



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 7, 2018

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Katie Coyne
Wendy Gordon
Linda Guerrero
Marisa Perales
Brian Smith
Hank Smith
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo
Mary Ann Neely

Commissioners Absent:

Andy Creel
Alesha Istvan

Staff in Attendance:

Andrea Bates
Kaela Champlin
Matt Hollon
Chuck Lesniak
Kimberly McNeeley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner 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.

Speakers

Carlos León
Josiah Stevenson

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of February 21, 2018
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of February 21, 2018 were approved on Commissioner Thompson motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second

on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Neely was off the dais. Commissioners Creel and Istvan were absent.

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

- a. Update on Council action regarding Champion Tract 3
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

- a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding removing Roy G. Guerrero Park from the list of potential sites for the Major League Soccer stadium (**30 minutes**)

A recommendation regarding the removal of Roy G. Guerrero Park from the list of potential sites for the Major League Soccer stadium was approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner Maceo's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners voting aye were: Commissioners Gordon, Guerrero, Perales, Maceo, Neely, Thompson and B. Smith. Commissioners H. Smith and Coyne abstained. Commissioners Creel and Istvan were absent.

An amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Commissioner Coyne, no second. The amendment to the recommendation failed.

Speakers

**Jane Rivera
Robin Schneider
Dr. Craig Nazor
Sharon Blythe
Susan Spataro
David King
Lauren Ice
Malcolm Yeatts
Ellen Friedman
James Casey
Gilbert Rivera
Roy Waley**

- b. Discuss and consider CodeNEXT Draft 3 (**1 hour**)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

Speakers

**Brian Zabcik
Angela Richter**

- i. Discuss and consider a recommendation on the drainage aspects of CodeNEXT Draft 3
Item 7bi was not taken up. No action taken.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and consider a possible recommendation regarding an amendment to the development agreement with PK-RE related to the construction of a wastewater treatment plant in the Woods of Greenshores subdivision—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department and Bart Jennings, Division Manager, Utility Development, Austin Water (1 hour)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Istvan were absent.

A motion to recommend support for the requested amendment to the PK-RE development agreement with conditions was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 7-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Thompson, Neely, Coyne, Maceo, H. Smith, Gordon, and B. Smith. Those voting nay were Commissioners Perales and Guerrero. Commissioners Creel and Istvan were absent.

Speakers

Russell Eppright

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
Commissioner Guerrero gave an update on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. **Presentation on cave cleanups**
- b. **Committee membership**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 9:18 P.M.

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