



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

Environmental Commission **(Official Name of Board or Commission)**

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

Per section 2-1-144(F) of the City Code, the Environmental Commission may:

- 1) review and analyze the policies relating to the environmental quality of the city;
- (2) act as an advisory board to the city council, the city manager, and the department in their efforts to oversee the protection and integrity of the natural environment;
- (3) promote growth management and land use planning, minimize degradation of water resources, protect downstream areas, and promote recreation opportunities and environmental awareness; and
- (4) advise and recommend on any issue which the commission determines necessary or advisable for the enhancement and stewardship of the urban forest both public and private.

(G) The commission shall:

- (1) assist the city council, the city manager, and the department in studying, promoting and enforcing environmental protection policies to assure the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of all citizens within the City's incorporated boundaries as well as those within its extraterritorial jurisdiction where the boundaries apply; and
- (2) oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the planting, maintenance, and replacement of trees in the City's jurisdiction, and revise the plan as necessary. When a portion of the plan has been developed and established, it shall be submitted to the city council for adoption before implementation.

(H) The commission shall advise the city council, the city manager, and the department concerning policies, projects, and programs that affect the quality of life or have the potential to affect the environment, including those that relate to or affect:

- (1) water quality: (a) watershed protection; (b) urban runoff; (c) innovative wastewater treatment; (d) regional wastewater treatment; (e) improvement and protection of the Colorado River and the Edwards Aquifer; and (f) wastewater irrigation;
- (2) growth management and land use planning: (a) municipal utility district review; (b) capital improvement project review; and (c) the comprehensive plan;
- (3) construction controls for erosion and sedimentation;
- (4) City environmental policies regarding monitoring and enforcement;
- (5) solid waste disposal plan alternatives;
- (6) watershed protection: (a) flood control; (b) erosion control; (c) water quality; and (d) utility management;
- (7) roadway planning;
- (8) beautification;
- (9) recreation resources;
- (10) public education on environmental matters;
- (11) hazardous waste materials management;
- (12) revegetation and landscaping;
- (13) air quality;
- (14) noise abatement; and
- (15) all matters pertaining to the City's urban forest, including public and private trees.

(I) The commission shall:

- (1) review all variances to requirements for water quality protection;
- (2) review the monitoring of storm water runoff in developed and undeveloped areas;
- (3) review the efficiency of existing and proposed structural and nonstructural water quality controls;
- (4) periodically review the effectiveness of Chapter 25-4 (Subdivision);
- (5) review waste treatment permits within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction; (6) review programs and policies for flood control, erosion control, and water quality;
- (7) review capital improvement projects;
- (8) review municipal utility district proposals and amendments;
- (9) review roadway plan amendments;
- (10) recommend urban runoff standards; and
- (11) review the environmental elements of planned unit developments.

(J) The commission may recommend and initiate, with the advice and consent of the city council, specific project studies concerning any of the matters described in Subsections (H) and (I), or any other related environmental or urban forestry issue.

(K) The commission shall make reports and recommendations for standards and criteria concerning any of the matters described in Subsections (H) and (I), or any other related environmental or urban forestry issue.

(L) The commission shall promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting natural resource, environmental, and urban forestry activities, so that all similar activities within the city may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

(M) A project for which commission review is required: (1) must be submitted to the appropriate staff before the meeting at which it will be considered; and (2) may not be considered by the Planning Commission, the Zoning and Platting Commission, or the city council until the commission has had an opportunity to review the project at a regularly scheduled meeting and to report its findings.

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)

Attached to this report is a spreadsheet listing all actions, recommendations, letters, and reports considered and/or taken up by the Environmental Commission during the previous calendar year.

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

(If any of the board's actions were outside the scope of the mission statement, the report should explain the non-compliance issues.)

All actions taken by the Environmental Commission comply with the Commission's mission statement.

A list of all actions taken by the Environmental Commission are attached to this report.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

(Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.)

Below is a list of the Environmental Commission's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

- Ensure the Environmental Commission provides ongoing support for the City's community resilience efforts including the development of a resilience plan.

