



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel

Ryan Nill

Curtis Smith

Pam Thompson

Kevin Ramberg

Linda Guerrero

Wendy Gordon

Perry Bedford

Katie Coyne

Peggy Maceo

Mary Ann Neely

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin

Jonathan Garner

Chris Herrington

Atha Phillips

Radmon Rice

Sherri Sirwaitis

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the July 15, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the July 15, 2020 Environmental Commission regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 11-0 vote.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on Green Infrastructure web portal—Erin Wood, Planner Principal, Watershed Protection Department **(5 minutes)**
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Update on the Environmental Commission Annual Internal Review—Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair (**5 minutes**)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Discuss and consider a recommendation to name an unnamed tributary in Battle Bend Neighborhood Park in memory of Watershed Protection Department employee Nick Down—Chris Herrington, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department (**10 minutes**)

A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Neely’s second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was off the dais.

A motion to support a recommendation to name an unnamed tributary in Battle Bend Neighborhood Park in memory of Watershed Protection Department employee Nick Down as approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Gordons’s second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was off the dais.

- c. Discuss and consider a recommendation for the Vision Plan for John Treviño Jr. Metropolitan Park at Morrison Ranch—Charles Mabry, Associate Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department and David Malda, Principal, GGN (**30 minutes**)
A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Coyne’s motion, Commissioner Ramberg’s second on a 11-0 vote.

A motion to approve a recommendation for the adoption of the Vision Plan for the John Treviño Jr. Metropolitan Park at Morrison Ranch was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Guerrero’s second on a 11-0 vote.

4. 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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 4:05 P.M.

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