

## **Annual Internal Review**

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019

## **Environmental Commission** (Official Name of Board or Commission)

### The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

Per section 2-1-144(F) of the City Code, the Environmental Commission may: 1) review and analyze the policies relating to the environmental quality of the city;

(2) act as an advisory board to the city council, the city manager, and the department in their efforts to oversee the protection and integrity of the natural environment;

(3) promote growth management and land use planning, minimize degradation of water resources, protect downstream areas, and promote recreation opportunities and environmental awareness; and

(4) advise and recommend on any issue which the commission determines necessary or advisable for the enhancement and stewardship of the urban forest both public and private.

(G) The commission shall:

(1) assist the city council, the city manager, and the department in studying, promoting and enforcing environmental protection policies to assure the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of all citizens within the City's incorporated boundaries as well as those within its extraterritorial jurisdiction where the boundaries apply; and

(2) oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the planting, maintenance, and replacement of trees in the City's jurisdiction, and revise the plan as necessary. When a portion of the plan has been developed and established, it shall be submitted to the city council for adoption before implementation.

(H) The commission shall advise the city council, the city manager, and the department concerning policies, projects, and programs that affect the quality of life or have the potential to affect the environment, including those that relate to or affect:

(1) water quality: (a) watershed protection; (b) urban runoff; (c) innovative wastewater treatment; (d) regional wastewater treatment; (e) improvement and protection of the Colorado River and the Edwards Aquifer; and (f) wastewater irrigation;

(2) growth management and land use planning: (a) municipal utility district review; (b) capital improvement project review; and (c) the comprehensive plan;(3) construction controls for erosion and sedimentation;

(4) City environmental policies regarding monitoring and enforcement;

(5) solid waste disposal plan alternatives;

(6) watershed protection: (a) flood control; (b) erosion control; (c) water quality; and (d) utility management;

(7) roadway planning;

(8) beautification;

(9) recreation resources;

(10) public education on environmental matters;

(11) hazardous waste materials management;

(12) revegetation and landscaping;

(13) air quality;

(14) noise abatement; and

(15) all matters pertaining to the City's urban forest, including public and private trees.

(I) The commission shall:

(1) review all variances to requirements for water quality protection;

(2) review the monitoring of storm water runoff in developed and undeveloped areas;

(3) review the efficiency of existing and proposed structural and nonstructural water quality controls;

(4) periodically review the effectiveness of Chapter 25-4 (Subdivision);

(5) review waste treatment permits within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction;

(6) review programs and policies for flood control, erosion control, and water quality;

(7) review capital improvement projects;

(8) review municipal utility district proposals and amendments;

(9) review roadway plan amendments;

(10) recommend urban runoff standards; and

(11) review the environmental elements of planned unit developments.

(J) The commission may recommend and initiate, with the advice and consent of the city council, specific project studies concerning any of the matters described

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in Subsections (H) and (I), or any other related environmental or urban forestry issue.

(K) The commission shall make reports and recommendations for standards and criteria concerning any of the matters described in Subsections (H) and (I), or any other related environmental or urban forestry issue.

(L) The commission shall promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting natural resource, environmental, and urban forestry activities, so that all similar activities within the city may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

(M) A project for which commission review is required: (1) must be submitted to the appropriate staff before the meeting at which it will be considered; and (2) may not be considered by the Planning Commission, the Zoning and Platting Commission, or the city council until the commission has had an opportunity to review the project at a regularly scheduled meeting and to report its findings.

# 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)

Attached to this report is a spreadsheet listing all actions, recommendations, letters, and reports considered and/or taken up by the Environmental Commission during the previous calendar year.

The commission conducted a significant amount of work to promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting natural resource, environmental, and urban forestry activities, so that all similar activities within the City may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare. Among those actions included coordination with citizen stakeholders and City staff regarding removal of heritage trees, providing feedback and comments on urban trail projects, and stakeholder consideration of parking and remediation of the Zilker Park Butler Landfill.

The commission also introduced a new initiative to promote continuing education from environmental advocacy organizations working in Austin, to encourage the public to use boards and commissions to bring public awareness to environmental issues and concerns in Austin.

## 2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

(If any of the board's actions were outside the scope of the mission statement, the report should explain the non-compliance issues.)

All actions taken by the Environmental Commission comply with the Commission's mission statement.

A list of all actions taken by the Environmental Commission are attached to this report.

**3.** List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year. (*Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.*)

The Environmental Commission members plan to review their mission, goals, and objectives for the coming year at their annual retreat on August 14, 2019.

