



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 7, 2016

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions room at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Andrew Creel
Marisa Perales
Pam Thompson
Mary Ann Neely
Peggy Maceo
Hank Smith
Linda Guerrero
Brian Smith

Commissioners Absent:

Richard Grayum
Michael Moya

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Chuck Lesniak
Mike Personett
Andrew Moore
Chris Herrington
Alan Holt

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marisa Perales called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

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.

Scott Johnson spoke about the Parkland Events Task Force.

3. EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of November 16, 2016
The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of November 16, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Hank Smith's motion, Commissioner Pam Thompson's second on a 8-2 vote. Commissioners Richard Grayum and Michael Moya were absent.

- 5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER’S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**
- a. Update on the December 1, 2017 City Council meeting regarding the Environmental Commission recommendation to City Council to create an Environmental Commission Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department
Item Conducted as posted. No action taken.
- 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS***
- a. None
- 7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- a. Briefing on the South Central Waterfront Plan—Alan Holt, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning Department
Item Conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Briefing on 425 W. Riverside Drive Planned Unit Development CD-2016-0010 Development Assessment—Andrew Moore, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department
Item Conducted as posted. No action taken.
- c. Briefing from the Hill Country Alliance and discussion regarding opportunities for regional collaboration to protect Texas Hill Country resources—Katherine Romans, Executive Director, Hill Country Alliance
Item Conducted as posted. No action taken.
- d. Update on the City of Austin rule making petition relating to wastewater disposal via land application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality—Chris Herrington, P.E. Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department
Item Conducted as posted. No action taken.
- e. Briefing, discussion and possible action on the City of Dripping Springs permit request for direct discharge into Onion Creek—Chris Herrington, P.E., Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department
Item Conducted as posted. No action taken.
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- a. None
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- a. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- b. Development Committee –Marisa Perales, Richard Grayum, Pam Thompson, and Hank Smith
- c. Water Quality Regulations Committee - Mary Ann Neely, Brian Smith, Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Richard Grayum, and Andrew Creel
- d. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Andrew Creel, and Pam Thompson
- e. Air Quality Committee – Marisa Perales, Mary Ann Neely, Andrew Creel, Peggy Maceo, and Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero

- f. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero and Mary Ann Neely
- g. Report on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee – Marisa Perales
- h. Report from Pam Thompson on the Parkland Events Task Force
Commissioner Pam Thompson gave an update on the Parkland Events Task Force final report.
- i. Report 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 – Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, and Michael Moya
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- a. **Commissioner Linda Guerrero requested an update on 70 Pascal Lane.**
- b. **Commissioner Mary Ann Neely asked for a briefing from the City Water Task Force on climate change in Austin.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marisa Perales adjourned the meeting at 8:42 P.M.

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