



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

**Andrew Creel
Marisa Perales
Alesha Istvan**

Staff in Attendance:

**Pharr Andrews
Kaela Champlin
Tien-Tien Chan
Nico Hauwert
Alan Holt
Sherri Kuhl
Chuck Lesniak
John McDonald**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Guerrero 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 May 2, 2018, 2018 (5 minutes)
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of May 2, 2018 were approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan, and Perales were absent.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. None
6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. Presentations on cave restoration in Austin—Nico Hauwert, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Program Manager, Austin Water Utility (30 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - b. Presentation on how the City of Austin's transportation demand management (TDM) program is mitigating harmful air pollution—Pharr Andrews, Air Quality Program Coordinator and Tien-Tien Chan, TDM Program Manager, Austin Transportation Department (30 minutes)
Item 6b was conducted prior to Item 6a. No action taken.
7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Presentation on the environmental standards of the draft South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan—Alan Holt, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning Department (30 minutes)
A recommendation to support the environmental standards in the South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Perales, and Istvan were absent.
 - b. Presentation on Environmental Inspection Infill Program—John McDonald, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Development Services Department (30 minutes)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - c. Discuss and consider referral of the CodeNEXT addenda to the Development Committee (10 minutes)
Item 7c was referred to the Development Committee.
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
Commissioner Maceo gave an update on the May 16, 2018 Urban Forestry committee meeting.

- 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
Commissioner Coyne gave an update on the April 25, 2018 Joint Sustainability Committee meeting.
- 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. **CodeNEXT Addenda**
- b. **Update from Austin Resource Recovery about future prospects of the recycling market and impacts on Austin**
- c. **Presentation from Nico Hauwert on springs**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:43 P.M.

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