



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 3, 2020

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Curtis Smith
Pam Thompson
Mary Ann Neely
Katie Coyne
Peggy Maceo
Kevin Ramberg
Linda Guerrero
Wendy Gordon
Perry Bedford

Commissioners Absent:

Andrew Creel
Ryan Nill

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Kate Clark
Chris Herrington
Kristy Nguyen
Colleen Kirk
Atha Phillips

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

1. EDUCATION

a. None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approval of the March 4, 2020, April 15, 2020, and May 20, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the March 4, 2020, April 15, 2020, and May 20, 2020 Environmental Commission Meetings were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Creel and Nill were absent.

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:** Springdale Farms, SP-2019-0253C

Applicant: Casey Giles, P.E., Storybuilt

Location: 755 Springdale Road, Austin, Texas 78702 (District 3)

Staff: Kristy Nguyen, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

Watershed: Boggy Creek Watershed, Urban Classification, Desired Development Zone

Request: Variance request is as follows:

Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development in a critical water quality zone

Staff Recommendation: Staff do not recommend this variance, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.

(15 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

A motion to recommend denial of the requested variance was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 8-1 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Smith, Neely, Coyne, Maceo, Ramberg, Guerrero, Gordon, and Bedford. Commissioner Thompson voted nay. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

b. **Name:** C14-85-288.56(RCA) - HWY 71 and Mountain Shadows

Applicant: THT Holdings LLC (Senthil Rangaswamy and Prithiviraj Loganathan). Agent: Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams LLP (Michele Rogerson Lynch)

Location: 8732, 8624 and 8722 W. State Highway 71 (District 8)

Staff: Kate Clark, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department and Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office

Watershed: Williamson Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone

Request: Conduct a public hearing and approve a restrictive covenant amendment on property locally known as 8732, 8624 and 8722 W. State Highway 71

Staff Recommendation: To grant an amendment to the restrictive covenant

(30 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

A motion to recommend approval of the requested restrictive covenant amendment was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 9-0 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Smith, Thompson, Neely, Coyne, Maceo, Ramberg, Guerrero, Gordon, and Bedford. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

c. **Name:** Ledgestone Wastewater Service Extension Request #4622

Applicant: Daniel Ryan, P.E. LJA Engineering, Inc.

Location: 9021 W US 290 Hwy, Austin, TX 78737

Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Officer's Office

Watershed: Slaughter Creek Watershed, Water Barton Springs Zone, Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request: Wastewater Service Extension

Staff Recommendation: Recommended

(15 minutes)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

A motion to recommend approval of the requested wastewater service extension request was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 8-0 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Smith, Thompson, Neely, Coyne, Maceo, Ramberg, Guerrero, and Bedford. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais. Commissioners Creel and Nill were absent.

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

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 3:59 P.M.

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