

Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission February 16, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation.

To register to speak remotely, call or email the board liaison Kaela Champlin, (512) 974-3443, Kaela.Champlin@austintexas.gov, no later than noon, (the day before the meeting). The following information is required: speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

COMMISSIONERS:

Linda Guerrero (D-9) Chair	Richard Brimer (D-10)	Perry Bedford (Mayor)	
Audrey Barrett Bixler (D-5)	Vacant (D-6)	Jennifer Bristol (D-7) Secretary	Kevin Ramberg (D-8) Vice-Chair
Haris Qureshi (D-1)	Rachel Scott (D-2)	Pam Thompson (D-3)	Vacant (D-4)

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 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.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approval of the February 2, 2022 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes (**5 minutes**)

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. 87th State Legislature Update—Brie Franco, City of Austin Intergovernmental Relations Officer (**30 minutes**)

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Recognize Linda Guerrero for six years of service on the Environmental Commission (10 minutes)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Name: Violet Crown Water and Wastewater Service Extension Requests #5111 & #5112

Applicant: Jim Wittliff, Land Answers, Inc. **Location:** 10649 SH 71 Austin, Texas 78736

Council District: Austin 2-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection

Department

Watershed: Barton Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Edwards Aquifer

Contributing Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone **Request:** Water and Wastewater Service Extension

Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend approval of the water

and wastewater service extension requests

(30 minutes)

b. **Name:** 7715 1/2 West State Highway 71, C14-85-288.23(RCA)

Applicant: Amanda Swor, Drenner Group

Location: 7712 Oak Forest Lane, Austin TX 78736

Council District: District 8

Staff: Liz Johnston, Deputy Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department

and Leslie Lilly, Environmental Program Coordinator

Watershed: Williamson Creek, Barton Springs Zone (Contributing Zone), Drinking

Water Protection Zone

Request: Conduct a public hearing and approve a restrictive covenant amendment

Staff Recommendation: To grant an amendment to the restrictive covenant

(30 minutes)

c. Name: Iglesia Pentecostal Emanuel, Inc., SP-2020-0324C

Applicant: Bill Graham, IT Gonzalez Engineers **Location:** 6300 Moonglow Dr., Austin, TX 78724

Council District: District 1

Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services

Department

Watershed: Walnut Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development

Zone

Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development of a portion of a driveway in the Critical Water Quality Zone.

Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions

(30 minutes)

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Forestry Committee –Pam Thompson, Richard Brimer, Linda Guerrero, and Rachel Scott
- b. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee Audrey Barrett Bixler
- 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, Pam Thompson, and Rachel Scott
- e. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board Linda Guerrero

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Discuss possible special-called meeting for briefings on the Watershed Protection Department and Development Services Department Budgets (5 minutes)

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).