



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions Room at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Andrew Creel  
Marisa Perales  
Pam Thompson  
Alesha Istvan  
Mary Ann Neely  
Peggy Maceo  
Hank Smith  
Linda Guerrero  
Brian Smith**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Brytne Kitchin  
Wendy Gordon**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Andrea Bates  
Kaela Champlin  
Matt Hollon  
Phillip Jaeger  
Mike Personett**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice Chair Perales called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.*

**Mike Cannatti of the Barton Springs Conservancy spoke about the Barton Springs Pool Master Plan plans and goals to improve the Barton Springs Pool water quality and flow regime.**

### **3. EDUCATION**

**a. None**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

**a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission regular meeting of August 2, 2017  
A motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2017 Environmental Commission regular meeting was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Maceo's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.**

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

- a. None

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS\***

- a. Youth Education Outreach—Susan Wall, Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

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

- a. Review and consider Development Services Department FY18 Budget—Rodney Gonzales, Director, Development Services Department  
**A motion to support the City Manager's FY 2017-2018 proposed budget request for the appropriate staff and resources, including the request for four full time employees within the Development Services Department, to support the code mandated requirements associated with Austin's Community Forest was made on Commissioner Maceo's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.**

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Discuss and consider amendments to the Land Development Code, including amendments to Sections 25-8-25, 25-8-26, 25-8-27, 25-8-211, and 30-5-211. This action concerns land located within the Barton Springs Zone—Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

**Speakers**

**Tom McDill**

**Hank Mol**

**Joel Wixson**

**Lauren Ross**

**Roy Waley**

**David Vitanza**

**Bobby Levinski**

**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Creel's motion, seconded by Commissioner Hank Smith on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.**

**A motion to recommend denial of the proposed amendments to the Land Development Code, including amendments to Sections 25-8-25, 25-8-26, 25-8-27, 25-8-211, and 30-5-211 was made on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 7-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Neely, Maceo, Guerrero and Brian Smith. Those voting nay were: Commissioner Creel and Hank Smith. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.**

- b. **Name:** The Preserve at Oak Hill Subdivision Water Service Extension Request #3953  
**Applicant:** All Points Construction LLC (Adrian de Leon)  
**Location:** 10304 Circle Drive, Austin, Texas  
**Staff:** Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Barton Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone  
**Request:** Review and consider for recommendation Water Service Extension Request #3953  
**Staff Recommendation:** Not recommended for approval

**Reasons for Recommendation:** The proposed extension would facilitate increased development intensity in a sensitive environmental area located outside of the City of Austin's full purpose jurisdiction.

**A motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.**

**A motion to recommend support of Water Service Extension Request #3953 failed on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, seconded by Commissioner Creel on a 5-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Creel, Hank Smith, Brian Smith and Guerrero. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Neely, and Maceo. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.**

**A motion to extend the meeting for 5 minutes was approved on Commissioner Creel's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.**

**A motion to recommend denial of Water Service Extension Request #3953 failed on Commissioner Thompson's motion, seconded by Commissioner Maceo on a 5-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Neely, and Maceo. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Creel, Hank Smith, Brian Smith and Guerrero. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.**

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection 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. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson and Wendy Gordon
- d. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely and Wendy Gordon
- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith and Brian Smith
- f. Report from Pam Thompson 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**

**Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 10:18 P.M.**

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