- Provide oversight related to environmental resilience as a component of the overall community resilience work.
- Pursue ability to meet remotely for all standing Environmental Commission committee meetings.
- Prioritize attention toward remedying historic and ongoing unjust impacts that are related to the mission of the Environmental Commission.
- Coordinate with the Equity Office to establish quarterly check-ins with the Environmental Commission.
- Request equity progress updates from the City Environmental Officer at every meeting and provide regular feedback on the Watershed Protection Department's Equity Action Plan.
- Focus Environmental Commission oversight on integration of equity within the Watershed Strategic Plan update and in Capital Improvement Program decision making processes.
- On a quarterly basis, the Environmental Commission will review the status of the Watershed Protection Department's Capital Improvement Program.
- Conduct a review of the City's wastewater treatment systems, including the age, function, and anticipated improvements to existing wastewater treatment facilities.
- Continue discussion and progress on strategies that will lower carbon emissions in Austin.
- Request updates on environmental analysis, impacts, and outcomes from ongoing citywide projects such as the Tesla factory and Major League Soccer (MLS) stadium.
- Conduct a review of environmental inspection practices, including erosion and sedimentation controls and tree protections, by the Development Services Department to ensure that environmental regulations are being appropriately implemented to be protective of water quality and the urban forest.

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1 Name: Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC Wastewater Service Extension Request #4126 Applicant: Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC (Jason Baze, PE) Location: 1100, 1101, 1102, 1200, 1201, 1205, 1206, 1208, 1209, and 1300 Silver Hill Drive; 3600, 3601, 3603, 3605, 3608, and 3610 Silver Hill Circle; 3608, 3609, 3610, 3612, 3614, 3700, and 3701 Moon River Road; 1201, 1202, 1300, 1302, 1303, and 1304 Pasaguarda Drive; and 1303 Constant Springs Drive, Austin, Texas Staff: Kaela Champlin, Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Eanes Creek Watershed (Water Supply Suburban) Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Review and consider for recommendation Wastewater Service Extension Request #4126 Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval Reasons for Recommendation: Watershed Protection Department staff recommends approval of SER as the proposed extension could solve potential environmental problems associated with the existing on-site sewage facilities and would not facilitate increased development intensity in the area.	7/17/2019											R										A recommendation to approve the Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC Wastewater Service Extension Request #4516 was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 6-0 vote.	
2 Discuss and consider Walter E. Long Master Plan—Ricardo Soliz, Park Planning Division Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department	7/17/2019																R						A recommendation to support the Walter E. Long Master Plan with conditions was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 6-0 vote.
3 Update on Emma Long Metropolitan Park bulkhead and shoreline restoration—Andrew Clamann, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department	7/17/2019															NAT							Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
4 Update on outreach and land management plans for Lower Onion Creek Area—Leah Gibson, Field Operations Division, Watershed Protection Department	7/17/2019															NAT							Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
5 Update from Save Barton Creek Association—Angela Richter, Executive Director, Save Barton Creek Association	7/17/2019																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
6 Update from Save Our Springs Alliance—Bobby Levinski, Attorney, Save Our Springs Alliance	8/21/2019																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
7 Update on harmful algae bloom in Lady Bird Lake—Watershed Protection Department	8/21/2019																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
8 Presentation on the Heritage Tree Ordinance and tree removals—Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department	8/21/2019																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
9 Update on pavement sealant ban and consider a recommendation on an ordinance to modify the current ban to include additional high PAH products—Tom Ennis, Sustainability Officer, Watershed Protection Department	8/21/2019																R						A motion to support staff's recommendation to amend Chapters 6-6 of the City Code with conditions was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 9-0 vote.
10 Elections of Environmental Commission Officers for the May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 term	8/21/2019																				R		Commissioner Maceo nominated Commissioner Guerrero as Chair. Commissioner Coyne nominated Commissioner Ramberg as secretary. Commissioner Creel nominated Commissioner Coyne as Vice Chair.
11 Discuss and consider Environmental Commission subcommittee membership and subcommittee chair appointments	8/21/2019															X							Postponed
12 Update on Environmental Commission Annual Internal Review Report (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)—Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair (8/21/2019																				NAT		Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
13 Name: 211 S. Lamar Planned Unit Development, C814-2012-0160.01 Applicant: 16 Piggybank, Ltd. (Huston Street). Agent: Amanda Swor, Drenner Group, PC Location: 211 South Lamar Boulevard Northbound and 1211 West Riverside Drive Staff: Wendy Rhoades, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning Department Watershed: Lady Bird Lake, Water Supply Urban Request: From PUD to PUD, to modify conditions of zoning Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions	8/21/2019									NAT													A motion to recommend approval of the 211 S. Lamar PUD with conditions failed on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 5-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Creel, Bedford, Guerrero, Coyne, and Ramberg. Those voting nay were Commissioners Thompson, Gordon, Neely, and Maceo. Commissioner C. Smith was absent.
14 Presentation on Watershed Protection Department annual results for Youth Education—Susan Wall, Conservation Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	9/4/2019																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
15 Discuss and consider Environmental Commission subcommittee membership and subcommittee chair appointments	9/4/2019																				R		A motion to revise the Environmental Commission bylaws was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 7-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Smith, Creel, Ramberg, Guerrero, Coyne, Maceo, and Bedford. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Thompson and Neely. Commissioner Gordon was absent.
16 Review criteria for reviewing environmental superiority of Planned Unit Developments—Chris Herrington, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department	9/4/2019																NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
17 Discuss and consider an ordinance amending Title 25 and Title 30 of the City Code related to floodplain regulations. City Staff: Kevin Shunk, Watershed Engineering Division Manager, Watershed Protection Department	9/4/2019		R																				A motion to support the proposed ordinance amending Title 25 and Title 30 of the City Code related to floodplain regulations with conditions was made on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second. Commissioner Creel made a motion to amend Commissioner Coyne's motion but did not receive a second. The motion was approved on a 8-0 vote.