Thus far, some of the goals and objectives the commission would like to prioritize over the next year include providing a regular timeslot at meetings for continuing education from environmental advocacy groups, with the goal of encouraging the public to use boards and commissions to bring public awareness to environmental issues and concerns in Austin.

The commission will coordinate with staff to provide regular continuing education on City rules and code interpretation to reinforce the commission's mission and provide a foundational knowledge about the environmental issues considered by the commission. This includes but is not limited to environmental superiority of planned unit developments (PUDs) and the Heritage Tree Ordinance.

On a quarterly basis, the Environmental Commission will review the status of the Watershed Protection Department's Capital Improvement Program.

The commission will review subcommittee priorities and membership and revise bylaws to eliminate subcommittees that are redundant or cannot meet the attendance requirements.

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1	Name: 1300 Dittmar (SP-2016-0330C) (D-5) Applicant: Gabe Bruehl, PE, KBGE Location: 1322 W Dittmar Road, Austin, TX 78745 Staff: Mike McDougal, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department, City of Austin Watershed: South Boggy Creek and Williamson Creek Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. A variance to allow the construction of a private drive across the Critical Water Quality Zone (LDC 25-8-261) Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval with conditions Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.	7/18/2018					RwC														
2	Review and recommend approval to include Austin Water (AW) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ) in AW's 5-year capital spending plan as required by AW's financial policy #8—Christina Romero, Financial Manager II, Austin Water	<u>8/1/2018</u>					R														
3	Name: Schwausch Boat Dock (SP-2018-0128D) (D-10) Applicant: Rick Rasberry Location: 3335 Far View Drive Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Saj Zappitello, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Slaughter Creek Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Critical Environmental Features [LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b)] To allow construction of a tram and boat dock within a critical environmental feature buffer Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend the variance. Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have not been met.	<u>8/1/2018</u>						RD													
4	Presentation on Development Services Department's FY18-19 Budget—Rodney Gonzales, Director, Development Services Department	<u>9/5/2018</u>															RwC				
5	Briefing on Dripping Springs Request for ETJ Release – Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning Department	<u>9/5/2018</u>																			R
6	Name: Block 36 Site Plan (SP-2018-0015C) Applicant: KBGE Engineering Location: 710 E. 3rd Street Staff: Patti Dodson, Environmental Review Specialist Senior and Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department Watershed: Waller Creek Request: The applicant is requesting to remove two heritage trees, each with a single-stem greater than 30" in diameter (tree #4008-37.5" Pecan and tree #4009-34" American Elm) Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval Reasons for Recommendation: The request meets the City Arborist approval criteria in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2). The subject trees prevent a reasonable use of the property and it is not reasonable to preserve the trees due to their poor physical condition.	<u>9/5/2018</u>										RwC									

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7	Name: Spicewood Springs Hotel Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request #4029 and 4030 (D-10) Applicant: Christopher McComb, P.E., AMC Design Group Location: 6315 Spicewood Springs Road, Austin, TX 78759 Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Bull Creek (Water Supply Suburban) Request: Water and Wastewater Service Extension Request (SER) recommendations Staff Recommendation: WPD staff recommends against approval of SERs #4029 and #4030 Reasons for Recommendation: WPD staff concludes that providing centralized water and wastewater service to the site would not solve known or potential environmental problems, and would likely facilitate increased development intensity and the associated negative environmental impacts in a highly environmentally sensitive area outside of the City's full purpose jurisdiction.	<u>9/5/2018</u>												RD							
8	Appoint one additional member of the Environmental Commission to serve on the Zilker Park Working Group to provide recommendations regarding proposed improvements to fortify the landfill cap, traffic, and parking issues in Zilker Park as directed by City Council Resolution No. 20180628-072	<u>9/19/2018</u>																			
9	Name: Island Cove Boat Dock, SP-2017-0279D (D-10)         Applicant: David Canciolosi, Permit Partners         Location: 4409 Island Cove         Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department         Watershed: Lake Austin         Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance         Request: Variance Request is as follows:         1. Placement of fill in the lake [25-8-368]         2. Cut over 4 feet (LDC 25-8-341)         3. Fill over 4 feet (LDC 25-8-342)         Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend approval for the variances.         Reasons for Recommendation: Findings of fact have not been met.	<u>9/19/2018</u>			RwC																
10	Name: Camelback Planned Unit Development (D-10) Applicant: Jonathan Coon Location: 6507 Bridge Point Parkway Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Lake Austin Request: Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority. Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.	<u>9/19/2018</u>									RwC										
1'	Update on Water Forward—Chris Herrington, Interim Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	<u>10/17/2018</u>															R			1	
12	Discuss and consider the modifications for a Restrictive Covenant Amendment application for an 18.308- acre piece of property located at 6901 Old Bee Caves Road, Austin, TX 78735—Chris Herrington, Interim Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	<u>10/17/2018</u>																R			
1:	Name: 3919 Westlake Drive, SP-2018-0320DS (D-10) Applicant: Kathryn O'Conner Counts and Rick Rasberry, (512) 970-0371 Location: 3919 Westlake Drive, Austin, TX 78746 Staff: Scott Hiers, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior Mike McDougal, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. To allow the construction of a boat dock within a 150-foot Critical Environmental Feature buffer (Canyon Rimrock/Seep Complex). 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval for the variances Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.	<u>10/17/2018</u>						R													

