



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018**

### **Environmental Commission**

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**(Official Name of Board or Commission)**

**The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:**

Per Section 2-1-144(F) of the City Code, the Environmental Commission may:

- (1) review and analyze the policies relating to the environmental quality of the city;
- (2) act as an advisory board to the city council, the city manager, and the department in their efforts to oversee the protection and integrity of the natural environment;
- (3) promote growth management and land use planning, minimize degradation of water resources, protect downstream areas, and promote recreation opportunities and environmental awareness; and
- (4) advise and recommend on any issue which the commission determines necessary or advisable for the enhancement and stewardship of the urban forest both public and private.

(G) The Environmental Commission shall:

- (1) assist the city council, the city manager, and the department in studying, promoting and enforcing environmental protection policies to assure the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of all citizens within the City's incorporated boundaries as well as those within its extraterritorial jurisdiction where the boundaries apply; and
- (2) oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the planting, maintenance, and replacement of trees in the City's jurisdiction, and revise the plan as necessary. When a portion of the plan has been developed and established, it shall be submitted to the city council for adoption before implementation.

(H) The Environmental Commission shall advise the city council, the city manager, and the department concerning policies, projects, and programs that affect the quality of life or have the potential to affect the environment, including those that relate to or affect:

- (1) water quality: (a) watershed protection; (b) urban runoff; (c) innovative wastewater treatment; (d) regional wastewater treatment; (e) improvement and protection of the Colorado River and the Edwards Aquifer; and (f) wastewater irrigation;

- (2) growth management and land use planning: (a) municipal utility district review; (b) capital improvement project review; and (c) the comprehensive plan;
- (3) construction controls for erosion and sedimentation;
- (4) City environmental policies regarding monitoring and enforcement;
- (5) solid waste disposal plan alternatives;
- (6) watershed protection: (a) flood control; (b) erosion control; (c) water quality; and (d) utility management;
- (7) roadway planning;
- (8) beautification;
- (9) recreation resources;
- (10) public education on environmental matters;
- (11) hazardous waste materials management;
- (12) revegetation and landscaping;
- (13) air quality;
- (14) noise abatement; and
- (15) all matters pertaining to the City's urban forest, including public and private trees.

(I) The Environmental Commission shall:

- (1) review all variances to requirements for water quality protection;
- (2) review the monitoring of storm water runoff in developed and undeveloped areas;
- (3) review the efficiency of existing and proposed structural and nonstructural water quality controls;
- (4) periodically review the effectiveness of Chapter 25-4 ( Subdivision );
- (5) review waste treatment permits within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction;
- (6) review programs and policies for flood control, erosion control, and water quality;
- (7) review capital improvement projects;
- (8) review municipal utility district proposals and amendments;
- (9) review roadway plan amendments;
- (10) recommend urban runoff standards; and
- (11) review the environmental elements of planned unit developments.

(J) The Environmental Commission may recommend and initiate, with the advice and consent of the city council, specific project studies concerning any of the matters described in Subsections (H) and (I), or any other related environmental or urban forestry issue.

(K) The commission shall make reports and recommendations for standards and criteria concerning any of the matters described in Subsections (H) and (I), or any other related environmental or urban forestry issue.

(L) The commission shall promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting natural resource, environmental, and urban forestry activities, so that all similar activities within the city may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

**1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

*(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)*

Attached to this Report is a spreadsheet, listing the all actions, recommendations, letters, reports, and resolutions considered and/or taken by the Environmental Commission.

The revision of the three drafts of CodeNEXT took a significant amount of time and effort by the Environmental Commission. CodeNEXT was discussed and considered at fifteen subcommittee meetings, in addition to numerous working group meetings of the Commission. It was considered at the Environmental Commission fourteen times in order to respond to the questions and concerns of citizens and stakeholders in the community. The Commission passed fifteen recommendations on CodeNEXT throughout the draft revision process.

