



Special Meeting of the Environmental Commission May 20, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

Environmental Commission to be held May 20, 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, May 19, 2020 by noon).** All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the May 20, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting, residents must:

- Call or email the commission liaison at: Kaela Champlin (512) 974-3443 or 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 15 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 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>



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May 20, 2020 1:00 P.M. To 2:30 P.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

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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)	

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. None
- 4. STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. None
- 5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Discussion and recommendation of Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for approval to include in the 5-year Capital spending plan as required by Financial Policy #8—Aurora Pizano, Financial Manager II, Austin Water
(15 minutes)

- b. Update on Austin Community Climate Plan—Zach Baumer, Climate Protection Manager, Celine Rendon, Community Engagement Specialist, and Phoebe Romero, Environmental Program Coordinator, Office of Sustainability
(30 minutes)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Additional 300K Ground Water Storage Tank Improvements 360, SP-2019-0417D
Applicant: Gray Engineering, Inc.
Location: 5418-1/2 Buckman Mountain Road, Austin, Texas 78746
Staff: Hank Marley, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department
Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Variance request is as follows:
Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut in excess of four feet in depth and not more than 8 feet.
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended this variance, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.
(15 minutes)

- b. **Name:** Persimmons Construction Plans, C8-2019-0080.1B.SH
Applicant: Dario Octaviano, City of Austin Public Works (Applicant)
June Routh, Dunaway Associates (Engineer of Record)
Location: 7051 Meadow Lake Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78744 (District 2)
Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department
Watershed: Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone
Request: To cut more than four feet in depth within 100 feet of a classified waterway
Staff Recommendation: Staff determines that the findings of fact have not been met and recommends that the variance request be denied.
(15 minutes)

- c. **Name:** Vi Collina Multifamily, SP-2019-0529C.SH
Applicant: Ryan Taylor, Kimley-Horn
Location: 2401 E Oltorf St, Austin, Texas 78741
Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department
Watershed: Country Club West Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone
Request: Variance requests are as follows:
 - 1. Vary from 25-8-302(B)(1) to allow construction of a building on a slope between 15 and 25 percent, where impervious cover on slopes over 15 percent exceeds 10 percent of the total area of the slopes over 15 percent.
 - 2. Vary from 25-8-302(A)(2) to allow construction of a parking area on a slope over 15 percent.
 - 3. Vary from 25-8-341 to allow cut exceeding 4 feet on slopes over 15 percent.

4. Vary from 25-8-342 to allow fill exceeding 4 feet on slopes over 15 percent.
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends these variances with conditions, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.
(15 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).*