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x		Mary Ann Neely was appointed to the Zilker Park Working Group.
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		Recommendation to support adoption of the Water Forward Plan
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		Recommended

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1	14	Name: The Holdsworth Center, SPC-2017-0513C (D-10) Applicant: Dwayne Shoppa, Stantec, (512) 469-5364 Location: 4907 RM 2222, Austin, TX 78731 Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Scott Hiers, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Lake Austin Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Fill exceeding four feet in depth in the drinking water protection zone, not to exceed 10 feet. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval with conditions	<u>10/17/2018</u>			R																
1	15	Name: 2001 S.1st Street, SP-2018-0017C (D-9) Applicant: Casey Giles, PSW Real Estate, LLC, (512) 294-3609 Location: 2001 S 1st Street, Austin, TX 78704 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: East Bouldin Creek, Urban, Desired Development Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Request to vary from 25-8-261 to allow a portion of the driveway to be constructed in the critical water quality zone. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval, with conditions. Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.	<u>10/17/2018</u>					RwC														
1	16	Approve the Environmental Commission 2019 Meeting Calendar	<u>11/7/2018</u>																			
1	17	Make a recommendation regarding the creation, continuation or termination and status of Town Lake concessions contained in the 2018 Annual Report of COA/PARD Managed Concessions on Town Lake—Samuel Hernandez, Contract Management Specialist IV, Idella Wilson, Contract Management Specialist IV, and Pat Rossett, Contract Management Supervisor II, Parks and Recreation Department	<u>11/7/2018</u>																RwC			
1	18	Discuss and consider proposed amendments to Chapter 15-5 of the City Code regarding the regulation of existing and proposed On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) located within the City's full purpose boundaries of the City and areas annexed for the implementation of the Health and Safety Code. The proposed amendments clarify requirements for property owners and add registration requirements for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) licensed maintenance providers—Reyna Holmes, Supervising Engineer, Austin Water	<u>11/7/2018</u>	R																		
1	19	Name: All Stor Westlake, SP-2017-0478D (Austin 2-Mile ETJ) Applicant: Nhat Ho, Civilitude, LLC Location: 9021 FM 2244, Austin TX, 78746 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior Watershed: Barton Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 Fill Requirements to allow fill up to 11 feet. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval with conditions. Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.	<u>11/7/2018</u>			RwC																
2	20	Consider application requesting City consent to the annexation of approximately 124 acres into the Lazy Nine MUD 1A (MUD) (C12M-2018-0004)—Virginia Collier, Planner Principal, Planning and Zoning Department an Chris Herrington, Interim Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department																			R	
2	21	Appoint an alternate member to the Joint Sustainability Committee	<u>12/5/2018</u>																			l
2	22	Name: Senna Hills Municipal Utility District (MUD) Land Plan Amendment (C12M-2018-0145 Applicant: Senna Hills Ltd. Location: Approximately 11.73 acres at the northwest corner of the intersection of FM 2244 and Senna Hills Dr. Staff: Virginia Collier, Planner Principal, Planning and Zoning Department and Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Lake Austin and Barton Creek Watersheds Request: Consider an amendment to the Senna Hills MUD Land Plan to: 1) change school and irrigation to office use and 2) update the land use allocation table to reflect the actual built-out conditions. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends denial of the request to amend the consent agreement as proposed.	<u>1/16/2019</u>								NAT											

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х		Approved the 2019 Meeting Calendar
		Recommended with conditions
		Recommended support
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		Recommended
x		Commissioner Coyne was appointed to the Joint Sustainability Committee.
		Recommendations failed. No action taken.