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18 Briefing, discussion, and possible action on a recommendation to Austin City Council on the Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities, and Programs—Kim McKnight, PARD Planning, Austin Parks and Recreation Department	9/18/2019															RwC						A recommendation to support the Parks and Recreation Department Long Range Plan with conditions was made on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Maceo's second. Commissioner Creel made an amendment that was accepted by the Commission. The recommendation was approved on a 9-0 vote.
19 Briefing, discussion, and possible action on the Austin Fire Department's proposed Wildland/Urban Interface Code amendment to enforce building construction and vegetation maintenance standards—Mark Baker, Environmental Compliance Specialist Senior, Austin Fire Department	9/18/2019	RwC																				A recommendation to support the proposed Wildland-Urban Interface Code with conditions was made on Commissioner Maceo's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second. Commissioner Coyne made an amendment that was accepted by the Commission. Commissioner Creel made an amendment that was accepted by the Commission. The recommendation was approved on a 8-0 vote.
20 Discussion regarding camping on Watershed Protection Department lands and other wildland natural areas	9/18/2019																NAT					A recommendation regarding camping on Watershed Protection Department lands and other wildland natural areas failed on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 4-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Thompson, Neely, and Maceo. Those voting nay were Commissioners Creel, Bedford, Ramberg, and Coyne. Commissioner Guerrero abstained. Commissioners Smith and Gordon were absent. A substitute motion regarding camping on Watershed Protection Department lands and other wildland natural areas failed on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 4-3 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Coyne, Ramberg, and Bedford. Those voting nay were Commissioners Creel, Thompson, Neely, and 3 Maceo. Commissioner Guerrero abstained. Commissioners Smith and Gordon were absent.
21 Discuss and consider alert processes for air quality notification—Pam Thompson, Environmental Commission Member	9/18/2019																NAT					Item 7d was postponed. No action taken.
22 Update from Shoal Creek Conservancy—Ivey Kaiser, Executive Director, Shoal Creek Conservancy	10/2/2019																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
23 Name: Pioneer Crossing Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment #14, C814-96-003.14 Applicant: LJA Engineering, T. Walter Hoysa, P.E. Location: 3124 East Parmer Lane (District 1) Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office Watershed: Harris Branch Watershed, Suburban Watershed Classification, Desired Development Zone Request: The applicant is requesting a 14th amendment to the Pioneer Crossing PUD to reallocate mixed use density residential (MDR) units in this portion of the PUD, to slightly increase the total amount of commercial area in exchange for a decrease in the total residential area, to request an increase in height on parcel RA-7 up to 75 feet or six stories) and to request and increase in height on parcel RA-8 and parcel RA-9 to a maximum of 60 feet or four stories. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions.	10/2/2019									RwC												A recommendation for approval of the requested 14th amendment to the Pioneer Crossing PUD with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion. Commissioner Neely's second on a 8-0 vote.
24 Consider proposed annexation of approximately 4.42 acres into Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10 C12-M-2019-0002—Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office and Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning Department	10/2/2019																		R			A recommendation for consent for the proposed annexation was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Smith were absent.
25 Name: Austin Green Improvement District No. 1, C12M-2018-0005 Applicant: Steven Spears, GroundWork Location: 11600-12337 Harold Green Road (2-mile ETJ) Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office and Virginia Collier, Planning and Zoning Department Watershed: Elm Creek, Colorado River Basin 3 Request: Reconsider a petition requesting City consent to the creation of the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1 and make a recommendation to Council on the petition. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council approve a Consent Agreement and a Strategic Partnership Agreement for the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1. Note: The Austin Green Planned Unit Development application (C814-2018-0154) may be discussed but no action will be taken.	10/2/2019																R					A motion to recommend the reconsideration of the petition requesting City consent to the creation of the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1 was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 7-0 vote.
26 City of Austin Air Quality Updates—Phoebe Romero, Environmental Program Coordinator, Office of Sustainability	10/16/2019																NAT					A motion to develop an air quality assessment tool failed on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Maceo's second on a 2-3 vote.
27 Approve the 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Schedule and discuss planning for future Environmental Commission town hall meetings	10/16/2019																				R	A motion to approve the 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Schedule was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 8-0 vote.

