



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 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  
Hank Smith  
Linda Guerrero  
Brian Smith  
Wendy Gordon**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Brytne Kitchin  
Mary Ann Neely  
Peggy Maceo**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Kaela Champlin  
John Clement  
Ana Gonzales  
Amy Grossman  
Matt Hollon  
Chuck Lesniak  
Mike Kelly  
Lindsay Olinde  
Mateo Scoggins**

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

**Chair Perales called the meeting to order at 6:03 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.*

### **3. EDUCATION**

**a. None**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
  - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of August 16, 2017 **(5 minutes)**  
**A motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017 Environmental Commission regular meeting was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was off the dais. Commissioners Kitchin, Neely and Maceo were absent.**
5. **EDUCATION**
  - a. None
6. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
  - a. None
7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS\***
  - a. None
8. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - a. Presentation on upper Waller Creek Restoration: Stormwater and Reilly Elementary School—Ana Gonzales, Environmental Scientist Senior and Amy Grossman, Landscape Architect Associate, Watershed Protection Department **(20 minutes)**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
  - b. Briefing on Blackland Prairie Riparian Areas—Lindsay Olinde, Graduate Engineer A, and Mateo Scoggins, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department **(20 minutes)**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - a. None
10. **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

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

a. None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 7:29 P.M.**

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