



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 2, 2018

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

Commissioners in Attendance:

Brian Smith
Andrew Creel
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo
Marisa Perales
Hank Smith
Katie Coyne
Linda Guerrero
Wendy Gordon

Commissioners Absent:

Alesha Istvan
Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Chuck Lesniak
Cait McCann

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Perales called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

None

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of April 18, 2018
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of April 18, 2018 were approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Istvan and Neely were absent.

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. Update on the 2017 State of Our Environment Report (30 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. None

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Elections of Environmental Commission Officers for the May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 term (30 minutes)
A motion to nominate Commissioner Hank Smith as Secretary of the Environmental Commission was approved on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Istvan and Neely were absent.

A ballot election was held to determine the Vice Chair of the Environmental Commission.
Number of votes cast: 9
Necessary for election: 6
Commissioner Coyne received: 3
Commissioner Gordon received: 6
Commissioner Gordon was elected as Vice Chair of the Environmental Commission.
Commissioners Istvan and Neely were absent.

A motion to nominate Commissioner Guerrero as Chair of the Environmental Commission was approved on Commissioner Maceo's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Istvan and Neely were absent.

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, Katie Coyne
 - 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 – Katie Coyne
 - 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

1. Other reports from Commissioners- **Commissioner H. Smith and Gordon gave an update on the Water Forward Task Force.**

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

a. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

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