



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

**Brytne Kitchin
Andy Creel**

Staff in Attendance:

**Andrea Bates
Kaela Champlin
Greg Guernsey
Sara Hartley
Matt Hollon
Taylor Horton
Liz Johnston
Marilyn Lamensdorf
Chuck Lesniak
Keith Mars
Karl McArthur
Joe Pantalione
Sylvia Pope
Wendy Rhoades
Jorge Rousselin
Jerry Rusthoven
Kelly Strickler**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Perales called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

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.

Speakers

Susana Almanza

3. EDUCATION

- a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of September 20, 2017 (**5 minutes**)

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting with a correction was approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Istvan was off the dais. Commissioners Kitchin and Creel were absent.

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

- a. Update on proposed amendments to Chapter 25-8 of the Land Development Code (**10 minutes**)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

- a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discussion related to the adoption and implementation of CodeNEXT and to CodeNEXT proposed regulations—Jerry Rusthoven, Manager, Planning and Zoning Department; and Matt Hollon, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department (**1 hour**)

Speakers

Daniel Llanes

Susana Almanza

Bobby Levinski

Item conducted as posted. Item 7a was referred to the Environmental Commission Urban Forestry and Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committees for further discussion.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Holdsworth Planned Unit Development, C814-2017-0024 (D-10)

Applicant: Armbrust & Brown, PLLC (David Armbrust)

Location: 4907 RM 2222 Road

Staff: Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

Wendy Rhoades, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department

Watershed: Lake Austin watershed, (Water Supply Suburban) Drinking Water Protection 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: Recommended with conditions.

(1 hour)

Item 8a was taken up before Item 7a.

Speakers

Berny Schiff

A motion to recommend the environmental aspects of the proposed Holdsworth PUD, including modifications and environmental superiority was approved with conditions on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Creel were absent.

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
Commissioner Neely gave an update 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
Commissioner Guerrero gave an update about the South Central Waterfront Advisory Committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM

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