The final Environmental Commission recommendations on CodeNEXT included recommendations on:

- the alignment of City initiatives with CodeNEXT for collective input
- interim regulations addressing expected changes to the 100-year floodplain
- requesting a staffing analysis in conjunction with CodeNEXT
- environmental regulations including water quality and Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI), construction in urban watersheds, floodplain variances, trees, landscape, open space and parkland, Planned Unit Developments, and light and sound pollution.
- street tree regulations
- economic displacement as an environmental issue
- drainage regulations for commercial and multi-family redevelopments
- drainage regulations for single family residential and missing middle/residential heavy developments
- CodeNEXT addenda and Planning Commission recommendations regarding civic open space
- CodeNEXT addenda regarding tree issues
- The Planning Commission Recommendation regarding minimum development potential.

**2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**

*(If any of the board's actions were outside the scope of the mission statement, the report should explain the non-compliance issues.)*

All actions taken by the Environmental Commission were in furtherance of the Commission's mission statement. Actions taken by the Commission in furtherance of the mission statement included the recommendation to rename the Slaughter Creek Management Unit to the Mary Gay Maxwell Management Unit in recognition of Mary Gay Maxwell's legacy as a long time Environmental Commissioner and volunteer with the Water Quality Protection Land stewards.

Additionally, the Environmental Commission provided a recommendation to Council regarding an ordinance authorizing execution of the first amendment to a settlement agreement relating to the development of property located at 6409 City Park Road (Champion Tract); amending Ordinance Number 960613-J; modifying provisions of the Lake Austin Watershed Regulations in Ordinance 840301-F; and modifying provisions of the Hill Country Roadway Regulations in City Code Chapter 25-2.

The Commission also made a recommendation to remove Roy G. Guerrero Park from the list of potential sites for the Major League Soccer Stadium to protect the park from private development, protect open space and the environment, and to consider additional funding sources, including bonds, to repair and maintain Roy G. Guerrero Park.

Further, The attached spreadsheet will validate the amount of work the Environmental Commission completed this past year reviewing and implementing recommendations to Council regarding variances, waivers, code amendments and stream buffers in compliance with the mission statement.

**3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

*(Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.)*

- All the standing Environmental Commission committees will meet quarterly to ensure the protection of environmental regulations.
- Request quarterly updates regarding the annual budget to the full commission
- Streamline the process for review of a PUD; including defining when a working group will proceed to address needed project information
- Request staff to address citizen issues and concerns that are brought forward at meetings and emails
- Foster stewardship for land use, urban forestry, and green infrastructure

Item/Requestor/Staff	EC Meeting Date	CodeNEXT	Code Amendments	Redevelopment Exception in the BSZ	Cut & Fill	Constr. Boatdocks Steep Slopes and Roadways	Stream Buffers (CWOZ & WQTZ)	CEF Setbacks	Impervious Cover; Density; Net Site Area	Ordinance/Resolution and Agreements	Reviewed Environmental Aspects of the PUD	Variance Heritage Tree	Recommend site plan waiver Waterfront Overlay	SER	Annual Reports, Special Staff Reports and Work Sessions	Postponement	Staff Briefings	Other Presentations/requests	Commendation Letter	ETJ Release	Administrative, Nominations & Elections	Ordinance Number	Recommendations/Comments
1 Review and recommend the Watershed Protection Department's FY18 Budget—Peggy MacCallum, Chief Financial Manager and Joe Pantalion, Director, Watershed Protection Department	7/19/2017														R								A motion recommending the Watershed Protection Department's FY18 Budget was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Maceo was off the dais. Commissioners Istvan, Gordon, Guerrero and Neely were absent.
2 Presentation on the City's equity assessment tools and strategies—Brion Oaks, Chief Equity Officer, Management Services	8/2/2017																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
3 Zebra mussels in Lake Travis—Liz Johnston, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	8/2/2017																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
4 Lake Austin Drawdown Mussel Survey Briefing—Liz Johnston, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	8/2/2017																						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
5 Central Texas Freshwater Mussel Research Program and Stakeholder Process—Meghan E. Hope, Research Team Lead, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	8/2/2017																	NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
6 Review and consider Development Services Department FY18 Budget—Rodney Gonzales, Director, Development Services Department	8/20/2017														R								A motion to support the City Manager's FY 2017-2018 proposed budget request for the appropriate staff and resources, including the request for four full time employees within the Development Services Department, to support the code mandated requirements associated with Austin's Community Forest was made on Commissioner Maceo's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.

