



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at One Texas Center in Room 325 at 505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704.

### Commissioners in Attendance:

Curtis Smith  
Pam Thompson  
Mary Ann Neely  
Linda Guerrero  
Wendy Gordon  
Katie Coyne  
Kevin Ramberg

### Commissioners Absent:

Andrew Creel  
Brian Smith  
Peggy Maceo

### Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin  
Chris Herrington  
David Johns  
Mike Kelly  
Atha Phillips

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 7:05 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.*

**None**

#### 3. EDUCATION

- a. Update on Trinity-Edwards Springs Protection Association—Vanessa Puig-Williams, Executive Director, Trinity-Edwards Springs Protection Association **(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 June 5, 2019 **(5 minutes)**  
**The minutes of June 5, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith and Maceo were absent.**

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

- a. Update on approval of the Turner's Crossing Preliminary Plan (C8J-2018-0091) (5 mins)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS\***

- a. Update on the turbidity plume at Barton Springs Pool—David Johns, Program Manager III, Watershed Protection Department (20 minutes)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Update from Austin Youth River Watch—Melinda Chow, Executive Director, Austin Youth River Watch (10 mins)  
**A motion to approve Austin Youth River Watch's request was made on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second.**

**A substitute motion failed on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner C. Smith's second on a 4-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners C. Smith, Ramberg, Coyne, and Gordon. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Thompson, Neely, and Guerrero.**

**A recommendation to renew Watershed Protection Department funding for Austin Youth River Watch was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith and Maceo were absent.**

- b. Discuss safety improvements above Barton Springs Pool for inner-tubers and boaters (20 mins)  
**A recommendation was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith and Maceo were absent.**

**Speakers**  
**Joe Riddell**

- c. Update on Examining Low Carbon Concrete for City Construction Projects—Tom Ennis, Sustainability Officer, Watershed Protection Department (15 mins)  
**A recommendation was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith and Maceo were absent.**

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** 10111 Dobbin Drive (D-8)  
**Applicant:** Jerry Perales, Perales Land Development, LLC  
**Location:** 10111 Dobbin Drive  
**Staff:** Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Environmental Officer's Office  
**Watershed:** Slaughter Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** In response to Council Resolution 20190207-030, consider a site-specific amendment to Save Our Springs Initiative regulations (Land Development Code Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 "SOS") to allow for the creation of a single-lot subdivision and development of single-family home.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommended with conditions.  
(30 minutes)  
**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith and Maceo were absent.**

**A recommendation was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith and Maceo were absent.**

**Speakers**

**Derek and Kristina Even**

**Bobby Levinski**

**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. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 9:47 P.M.**

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