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23	Reappoint or nominate a member of the Environmental Commission to serve on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board	<u>2/6/2019</u>																			
24	Name: West Harbour Marina, SP-2018-0221C (D-10) Applicant: G4 Interests LLC Location: 2503 Westlake Dr., Austin, TX 78745 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Request to vary from 25-8-368(E) to allow more than 25 cubic yards of dredging in Lake Austin. Staff Recommendation: Staff determination is that the findings of fact have been met.	<u>2/6/2019</u>			RwC																
25	Name: Courtyard Final Plat and Subdivision (W/R C8-2017-0016.0A) (D-10) Applicant: Jerry Perales, Perales Engineering Location: 6910 West Courtyard Drive, Austin, Texas 78730 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior Watershed: Bull Creek, Water Supply Suburban 3 Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. To vary from LDC 25-8-301(A), prohibiting construction of a driveway on slopes greater than 15 percent, unless to provide primary access to an area of at least two contiguous acres with a slope of less than 15 percent or at least five residential units Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend approval Reasons for Recommendation: Staff determination is that the findings of fact have not been met.	<u>2/6/2019</u>				RwC															
26	Name: Junction Athletic Complex, SP-2016-0607D (2-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Applicant: Connor Overby, Texas Engineering Solutions Location: 8921 W US Highway 290, Austin, TX 78736 Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department and Andrew Clamann, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Slaughter Creek, Water Supply Rural The variance requests are as follows: 1. Cut exceeding four feet of depth, 13-7-16(b) Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend approval Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have not been met 2. Fill exceeding four feet of depth, 13-7-16(a) Staff Recommendation: The findings of fact have not been met 3. Construction in the Water Quality Transition Zone, 13-2-563 Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval with conditions Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met	<u>2/6/2019</u>			RwC		RwC														
27	<ul> <li>Name: 6420 Bee Caves Road, SP-2018-0299D (2-Mile ETJ)</li> <li>Applicant: Travis Robinson, P.E.</li> <li>Location: 6420 FM 2244 Rd</li> <li>Staff: Alex Butler, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department</li> <li>Watershed: Bee Creek Watershed (Water Supply Rural) and Eanes Creek Watershed (Water Supply Suburban), Drinking Water Protection Zone</li> <li>Request 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut above allowable four feet to no more than eight feet of depth.</li> <li>2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill above allowable four feet no more than eight feet of depth.</li> <li>3. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-423C to exceed impervious cover limit of 40% Net Site Area to no more than 50% Net Site Area.</li> <li>Staff recommendation: 1. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>2. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met.</li> <li>3. Restrictive Covenant preserving the Water Supply Rural po</li></ul>	<u>4/3/2019</u>			NAT				NAT												

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х		Commissioner Guerrero was appointed to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.
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		Recommended with conditions
		Recommended with conditions
		Recommendations failed. No action taken.

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28	Name: Valla Djafari, SP-2018-0028D (D-10) Applicant: Jennifer Hanlen, Permit Partners, LLC Location: 2009 Lakeshore Dr., Austin, TX 78746 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department, Scott Hiers, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Dirking Water Protection Zone Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction of a boat dock, a shoreline access, and shoreline stabilization within a 150-foot Critical Environmental Feature (CEF) buffer for a Rimrock CEF. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the findings of fact have been met. Staff conditions: 1. Construction access will occur from Lake Austin by barge. 2. Staircase will span the rimrock and posts will not be located closer than 5' from the crest and base of the rimrock critical environmental feature. 3. Staircase shall be preassembled in sections off-site, which will reduce the amount construction activities near the rimrock critical environmental feature. 4. Additional wetland mitigation and shoreline stabilization will be installed per Landscape Plan Sheet 10.	<u>4/17/2019</u>				RwC		RwC														
29	Name: Jaylee Business Park, SP-2018-0455D (2-Mile ETJ) Applicant: Carlson, Brigance & Doering, Inc Location: 2709 N FM 620 RD, Austin, TX 78734 Staff: Alex Butler, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: Running Deer Creek Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut above allowable four feet to no more than eight feet of depth. 2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill above allowable four feet no more than eight feet of depth Staff Recommendation: 1. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met. 2. Staff recommends that the required findings of fact have been met. Staff Conditions: 1. Commercial landscaping in accordance with Land Development Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter C, Article 9 and the Environmental Criteria Manual Section 2; excluding Hill Country Roadway Requirements. 2. Tree mitigation in accordance with current Land Development Code and Environmental Criteria Manual requirements, ad 'No Mow' signs placed in the 40% Natural Area Buffer.	<u>4/17/2019</u>			RwC																	
30	Name: Ranch Road 620 Project Consent Agreement Applicant: Michael Whellan, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC Location: FM 620 at Storm Drive (2-mile ETJ) Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Running Deer Creek Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Consider a project consent agreement (PCA) to allow for the construction of an affordable rental housing development of approximately 180 units. Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.	<u>4/17/2019</u>								RwC												
31	Name: Villas on Rio Grande, SP-2018-0362C.SH (D-9) Applicant: Jason Rogers, Garrett-Innen Civil Engineering Location: 2111 Rio Grande Street Staff: Jim Dymkowski, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Shoal Creek Watershed, Urban Classification, Desired Development Zone Request: Request to vary from 25-8-641 to allow the removal of two heritage trees, each with a single-stem greater than 30" in diameter. Staff Recommendation: Tree #19730 (34-inch Pecan): The request meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2), thus the variance is recommended. Tree #19726 (37-inch Pecan): The request does not meet the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2), thus the variance is not recommended.	<u>4/17/2019</u>										RwC										
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		Recommended approval of request to remove Tree #19730
		Recommended denial of the request to remove #19726

