



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 5, 2019

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Brian Smith
Curtis Smith
Pam Thompson
Mary Ann Neely
Linda Guerrero
Wendy Gordon
Peggy Maceo
Kevin Ramberg

Commissioners Absent:

Andrew Creel
Katie Coyne

Staff in Attendance:

Zach Baumer
Cari Buetow
Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Mike Kelly
Atha Phillips
Abel Porras
Jose Guerrero
Phoebe Romero

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:05 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

Joe Riddell

3. EDUCATION

- a. Update on Kinder-Morgan Pipeline from Texas Real Estate Advocacy and Defense Coalition (TREAD Coalition)—Sean Haynes, Executive Director of TREAD Coalition, Mary Stone, Vice-Chair of TREAD Coalition, and David Braun, Legal Council for TREAD Coalition, Braun and Gresham Attorneys at Law **(10 mins)**

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of May 15, 2019
(5 minutes)

The minutes of May 15, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Coyne and Creel were absent.

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

- a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS*

- a. Update on regional air quality plan, City of Austin funding for regional air quality program, and ozone season outreach plans— Phoebe Romero, Environmental Program Coordinator, Office of Sustainability and Andrew Hoekzema, Interim Director of Regional Planning and Services, Capital Area Council of Governments (30 minutes)

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Update on the Austin Community Climate Plan—Zach Baumer, Climate Program Manager, Office of Sustainability (30 minutes)

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. Update on Lower Shoal Creek Slope Failure – Mike Kelly, Managing Engineer, Watershed Protection Department (30 minutes)

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Update on the Sawyer-Cleveland discharge permit to Barton Creek, Abel Porras, Engineer C, Watershed Protection Department (20 minutes)

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

Speakers

Craig Smith

Roy Waley

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee –Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, and Wendy Gordon

- b. Development Committee –Pam Thompson and Wendy Gordon

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

- d. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely, and Wendy Gordon

- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee –Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, and Brian Smith

- i. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne

- j. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Mary Ann Neely
- k. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
- l. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero
- m. Report on the Zilker Park Working Group – Mary Ann Neely
- n. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. Discuss review of Chapter 26 takings

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:19 P.M.

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