



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions Room at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo
Hank Smith
Linda Guerrero
Wendy Gordon

Commissioners Absent:

Marisa Perales
Mary Ann Neely
Brytne Kitchin
Brian Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Andrea Bates
Kaela Champlin
Chuck Lesniak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Maceo called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.

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.

Ana Aguirre spoke about the Onion Creek Flood Mitigation Study presentation given at the Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Meeting on June 7, 2017.

Pinaki Ghosh spoke about the presentation regarding the Ebony Acres area given by Oscar Garza at the May 17, 2017 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting.

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of May 17, 2017
A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of May 17, 2017 was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Perales, Neely, Kitchin and B. Smith were absent.

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

- a. New Requirements related to City Code Chapter 4-8: Registered Lobbyists
Item Conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***

- a. None

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

- a. None

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Discuss and consider an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Austin Independent School District—Nikki Hoelter, Senior Planner, Development Services Department and Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
A motion recommending a fast tracked public review process to amend the School District Land Development Standards Agreement between the City of Austin and Austin Independent School District was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 6-0 Vote. Commissioners Perales, Neely, Kitchin and B. Smith were absent.

Speakers

Cynthia Wilcox

David Todd

Bill Bunch

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Linda Guerrero, Wendy Gordon
- b. Development Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Mary Ann Neely, Brytne Kitchin
- c. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Linda Guerrero, Wendy Gordon
- d. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- e. Air Quality Committee –Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson and Wendy Gordon
- f. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely and Wendy Gordon
- g. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith and Brian Smith
Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee meeting of June 7, 2017.
- h. Report from Pam Thompson on the Visitor Impact Task Force
Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the Visitor Impact Task Force.
- i. Report 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 Linda Guerrero
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items
a. None

11. ADJOURNMENT
Vice Chair Maceo adjourned the meeting at 7:54 P.M.

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