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28 Name: Zully's B&B, SP-2018-0567C (District 10) Applicant: Phil Moncada, Moncada Enterprises and Kerri Pena, P.E., Green Civil Design Location: 8104 Posten Lane, Austin, TX 78744 Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Review Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Carson Creek, Suburban Watershed, Desired Development Zone Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development within a Critical Water Quality Zone Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend this variance, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.	10/16/2019														X							Item was postponed indefinitely.
29 Name: Oaks at Slaughter Site Improvements, SP-2019-0032D (District 2) Applicant: Joe Farias, P.E., Stantec Location: 8517 1/2 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78745 Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Review Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Onion Creek, Suburban Watershed, Desired Development Zone Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut for more than four feet of depth Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend this variance, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.	10/16/2019														X							Item was postponed.
30 Name: 3801 Westlake, SP-2019-0243DS (District 10) Applicant: Eric Moreland, Laguna Taco LLC Location: 3801 Westlake Drive, Austin, Texas, 78746 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department and Lindsey Sydow, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow construction of a boat dock and shoreline access within a 150-foot Critical Environmental Feature (CEF) buffer for a Rimrock CEF. Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.	10/16/2019														X							Item was postponed.
31 Name: 3801 Westlake, SP-2019-0243DS (District 10) Applicant: Eric Moreland, Laguna Taco LLC Location: 3801 Westlake Drive, Austin, Texas, 78746 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department and Lindsey Sydow, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow construction of a boat dock and shoreline access within a 150-foot Critical Environmental Feature (CEF) buffer for a Rimrock CEF. Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.	11/6/2019				RwC		RwC															A recommendation to approve the variance with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 10-0 vote
32 Name: Thaxton Road Tract Offsite Wastewater Improvements, SP-2019-0108D Applicant: Phillip Boghosian, Owner; Daniel Ryan, LJA (Civil Engineer); and Austin Water Utility, Co-sponsor of project Location: 6810-1/2 Colton Bluff Springs Road, Austin, TX 78744 (2-mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Review Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Marble Creek, Suburban, Desired Development Zone Request: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development within a Critical Water Quality Zone Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend this variance, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.	11/6/2019					RD																Recommended denial with conditions for consideration
33 Update from Go Austin/Vamos Austin (GAVA)—Frances Acuña, Community Organizer	11/20/2019																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
34 History of Watershed Protection Department's Environmental Resource Management Division David Johns, Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department	11/20/2019																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
35 Briefing on Airport Wildlife Management at Austin-Bergstrom and Bird Strike Reporting Procedures—Christopher Moret, Wildlife Biologist, Department of Aviation	11/20/2019																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
36 Briefing and request for possible action regarding recommendations for revision of Austin Energy Green Building Standards for Single Family Homes and Apartments—Paul Robbins, Environmental Activist and Consumer Advocate	11/20/2019																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
37 Make a recommendation regarding the creation, continuation, or termination and status of Lady Bird Lake concessions contained in the 2019 Annual Report of City of Austin/Parks and Recreation Department Managed Concessions on Town Lake—Vanorda Richardson, Financial Manager, Parks and Recreation Department	11/20/2019													R								A recommendation to approve the continuation of Lady Bird Lake concessions with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 8-0 vote.