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33	Name: Water Control and Improvement District No. 20, Application for City Consent to Annexation (C12M- 2019-0001) Applicant: Terrance Irion, representing John and Joni Ballis, property owners Location: Approximately 2.309 acres located at 1111 N Weston Lane in the Austin extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) in western Travis County Texas. Staff: Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning Department and Atha Phillips, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Lake Austin Request: Consider application requesting City consent to the annexation of approximately 2.309 acres located at 1111 N Weston Lane into Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 20 (C12M-2019-0001) and make a recommendation to Council on the request. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends consent to the proposed annexation into Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 20. Reasons for Recommendation: Annexation into the District will not affect the City of Austin's annexation plan and staff does not anticipate any negative land use impacts on adjacent property. Staff has determined that the property requesting City consent to annexation into WCID 20 is outside of Austin Water's (AW) impact fee boundary. For AW to serve this property, a waiver to the LDC 25-9-3 would be required. The code states the City may not provide water or wastewater service outside the service area of the Austin Water Utility unless the council by ordinance waives the prohibition. Additionally, water and wastewater services are approximately 2 miles away from the property. Finally, regulations for development will follow the same rules and processes currently in effect if the District annexes the tract.	<u>5/1/2019</u>																		R	
34	Name: Turner's Crossing Preliminary Plan C8J-2018-0091 Applicant: Rob Smith, P.E. and Josh Miksch, P.E., Kimley-Horn Location: East of North Turnersville Rd., between FM 1327 and Turnersville Rd., Austin, Travis County, TX (2-mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Review Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Rinard Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone Request: Request to vary from LDC 30-5-341 for cut to exceed not more than 14.7 feet of depth and LDC 30 5-342 for fill to exceed not more than 14.9 feet of depth Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends these variances, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.	<u>5/1/2019</u>			RwC																
35	Review and recommend approval to include Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone—Christina Romero, Financial Manager II, Austin Water	5/15/2019					R														
36	Name: Austin Green Improvement District No. 1, C12M-2018-0005 Applicant: Steven Spears, GroundWork Location: 11600-12337 Harold Green Road (2 Mile ETJ) Staff: Virginia Collier, Planner Principal, Planning and Zoning Department and Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Elm Creek, Colorado River Basin Request: Consider a petition requesting City consent to the creation of the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1 and make a recommendation to Council on the petition. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council approve a Consent Agreement and a Strategic Partnership Agreement for the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1. Note: The Austin Green Planned Unit Development application (C814-2018-0154) may be discussed but no action will be taken.	5/15/2019								R											
37	Update on regional air quality plan, City of Austin funding for regional air quality program, and ozone season outreach plans	6/5/2019															NAT				
38	Update on the Austin Community Climate Plan	6/5/2019															NAT				
39	Update on Lower Shoal Creek Slope Failure	6/5/2019															NAT				
40	Update on the Sawyer-Cleveland discharge permit to Barton Creek	6/5/2019															NAT				

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41	Update on the turbidity plume at Barton Springs Pool	6/19/2019															NAT							
42	Update from Austin Youth River Watch	6/19/2019																R						Recommended
43	Discuss safety improvements above Barton Springs Pool for inner-tubers and boaters	6/19/2019																R						Recommended that City Council initiate a study to address safety concerns
44	Update on Examining Low Carbon Concrete for City Construction Projects	6/19/2019																R						Recommended supporting a pilot program
45	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 singlefamily home.	6/19/2019																RwC						
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