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7 Discuss and consider amendments to the Land Development Code, including amendments to Sections 25-8-25, 25-8-26, 25-8-27, 25-8-211, and 30-5-211. This action concerns land located within the Barton Springs Zone—Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	8/20/2017		NR																				A motion to recommend denial of the proposed amendments to the Land Development Code, including amendments to Sections 25-8-25, 25-8-26, 25-8-27, 25-8-211, and 30-5-211 was made on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 7-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Neely, Maceo, Guerrero and Brian Smith. Those voting nay were: Commissioner Creel and Hank Smith. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.
8 Name: The Preserve at Oak Hill Subdivision Water Service Extension Request #3953 Applicant: All Points Construction LLC (Adrian de Leon) Location: 10304 Circle Drive, Austin, Texas Staff: Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Barton Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone Request: Review and consider for recommendation Water Service Extension Request #3953 Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for approval Reasons for Recommendation: The proposed extension would facilitate increased development intensity in a sensitive environmental area located outside of the City of Austin's full purpose jurisdiction.	8/20/2018												NAT										1. A motion to recommend support of Water Service Extension Request #3953 failed on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, seconded by Commissioner Creel on a 5-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Creel, Hank Smith, Brian Smith and Guerrero. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Neely, and Maceo. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent. 2. A motion to recommend denial of Water Service Extension Request #3953 failed on Commissioner Thompson's motion, seconded by Commissioner Maceo on a 5-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Neely, and Maceo. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Creel, Hank Smith, Brian Smith and Guerrero. Commissioners Kitchin and Gordon were absent.
9 Presentation on upper Waller Creek Restoration: Stormwater and Reilly Elementary School— Ana Gonzales, Environmental Scientist Senior and Amy Grossman, Landscape Architect Associate, Watershed Protection Department	9/6/2017																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
10 Briefing on Blackland Prairie Riparian Areas—Lindsay Olinde, Graduate Engineer A, and Mateo Scoggins, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department	9/6/2017																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
11 Presentation on Watershed Protection Department Spills and Complaint Response—Thain Maurer, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Watershed Protection Department	9/20/2017																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
12 Briefing on Stormwater Management Discount Program—Anupa Gharpurey, Financial Manager and Stephanie Lott, Public Information Specialist Senior, Watershed Protection Department	9/20/2017																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

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13	<p>Name: Upper Boggy Creek Trail Phase 1, SPC-2016-0567C  Applicant: William Power, Public Works, Project Manager, 512-974-7220  Location: 1719 Alexander Ave, Austin, TX 78702  Staff: Pamela Abbe-Tauli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department  Watershed: Boggy Creek Watershed, Water Supply Urban, Desired Development Zone  Request: Variance Request is as follows:  To vary from 25-8-261(B)(3)(c), limiting a hard surfaced trail located within the CWQZ to 12 feet in width unless a wider trail is designated in the Urban Trails Master Plan adopted by Council, to allow construction of a 14-foot wide multi-purpose trail in the CWQZ to connect with the Capitol Metro transit station and serve as a major pedestrian route between MLK Blvd. and East 12th Street.  DSD Staff Recommendation: Staff determines that the variance request does not meet the findings of fact and has no recommendation. If the Commission approves the variance, staff recommends the following condition. Applicant will remove approximately 19,520 square feet of asphalt at 2801 E 12th St. The site, which in the Critical Water Quality Zone and 25-year floodplain, is currently used by the Public Works Department for construction staging and spoils. Applicant will restore with native grassland seeding and planting per City of Austin Standard Specification 609S.6, including topsoil and seed bed preparation, temporary irrigation, and</p>	9/20/2017						R															<p>A motion to approve the request to vary from 25-8-261(B)(3)(c) was approved on Commissioner Creel's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 7-1 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Creel, Perales, Thompson, Neely, Kitchin, Guerrero and B. Smith. Commissioner Maceo voted nay. Commissioner Istvan was off the dais. Commissioners Gordon and H. Smith were absent.</p>	

