



## **Special Meeting of the Environmental Commission April 15, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.**

### **Environmental Commission to be held April 15, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications**

Public comment will be allowed via telephone; no in-person input will be allowed. **All speakers must register in advance (day before the scheduled meeting, April 14, 2020 by noon).** All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the April 15, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting, residents must:

- Call or email the commission liaison at: Kaela Champlin (512) 974-3443 or [Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov](mailto:Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov), no later than noon, (the day before the meeting). The information required is the speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, and a telephone number or email address.
- Once a request to speak has been called in or emailed to the board liaison, residents will receive either an email or phone call providing the telephone number to call on the day of the scheduled meeting.
- Speakers must call in at least 30 minutes prior to meeting start in order to speak, late callers will not be accepted and will not be able to speak.
- Speakers will be placed in a queue until their time to speak.
- Handouts or other information may be emailed to [Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov](mailto:Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov) by noon the day before the scheduled meeting. This information will be provided to Board and Commission members in advance of the meeting.
- Residents may watch the meeting here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>



**Special Meeting of the Environmental Commission  
April 15, 2020 3:00 P.M. To 4:30 P.M.  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

**<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

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)	

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## **Agenda**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. EDUCATION**
  - a. None
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
  - a. None
- 3. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
  - a. Watershed Protection Department response to the COVID-19 pandemic (**5 minutes**)
- 4. STAFF BRIEFINGS\***
  - a. None
- 5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - a. None
- 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - a. **Name:** Water Oak Apartments, SP-2019-0109C  
**Applicant:** Gemsong Ryan, Jones Carter  
**Location:** 12125 S IH 35, Austin, TX 78747  
**Staff:** Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

**Watershed:** Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone

**Request:** Variance request is as follows:

1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut in excess of 4 feet on slopes exceeding 15 percent.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommended this with conditions, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.

**(30 minutes)**

- b. **Name:** Albert H. Ullrich Water Treatment Plant, SPC-03-0005C(R1)

**Applicant:** MWM Design Group, Shari Pape

**Location:** 3602 ½ Redbud Trail Unit C, Austin, TX 78746

**Staff:** Scott Hiers, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department and Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

**Watershed:** Bee Creek, Little Bee Creek, & Lake Austin Watersheds, Water Supply Rural Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone

**Request:** Variance request is as follows:

Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction within 150-foot Critical Environmental Feature (CEF) buffer for a Rimrock CEF.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends this variance, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.

**(30 minutes)**

- c. **Name:** Davis Water Treatment Plant, SP-2012-0414(R1)

**Applicant:** MWM Design Group, Shari Pape

**Location:** 3352 Mount Bonnell Road (District 10)

**Staff:** Scott Hiers, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department and Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

**Watershed:** Huck's Slough & Lake Austin watersheds, Water Supply Suburban & Water Supply Rural Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone

**Request:** Variance requests are as follows:

1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction within 150-foot of Critical Environmental Feature (CEF) buffers.
2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut exceeding 4 feet, to 4.5 feet.

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

**(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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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*\* A member of the public may not address a board or commission at a meeting on an item posted as a briefing, per City Code Section 2-1-144(E).*