



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
October 21, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Boards & Commissions Meeting Room, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

Andrew Creel (D-1)	Marisa Perales (D-2)	Pam Thompson (D-3)	Erin Gooch (D-4)
Mary Ann Neely (D-5)	Michael Moya (D-6)	Peggy Maceo (D-7)	Hank Smith (D-8)
Mary Gay Maxwell (D-9)	Richard Grayum (D-10)	Brian Smith (Mayor)	

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**
Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.
 3. **EDUCATION**
 - a. None
 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of October 7, 2015.
 5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
 - a. None
 6. **CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Consider and make a recommendation on the Watershed Protection Department's Master Plan – Jean Drew, Environmental Policy Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department
 - b. Update on the City of Austin proposed wastewater permitting rule-making petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Chris Herrington, PE, Watershed Protection Department.
 7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. **Name:** Heritage Tree Variance
Applicant: Barton Creek Capital, LLC

Location: 504 East 8th

City Arborist: Keith Mars, Development Services Department

Request: The applicant is requesting to remove two heritage trees with stems greater than 30 inches as allowed under LDC 25-8-643.

Staff Recommendation: The request meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2), thus the variance is recommended.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee
- b. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee
- c. Development Committee
- d. Water Quality Regulations Committee
- e. Watershed Protection Budget Committee
- f. Air Quality Committee
- g. Report from Mary Gay Maxwell on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- i. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force
- j. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee
- k. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee
- l. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board
- m. Other reports from Commissioners

9. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

10. ADJOURNMENT

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