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14	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	10/4/2017	NAT																				Item conducted as posted. Item 7a was referred to the Environmental Commission Urban Forestry and Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committees for further discussion.
15	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.	10/4/2017									RwC												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.
16	Make a recommendation regarding a proposed agreement with Austin Independent School District establishing site development standards and allowing transfers of impervious cover for redevelopment of school campuses within the Barton Springs Zone—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department and Andrew Linseisen, Assistant Director, Development Services Department	10/16/2017																					A recommendation to approve the proposed agreement with Austin Independent School District establishing site development standards and allowing transfers of impervious cover for redevelopment of school campuses within the Barton Springs Zone was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin, Perales, Istvan and Thompson were absent.
17	Conduct a Public Hearing as required under City Code Section 14-1-34 (Procedure for renaming a Facility) to receive public comment regarding the proposed renaming of the Slaughter Creek Management Unit to the Mary Gay Maxwell Management Unit, and make a recommendation to Council regarding the proposed renaming – Kevin Thuesen, Environmental Conservation Program Manager and Sherri Kuhl, Environmental Conservation Division Manager, Austin Water Utility	10/16/2017																R					A recommendation to approve the request to rename the Slaughter Creek Management Unit to the Mary Gay Maxwell Management Unit was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin, Perales, Istvan and Thompson were absent.
18	Name: 4213 Waters Edge Cove, SP-2017-146D (D-10) Applicant: Janis Smith Location: 4213 Waters Edge Cove, Austin, Texas 78731 Staff: Brent Bellinger, Ph.D., Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department and Atha Phillips, Senior Environmental Reviewer, Development Services Department Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed Request: Variance request is as follows: To allow a bulkhead built in front of an existing bulkhead to extend beyond the allowed 6' to 1' [25-8-368(D)] Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval, with condition of providing twelve 1-gallon plantings, beyond what is currently required by code commensurate with the shoreline Reason for Recommendation: Findings of Fact have been met	10/16/2017																					Item 8b was postponed until the November 15, 2017 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting.
19	Approve 2018 Environmental Commission Meeting Calendar	11/1/2017																			X		The 2018 Environmental Commission Meeting Calendar was approved.



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20	Discuss and consider Environmental Commission Committee membership	11/1/2017																				N	Commissioner Istvan was appointed to the Environmental Commission Development Committee and Air Quality Committee.	
21	Appoint an additional Environmental Commission member to Joint Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board	11/1/2017																					N	Commissioner Istvan was appointed to the Joint Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.
22	Presentation on the Upper Colorado River Basin and proposed Colorado River Dam near Goldthwaite and impacts to the City of Austin—Ann McElroy, No Colorado River Dam Inc.	11/1/2017																						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
23	Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 2—Matt Hollon, Environmental Policy and Planning Manager, Watershed Protection Department	11/1/2017	R																					A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 2 was approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Hank Smith's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Kitchin and Neely were absent.
24	Make a recommendation regarding the creation, continuation or termination and status of Town Lake concessions contained in the 2017 Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake—Samuel Hernandez, Contract Management Specialist IV, Patricia Rossett, Business Process Consultant, and Idella Wilson, Contract Management Specialist IV, Parks and Recreation Department	11/15/2017													R									A recommendation regarding the creation, continuation or termination and status of Town Lake concessions contained in the 2017 Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.
25	Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 2	11/15/2017	R																					A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT was approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Maceo's second on an 8-2 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Perales, Gordon, Guerrero, Maceo, Istvan, Thompson, Neely and Creel. Those voting nay were Commissioners Kitchin and Hank Smith. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.
26	Name: 4213 Waters Edge Cove, SP-2017-146D (D-10) Applicant: Janis Smith Location: 4213 Waters Edge Cove, Austin, Texas 78731 Staff: Brent Bellinger, Ph.D., Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department and Atha Phillips, Senior Environmental Reviewer, Development Services Department Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed Request: Variance request is as follows: To allow a bulkhead built in front of an existing bulkhead to extend beyond the allowed 6" to 1' [25-8-368(D)] Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval, with condition of providing twelve 1- gallon plantings, beyond what is currently required by code commensurate with the shoreline work, as compensation for the additional lost water area. Reason for Recommendation: Findings of Fact have been met	11/15/2017				RwC																		A recommendation regarding the request for a variance was approved with conditions on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 10-0 Vote. Commissioner Brian Smith was absent.
27	Briefing and staff recommendation on the results of the Onion Creek Flood Mitigation Study— Pam Kearfott, Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department	12/6/2017													R									A recommendation for immediate implementation of the voluntary buyout program as recommended by staff was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Guerrero was absent.
28	Briefing on CodeNEXT flood modeling analysis— Matt Hollon, Environmental Policy and Planning Manager and Kevin Shunk, Managing Engineer, Watershed Protection Department	12/6/2017	NAT																					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
29	Approve a resolution authorizing a redevelopment exception in the Barton Springs Zone under City Code 25-8-26 for the 3.3-acre tract located at 5401 McCarty Lane (AFD Oak Hill Fire and EMS Station) for the redevelopment of an existing civic use. (This action concerns land located within the Barton Springs Zone.)—Craig Russell, Project Manager, Public Works Department	12/6/2017			R																			A motion to approve a resolution authorizing a redevelopment exception in the Barton Springs Zone under City Code 25-8-26 for the 3.3-acre tract located at 5401 McCarty Lane (AFD Oak Hill Fire and EMS Station) for the redevelopment of an existing civic use was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Guerrero was absent.

