



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Boards and Commissions, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701**

# Agenda

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Andrew Creel (D-1)	Marisa Perales (D-2) Chair	Pam Thompson (D-3)	Alesha Istvan (D-4)
Mary Ann Neely (D-5)	Brytne Kitchin (D-6)	Peggy Maceo (D-7) Vice Chair	Hank Smith (D-8) Secretary
Linda Guerrero (D-9)	Wendy Gordon (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 4, 2017  
(5 minutes)

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

a. Discuss upcoming committee meetings related to CodeNEXT.

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS\***

a. None

**7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. Make a recommendation regarding a proposed agreement with Austin Independent School District establishing site development standards and allowing transfers of impervious cover for redevelopment of school campuses within the Barton Springs Zone—Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department and Andrew Linseisen, Assistant Director, Development Services Department (1 hour)

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing as required under City Code Section 14-1-34 (Procedure for renaming a Facility) to receive public comment regarding the proposed renaming of the Slaughter Creek Management Unit to the Mary Gay Maxwell Management Unit, and make a recommendation to Council regarding the proposed renaming – Kevin Thuesen, Environmental Conservation Program Manager and Sherri Kuhl, Environmental Conservation Division Manager, Austin Water Utility **(30 minutes)**
  
- b. **Name:** 4213 Waters Edge Cove, SP-2017-146D (D-10)  
**Applicant:** Janis Smith  
**Location:** 4213 Waters Edge Cove, Austin, Texas 78731  
**Staff:** Brent Bellingier, Ph.D., Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department and Atha Phillips, Senior Environmental Reviewer, Development Services Department  
**Watershed:** Lake Austin Watershed  
**Request:** Variance request is as follows:  
To allow a bulkhead built in front of an existing bulkhead to extend beyond the allowed 6” to 1’ [25-8-368(D)]  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval, with condition of providing twelve 1-gallon plantings, beyond what is currently required by code commensurate with the shoreline work, as compensation for the additional lost water area.  
**Reason for Recommendation:** Findings of Fact have been met  
**(30 minutes)**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Linda Guerrero, Wendy Gordon
  
- b. Development Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Mary Ann Neely, Brytne Kitchin
  
- c. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson and Wendy Gordon
  
- d. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely and Wendy Gordon
  
- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith and Brian Smith
  
- f. Report from Pam Thompson on the Visitor Impact Task Force
  
- 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 – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo and Linda Guerrero
  
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

**10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

- a. None

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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