservation Program Manager/WQPL, Austin Water Utility; Sherri Kuhl, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Program Manager, Austin Water Utility	1/13/2016															R				The Environmental Commission's recommendation to include funding language in the next bond elections propositions and the recommendation to explore other funding options for ongoing long-term funding for land acquisition for open space and urban space/parklands was approved on Commissioner Mary Gay Maxwell's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 9-2. Commissioner Marisa Perales and Commissioner Peggy Maceo were absent.

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62	Update on Dove Springs Flooding and the City's Buyout Project for Lower Onion Creek – Jose Guerrero, Assistant Director, Watershed Protection Department	1/13/2016															R				The Environmental Commission's commendation of the work of the Watershed Protection Department in the Lower Onion Creek Mitigation Buyout Project was approved on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 9-2. Commissioner Marisa Perales and Commissioner Peggy Maceo were absent.
63	Update on the resolution related to a rule to be proposed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the beneficial reuse of wastewater – Chris Herrington, Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department	1/13/2016															R				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
64	Flood Mitigation Task Force Update – Matt Rienstra, Chair, Flood Mitigation Task Force	1/13/2016															R				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
65	Update on erosion issues at 708 Josephine Street	2/3/2016															R				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
66	Gallagher Boat Dock SP-2015-0232DS (D-10) - 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.	2/3/2016				RwC															The recommendation to approve the request was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.
67	Restoration Temple of Deliverance Ministries SP-2015-0004C (D-1) - 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.	2/3/2016				RwC															The recommendation to approve the request with staff conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Pam Thompson's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.
68	Bowie High School Practice Fields (SP-2014-0465DX) (D-8) - 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.	2/3/2016					RwC														The recommendation to approve the request with conditions from staff and the Environmental Commission was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.
69	Update on City Council's Action on St. Catherine of Siena Church – Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	3/2/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
70	Update on the 303(d) list and TMDLs per district – Mateo Scoggins, P.E., Watershed Protection Department	3/2/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
71	Zilker Park Regulatory Overview – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	3/2/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
72	SH45 Update	3/23/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

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73	Briefing on the City's municipal legislative system as it pertains to items from the Environmental Commission – Jessica Coronado, Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	3/23/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
74	Eliza Springs Outlet Daylighting (as revision to Barton Springs General Grounds Improvements) SPC-2012-0104D. Request: Make a recommendation for a site specific amendment to City Code Section 25-8-514 (Save Our Springs Initiative) and variances to City Code Sections 25-8-281 and 25-8-341 to allow the proposed project to exceed impervious cover limits and cut requirements, exempt the project from the pollution control requirements of the Save Our Springs Initiative, and allow specific construction within the buffer of a critical environmental feature. Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval	3/23/2016								R											The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote was not taken. There was a friendly amendment from Commissioner Marisa Perales, which requested removal of the bald cypress trees, consideration from staff to reduce the proposed density of trees and substituting some of the trees with understory. This was not accepted. There was a substitute motion from Commissioner Marisa Perales with a second from Commissioner Erin Gooch to remove the bald cypress trees and request that staff consider reducing the proposed density of trees and substituting some of the trees with understory. This motion failed on a 3-7-1 vote. There was another substitute motion to consider removing the bald cypress trees, and consider reducing the proposed density of trees and substituting some of the trees with understory, which was approved on Commissioner Pam Thompson's motion and Commissioner Peggy Maceo's second. Vote 10-1.
75	Update on the wastewater rule making petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Chris Herrington, P.E., Watershed Protection Department	3/23/2016																			Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
76	Water Resource Evaluation Section programs and publicly available reports and data – Chris Herrington, P.E., Watershed Protection Departmen	3/23/2016														P					Item was postponed.
77	Update on the Audit & Finance Committee's action on the Environmental Commission's bylaws and enabling ordinance.	4/20/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
78	Discuss and consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed SH45 Southwest tollway	4/20/2016															X				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.
79	Discuss and consider a resolution honoring Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Commission Chair.	4/20/2016																X			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.
80	Cascades Planned Unit Development I at Onion Creek CD-2015-0017 Development Assessment Briefing – Wendy Rhoades, Planner Senior, Planning & Zoning Department; and Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	5/4/2016									X										Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
81	Briefing on Water Service Extension Request #3771 Wong 7.50 Acre Tract – Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department	5/4/2016												R							The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 8-2. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Mary Ann Neely were absent.
82	Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding amendments to lake development regulations – Liz Johnston, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	5/4/2016															R				The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 8-2. Commissioners Andrew Creel and Mary Ann Neely were absent.