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30	Consider Environmental Commission's work plan for CodeNEXT Draft 3	1/3/2018	NAT																				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
31	Discuss and consider the proposed amendment to a settlement agreement relating to the development of property located at 6409 City Park Road (Champion Tract 3)—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	1/3/2018																NAT					Item was withdrawn. No action taken.
32	Presentation on Watershed Protection Department's 2018 Bond Proposal—Matt Hollon, Environmental Policy and Planning Manager, Watershed Protection Department	1/3/2018													R								A recommendation to support the Watershed Protection Department's 2018 Bond Proposal was made by Commissioner Hank Smith, Commissioner Neely's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan and Brian Smith were absent.
33	Discuss and provide recommendations to Council regarding an ordinance authorizing execution of the first amendment to a settlement agreement relating to the development of property located at 6409 City Park Road (Champion Tract); amending Ordinance Number 960613-J; modifying provisions of the Lake Austin Watershed Regulations in Ordinance 840301-F; and modifying provisions of the Hill Country Roadway Regulations in City Code Chapter 25-2—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	1/3/2018																NAT					Item was referred to the Environmental Commission Development Committee for consideration.
34	Name: 425 W. Riverside Planned Unit Development, C814-2017-0001 (D-9) Applicant: Ronald Nelson and Molly Belle Properties, LP (Ronald Nelson, Trustee) Location: 425 W. Riverside Dr. Staff: Andrea Bates, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department and Andrew Moore, Planner Senior, Planning and Zoning Department Watershed: Lady Bird Lake, Urban Watershed, Desired Development Zone Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including environmental superiority elements Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions	1/3/2018									RwC												A recommendation to approve the environmental aspects of the proposed 425 W. Riverside Planned Unit Development with conditions was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Istvan and Brian Smith were absent.
35	Discuss and provide recommendations to Council regarding an ordinance authorizing execution of the first amendment to a settlement agreement relating to the development of property located at 6409 City Park Road (Champion Tract); amending Ordinance Number 960613-J; modifying provisions of the Lake Austin Watershed Regulations in Ordinance 840301-F; and modifying provisions of the Hill Country Roadway Regulations in City Code Chapter 25-2—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	1/17/2018																RwC					A recommendation was made on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 7-2 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Thompson, Istvan, Neely, Maceo, Guerrero, Gordon and B. Smith. Those voting nay were Commissioners H. Smith and Creel. Commissioners Perales and Coyne were absent.
36	Name: 1704 and 1706 Channel Road, SP-2017-0176D (D-10) Applicant: Janis Smith Location: 1704 Channel Road, Austin, Texas 78746 Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Liz Johnston, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed Request: Variance request is as follows: To allow cut above 4 feet within Lake Austin [25-8-341(A)] Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend approval Reason for Recommendation: Findings of fact have not been met	1/17/2018																					A recommendation to support the request for a variance to allow cut above 4 feet within Lake Austin was approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on an 8-0 Vote. Commissioner Guerrero abstained. Commissioners Perales and Coyne were absent.

