



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
February 5, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

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| Andrew Creel (D-1) | Curtis Smith (D-2) | Pam Thompson (D-3) | Ryan Nill (D-4) |
| Mary Ann Neely (D-5) | Katie Coyne (D-6) Vice Chair | Peggy Maceo (D-7) | Kevin Ramberg (D-8) Secretary |
| Linda Guerrero (D-9) Chair | Wendy Gordon (D-10) | Perry Bedford (Mayor) | |

CALL TO ORDER

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.

- 1. EDUCATION**
 - a. Night Sky Preservation in Austin and Travis County—Cliff Kaplan, Hill Country Conservancy (**15 minutes**)
 - b. Climate Vulnerability in Austin: A multi-risk assessment—Patrick Bixler, University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs (**15 minutes**)
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of January 15, 2020 (**5 minutes**)
- 3. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. None
- 4. STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. None

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

- a. None

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. **Name:** Xspace Group, SP-2019-0189D

Applicant: Garrett-Ihnen Civil Engineers

Location: 4229 N. FM 620, Austin, TX, 78734 (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department

Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request: Variance request is as follows:

1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-301 to construct a driveway on slopes in excess of 15 percent gradient

2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill in excess of four feet of depth

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends these variances, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.

(30 minutes)

b. **Name:** Aspen Heights Multifamily Wastewater Service Extension Request #4629

Applicant: Caitlin Kuglen, P.E., Kimley Horn Associates

Location: 11210 N FM 620 RD, Austin, TX 78726 (2-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Officer's Office

Watershed: Lake Travis Watershed, Water Supply Rural & Bull Creek Watershed, Water Supply Suburban, Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request: Wastewater Service Extension Request recommendation

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommend this request.

(30 minutes)

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Pam Thompson, Kevin Ramberg, Mary Ann Neely, Curtis Smith, and Perry Bedford

b. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, and Mary Ann Neely

c. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne

d. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Mary Ann Neely

e. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson

f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero

g. Other reports from Commissioners

8. **NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

- a. None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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