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83	Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding a proposed amendment to the Land Development Code Waterfront Overlay Festival Beach Subdistrict regulations (Section 25-2- 735) including the area containing the RBJ Senior Center – Margaret Shaw, Economic Development Department and Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	5/4/2016								R											The recommendation for approval was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Richard Grayum's second. Vote 7-1-2. Commissioner Perales voted against and Commissioners Andrew Creel and Mary Ann Neely were absent.
84	Officer Elections	5/18/2016																			The motion to nominate and elect Marisa Perales as Chair of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Commissioner Hank Smith. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Michael Moya and Pam Thompson were off the dais. The motion to nominate and elect Peggy Maceo as Vice Chair of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Linda Guerrero and seconded by Commissioner Brian Smith. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Michael Moya and Pam Thompson were off the dais. 1 The motion to nominate and elect Hank Smith as Secretary and Parliamentarian of the Environmental Commission was made by Commissioner Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Commissioner Andrew Creel. Vote 9-0-0-2. Commissioners Michael Moya and Pam Thompson were off the dais.
85	Update on amendments to Environmental Commission enabling ordinance	5/18/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
86	30th Anniversary of the City of Austin Comprehensive Watersheds Ordinance – Sylvia Pope, Hydrogeologist, Watershed Protection Department and Sue Barnett, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Departme	5/18/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
87	Review of Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects in the Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ) – Kristi Fenton, Utility Financial Manager, Austin Water Utility	5/18/2016													R						Approval of Austin Water's Capital Improvement Projects in the Drinking Water Protection Zone was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Andrew Creel's second. Vote 11-0.
88	La Loma/Red Bluff Rd. Illegal Dumping – Oscar Garza, Watershed Protection Department and Tony Davee, Austin Resource Recovery Department	5/18/2016															X				Recommendation for support of a request to the City Manager to direct the appropriate City of Austin departments to investigate the illegal dumping with a Phase 1 ESA and to clean the site was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second, with conditions. Vote 11-0.
89	Briefing on the recommendations made by the Flood Mitigation Task Force – Matt Rienstra, Chair, Flood Mitigation Task Force	5/18/2016															X				The item was referred to a working group of the Environmental Commission.
90	Discuss and consider referring The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development to an Environmental Commission committee for consideration and recommendation to the Commission. (D-10)	5/18/2016									X										The item was referred to the Development Committee of the Environmental Commission on Commissioner Richard Grayum's motion and on Commissioner Michael Moya's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Hank Smith recused.
91	Briefing on the 2015 State of Our Environment Report	6/1/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
92	Update on the Environmental Commission's enabling ordinance and bylaws	6/1/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
93	La Loma/Red Bluff Rd. Illegal Dumping (D-1) – Oscar Garza, Watershed Protection Department	6/1/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

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94	Name: Milligan Subdivision C8J-2015-0176.0A (D-10) Applicant: IT Gonzales, PE 512-447-7400 Location: 6608 Cuesta Trail Staff Reviewer: Sylvia Pope, Watershed Protection Department; Steve Hopkins, Development Services Department Watershed: West Bull Creek Watershed, Water Supply Suburban, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Variance requests are as follows: 1 – To allow seven CEFs to be located within a single family residential lot [LDC 30-5-281(B)] and 2 – To reduce two CEF buffers to a 50 foot radius from the standard 150 foot radius [LDC 30-5-281(C)(1)(a)] Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions. Reasons for Recommendation: Findings of fact have been met.	6/1/2016						RwC													The motion to approve the recommendation with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's second and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 11-0.
95	Name: The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development Applicant: ARG Bull Creek, LTD (Garrett Martin) Location: 4205 Bull Creek Road Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff; Sherry Sirwaitis, Planning & Zoning Department/Case Manager. Watershed: Shoal Creek Watershed Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority. Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.	6/1/2016														P					The motion to postpone the item to the June 15, 2016 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission in order to negotiate and find resolution to various concerns was approved on Commissioner Peggy Maceo's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. A friendly amendment to the motion was made by Commissioner Erin Gooch and was accepted by the maker of the motion and unanimously by the Commission. The motion with the friendly amendment was approved on a 6-4-1 vote with Commissioners Gooch, Maceo, Perales, Neely, Guerrero and Thompson voting in favor; Commissioners B. Smith, H. Smith, Creel, and Moya voting against; and Commissioner H. Smith abstaining. A substitute motion to recommend approval of the request with conditions was made on Commissioner Richard Grayum's motion and on Commissioner Michael Moya's second. A friendly amendment to the substitute motion was made by Commissioner Andrew Creel and was accepted by the maker of the substitute motion but failed due to objection. The substitute motion failed on a 4-6-1 vote with Commissioners B. Smith, H. Smith, Creel, and Moya voting in favor; Commissioners Gooch, Maceo, Perales, Neely, Guerrero and Thompson voting in favor; and Commissioner H. Smith abstaining. A motion to extend the meeting beyond 10pm was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Pam Thompsons's second.
96	La Loma Timeline – Oscar Garza, Watershed Protection Department	6/15/2016															X				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
97	Briefing on Wastewater Service Extension Request #3800 Austin Waldorf School – Kelly Gagnon, Research Analyst Senior, Watershed Protection Department	6/15/2016												R							The recommendation to approve the Wastewater Service Extension Request #3800 Austin Waldorf School was made on Commissioner Richard Grayum's motion and on Commissioner Andrew Creel's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Hank Smith was absent.
98	Briefing on the proposed amendments to City Code, Chapter 15-2 Drainage Utility – Saul Nuccitelli, Consulting Engineer, Watershed Protection Department	6/15/2016															X				The recommendation to approve the proposed amendments to City Code, Chapter 15-2 as proposed by staff was made on Commissioner Andrew Creel's motion and on Commissioner Pam Thompson's second. Vote 7-3-1. Commissioners Marisa Perales, Erin Gooch, and Linda Guerrero voted against and Commissioner Hank Smith was absent.