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37	Status update on Watershed Protection Department's work plan regarding Resolution No. 20170615-071 on Green Infrastructure and Green Stormwater Infrastructure—Mike Kelly, Managing Engineer, Watershed Protection Department	2/7/2018								NAT													Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
38	Discussion on the City of Austin Equity Office's Equity Workshop for CodeNEXT (January 8 th - 9 th, 2018)—Marisa Perales, Environmental Commission Chair	2/7/2018	NAT																				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
39	Update on Roy G. Guerrero Park channel stabilization project—Janna Renfro, Engineer C, Watershed Protection Department	2/21/2018															NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
40	Briefing on CodeNEXT Draft 3—Matt Hollon, Environmental Policy and Planning Manager, Watershed Protection Department	2/21/2018	NAT																				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
41	Update on Development Services Department's request for additional Full Time Employees for FY18-19—Rodney Gonzales, Director, Development Services Department	2/21/2018															NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
42	Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding removing Roy G. Guerrero Park from the list of potential sites for the Major League Soccer stadium	3/7/2018																					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.
43	Discuss and consider CodeNEXT Draft 3	3/7/2018	NAT																				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
44	Discuss and consider a recommendation on the drainage aspects of CodeNEXT Draft 3	3/7/2018	NAT																				Item was not taken up. No action taken.
45	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	3/7/2018																					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.
46	Discuss and consider Environmental Commission committee membership	3/21/2018																			N		A motion to nominate Commissioner Coyne for the Joint Sustainability Committee was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion. Commissioner Coyne's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Istvan was absent.
47	Discuss and consider CodeNEXT Draft 3	3/21/2018	NAT																				Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

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48	<p>Name: La Mexicana Supermercado, SP-2017-0306C (D-2)  Applicant: Hugo Elizondo, Jr., P.E., Cuatro Consultants, Ltd.  Location: 2004 E. William Cannon Drive  Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department  Watershed: Williamson Creek  Request: Variance request is as follows:  1. Construction on slopes in excess of 15% (LDC 25-8-302)  2. Cut over 4 feet (LDC 25-8-341)  3. Fill over 4 feet (LDC 25-8-342)  Staff Determination: Staff recommends approval for the variances needed to gain access to the property and cut for the pond, with conditions. Staff does not recommend approval for the variances needed to build the proposed driveway for future development, to construct the parking lot, or cut outside the pond footprint.  Reason for Determination: Access and pond: Findings of fact have been met. Driveway, parking lot, and area outside of pond: Findings of fact have not been met.</p>	3/21/2018				RwC	RwC																<p>1. A motion to support the approval of the variances for the construction of the entry drive, parking area and ponds with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Perales' second on 10-0 vote. Commissioner Istvan was absent.  2. A motion to support the approval of the variances for the construction of the parking area with conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 6-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Creel, Thompson, Neely, Maceo, H. Smith, and B. Smith. Those voting nay were Commissioners Perales, Coyne, Guerrero, and Gordon. Commissioner Istvan was absent.</p>	

