



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 7, 2021**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Andrew Creel  
Pam Thompson  
Jennifer Bristol  
Audrey Barrett Bixler  
Rick Brimer  
Kevin Ramberg  
Linda Guerrero**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Perry Bedford  
Katie Coyne**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Kaela Champlin  
Jose Guerrero  
Scott Hiers  
Hank Marley  
Jorge Morales  
Mike McDougal  
Atha Phillips**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.**

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first ten speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.  
**None**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approval of the June 16, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes  
**(5 minutes)**

**A motion to approve the June 16, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes were approved on Commissioner Creel's motion, Commissioner Brimer's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Bedford and Coyne were absent. Commissioner Barrett Bixler was off the dais.**

2. **WATERSHED PROTECTION DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- a. Update from Jose Guerrero, Assistant Director, Watershed Protection Department  
(5 minutes)

**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- b. Update on Watershed Protection Department Realignment—Jorge Morales, Director,  
Watershed Protection Department (10 minutes)

**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **Name:** Norris Boat Dock, SP-2020-0223DS

**Applicant:** Stephen Hawkins, Aqua Permits, LLC

**Location:** 1875 Westlake Dr. (District #10)

**Staff:** Scott Hiers, Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department

**Watershed:** Lake Austin and Bee Creek Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking  
Water Protection Zone

**Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(B) to allow construction within  
150-feet of Rimrock Critical Environmental Feature

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions

(30 minutes)

**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's  
motion, Commissioner Thompson's motion on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Bedford  
and Coyne were absent.**

**A motion to approve the variance request with conditions was approved on  
Commissioner Ramerg's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 7-0 vote.  
Commissioners Bedford and Coyne were absent.**

- b. **Name:** Crossroads Logistics, SP-2021-0015D

**Applicant:** Michele Rogerson Lynch and Steve Jamison

**Location:** 8400 E. Parmer Lane, Austin, Texas, 78653 (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

**Staff:** Hank Marley, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services  
Department

**Watershed:** Gilleland Creek Watershed, Suburban, Desired Development Zone

**Request:** 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut up to 14.3 feet within the  
Desired Development Zone

2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill up to 16.5 feet within the  
Desired Development Zone.

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions

(30 minutes)

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and Coyne were absent.**

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#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Forestry Committee –Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Richard Brimer  
**Chair Guerrero gave an update on the Urban Forestry Committee.**
- b. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
- c. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee  
– Kevin Ramberg
- d. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Linda Guerrero and Pam Thompson
- e. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero  
**Chair Guerrero gave an update on South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.**

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:19 P.M.**

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