



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at City in Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel
Brian Smith
Erin Gooch
Hank Smith
Mary Ann Neely
Mary Gay Maxwell
Richard Grayum
Pam Thompson
Peggy Maceo
Marisa Perales

Commissioner Absent:

Michael Moya

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
Jessica Coronado
Scott Hiers
Jim Dymkowski
Sylvia Pope
Pamela Abee-Taulli
Sue Barnett
Jose Guerrero
Keith Mars

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

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.

There was one speaker:

-David King spoke on the need for more frequent and proactive inspections of troublesome development sites throughout the city.

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of January 13, 2016. **The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of January 13, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's motion and on Commissioner Hank Smith's second. Vote 7-4. Commissioners Andrew Creel, Erin Gooch, and Marisa Perales were off the dais. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.**

5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST

- a. Update on erosion issues at 708 Josephine Street
No action taken. Item posted as conducted.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION*

- a. None

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Gallagher Boat Dock SP-2015-0232DS (D-10)
Applicant: David Cancialosi
Location: 3909 Westlake Drive
Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services/Environmental Staff; Scott Grantham, Development Services/Case Manager
Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: 1) To allow the construction of a boat dock, access maintenance and the installation of a new hand rail within several 150 foot Critical Environmental Feature buffers (Canyon Rimrock, Springs/Seep). 25-8-281 (C)(2)(B)
Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval
Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.
The recommendation to approve the request was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.
- b. **Name:** Restoration Temple of Deliverance Ministries SP-2015-0004C (D-1)
Applicant: IT Gonzales Engineers (Bill Graham, PE)
Location: 6301 Moonglow Drive
Staff Reviewer: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Development Services/Environmental Staff; Benny Ho, Development Services/Case Manager
Watershed: Walnut Creek Watershed, Suburban
Request: To allow construction in a critical water quality zone of a drive and required grading to provide primary access. [LDC 25-8-261]
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.
Reasons for Recommendation: Findings of fact have been met.
The recommendation to approve the request with staff conditions was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Pam Thompson's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.

**There was one speaker:
-I.T. Gonzales spoke in favor.**

c. **Name:** Bowie High School Practice Fields (SP-2014-0465DX) (D-8)
Applicant: Austin Independent School District (Florence Rice)
Location: 3900-1/2 West Slaughter Lane
Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Development Services/Environmental Staff; Nikki Hoelter, Development Services/Case Manager
Watershed: Slaughter Creek Watershed (Barton Springs Zone), Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: To allow approximately 17,000 square feet of a natural grass football/practice field to be within the water quality transition zone of a minor classified waterway within a Barton Springs Zone watershed. LDC Section 25-8-482 (A) (1)
Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval.
Reasons for Recommendation: Findings of fact have not been met; however, the proposed location of the field reduces the magnitude of the variance needed, encroachment into adjacent water quality controls, and is consistent with the agreement between AISD and the City of Austin. Thus the variance is recommended by the Environmental Officer.
The recommendation to approve the request with conditions from staff and the Environmental Commission was made on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion and on Commissioner Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 10-1. Commissioner Michael Moya was absent.

9. 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
- h. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force
- i. Report from Erin Gooch on the Joint Sustainability Committee
- j. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee
- k. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

11. Schedule committee meetings for the Watershed Protection Budget Committee and the Air Quality Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

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