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49	Discuss and consider CodeNEXT Draft 3	4/4/2018	R																				<p>1. A motion regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 drainage regulations for single family residential and missing middle/residential heavy developments was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 6-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Guerrero, Gordon, and Coyne. Those voting nay were: Commissioner H. Smith and Creel. Commissioner Maceo abstained. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.</p> <p>2. A motion to approve a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 drainage regulations for commercial and multi-family redevelopments was approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 7-1 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Guerrero, Maceo, Gordon, and Coyne. Those voting nay were: Commissioner H. Smith. Commissioner Creel abstained. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.</p> <p>3. A motion to approve a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 and economic displacement as an environmental issue was made on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.</p>
50	Name: Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC Wastewater Service Extension Request #4125 Applicant: Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC (Jason Baze, PE) Location: 1100, 1101, 1102, 1200, 1201, 1205, 1206, 1208, 1209, and 1300 Silver Hill Drive; 3600, 3601, 3603, 3605, 3608, and 3610 Silver Hill Circle; 3608, 3609, 3610, 3612, 3614, 3700, and 3701 Moon River Road; 1201, 1202, 1300, 1302, 1303, and 1304 Pasaguarda Drive; and 1303 Constant Springs Drive, Austin, Texas Staff: Andrea Bates, Watershed Policy Manager, Watershed Protection Department Colleen Kirk, Engineer C, Austin Water Utility Watershed: Eanes Creek Watershed, (Water Supply Suburban) Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Review and consider for recommendation Wastewater Service Extension Request #4125 Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval Reasons for Recommendation: The proposed extension could solve potential environmental problems associated with the existing on-site sewage facilities and would not facilitate increased development intensity in the area.	4/4/2018												R									<p>A motion to adopt a recommendation was made by Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.</p>
51	2017 City Arborist Report—Keith Mars, City Arborist & Urban Forest Conservation Program Manager, Development Services Department	4/18/2018															NAT						<p>Item conducted as posted. No action taken.</p>
52	Discuss and consider a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3	4/18/2018	R																				<p>1. A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 street tree regulations was approved on Commissioner Maceo's motion, Commissioner Perales' second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.</p> <p>2. A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 environmental regulations was approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Maceo's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.</p> <p>3. A resolution regarding alignment of City initiatives with CodeNEXT for collective impact was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner H. Smith's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.</p> <p>4. A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT and interim regulations addressing expected changes to the 100-year floodplain was approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 8-1 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners B. Smith, Thompson, Istvan, Maceo, Perales, Neely, Coyne, and Guerrero. Those voting nay were: Commissioner H. Smith. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.</p> <p>5. A recommendation for a staffing analysis in conjunction with CodeNEXT was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.</p>

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53	Elections of Environmental Commission Officers for the May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 term	5/2/2018																				N		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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54	Presentations on cave restoration in Austin—Nico Hauwert, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Program Manager, Austin Water Utility	5/15/2018															NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
55	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 TienTien Chan, TDM Program Manager, Austin Transportation Department	5/15/2018															NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
56	Presentation on the environmental standards of the draft South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan—Alan Holt, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning Department	5/15/2018												R									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.
57	Presentation on Environmental Inspection Infill Program—John McDonald, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Development Services Department	5/15/2018															NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
58	Discuss and consider referral of the CodeNEXT addenda to the Development Committee	5/15/2018	NAT																				Item was referred to the Development Committee.
59	Briefing on the Zilker Park - Stratford Lane staging and temporary parking area—Tony Arnold, Project Manager, and Reynaldo Hernandez, Project Management Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department	6/6/2018																NAT					Action on Item was postponed until the June 20, 2018 Environmental Commission Meeting.
60	Discuss and consider Watershed Protection Department's FY 19 Budget—Peggy MacCallum, Financial Manager III, Watershed Protection Department	6/6/2018													R								A recommendation to support Watershed Protection Department's FY19 Budget was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Coyne was off the dais.
61	Discuss and consider CodeNEXT Addenda	6/6/2018	R																				A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Addenda regarding tree issues was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Maceo's second on a 10-0 vote.  A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Addenda - minimum development potential was made on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 10-0 vote.
62	Discuss and consider the Zilker Park - Stratford Lane landfill maintenance, staging and temporary parking area	6/20/2018																					A recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Addenda regarding Civic Open Space was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion. Commissioner A motion regarding the Zilker Park - Stratford Lane landfill maintenance, staging and temporary parking area was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Perales was absent.
63	Nominate member of the Environmental Commission to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board	6/20/2018																			N		Commissioner Pam Thompson was nominated to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board by Commissioner Creel, seconded by Commissioner H. Smith on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Maceo was off the dais. Commissioner Perales was absent.

