



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

**Pamela Abee-Taulii
Andrea Bates
Sue Barnett
Kaela Champlin
Rodney Gonzales
Greg Guernsey
Sara Hartley
Matt Hollon
Chuck Lesniak
Eric Loucks
Kelly Strickler
Janna Renfro**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Perales called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.

Speakers

**Carlos León
Malcolm Yeatts
Gordon Kelley**

3. **EDUCATION**

- a. None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of February 7, 2018
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of February 7, 2018 were approved on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Guerrero was off the dais.

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

- a. None

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***

- a. None

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

- a. Update on Roy G. Guerrero Park channel stabilization project—Janna Renfro, Engineer C, Watershed Protection Department (30 minutes)

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

Speakers

Gordon Kelley

- b. Briefing on CodeNEXT Draft 3—Matt Hollon, Environmental Policy and Planning Manager, Watershed Protection Department (1 hour)

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. Update on Development Services Department's request for additional Full Time Employees for FY18-19—Rodney Gonzales, Director, Development Services Department (30 minutes)

Item 7c was taken up prior to Items 7a and 7b.

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. None

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, Alesha Istvan

- c. Air Quality Committee –Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson, Wendy Gordon and Alesha Istvan

- 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

- i. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee

- j. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyonlands 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, Linda Guerrero and Alesha Istvan
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. **Update on Roy G. Guerrero Park as a location for the proposed major league soccer stadium**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

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