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38 Name: Zully's B&B, SP-2018-0567C (District 3) Applicant: Phil Moncada, Moncada Enterprises and Kerri Pena, P.E., Green Civil Design Location: 8104 Posten Lane, Austin, TX 78744 Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Review Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Carson Creek, Suburban Watershed, Desired Development Zone	11/20/2019														X							Item was withdrawn by applicant.
39 Introduction from Watershed Protection Director Jorge Morales	12/4/2019															NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
40 Briefing on Waller Creek/Palm District Planning Initiative—Stevie Greathouse, Program Manager, Planning and Zoning Department	12/4/2019															NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
41 Discuss and consider tree protections on Apple Campus (SP-2018-0602C)	12/4/2019																NAT					A recommendation regarding tree protections on the Apple Campus was approved on Commissioner Smith's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 11-0 vote.
42 Name: Ventura at Parmer Lane, SP-2018-0565D Applicant: Rob Smith, P.E., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Location: 8407 E. Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78653 (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Review Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Gilleland Creek Watershed, Suburban, Desired Development Zone Request: Variance requests are as follows: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development in a critical water quality zone 2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut more than four feet in depth within 100 feet of a classified waterway 3. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow fill more than four feet in depth within 100 feet of a classified waterway Staff Recommendation: Staff does not recommend these variances, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met	12/4/2019			RwC		RwC																A motion to approve the variances with conditions was approved on Commissioner Creel's motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 10-0 vote.
43 Name: 218 South Lamar, C814-2018-0121 Applicant: Amanda Swor, Drenner Group Location: 218 S. Lamar (Council District 5) Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office and Heather Chaffin, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department Watershed: Lady Bird Lake and West Bouldin Creek Request: To create a new Planned Unit Development (PUD) Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions	12/4/2019									RwC												Recommended with conditions.
44 Name: Davenport West PUD Amendment 12 Applicant: Michele Rogerson Lynch, Metcalf, Wolff, Stuart, & Williams LLP Location: 4417 Westlake Drive (Council District 10) Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office and Mark Graham, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department Watershed: St. Stephens Creek, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: To amend a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions	12/4/2019									RwC												Recommended with conditions
45 Buying and selling ecosystem services, Jim Blackburn, Professor in the Practice of Environmental Law, Rice University	1/15/2020																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
46 Development Assessment Briefing on 614 South 1st Street Planned Unit Development, CD2019-0006—Kate Clark, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department	1/15/2020															NAT						Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
47 Name: Lantana PCA Applicant: Michael Whellan, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC Location: 7415 Southwest Parkway (District 8) Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office Watershed: Williamson Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Consider a Project Consent Agreement waiving provisions of City Code Chapters 25-7 (Drainage) and 25-8 (Environment), including Chapter 25-8, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative), to allow construction of a mixed-use residential project at located at 7415 Southwest Parkway in the East Oak Hill Neighborhood Planning Area. This action concerns land located in the Barton Springs zone. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions	1/15/2020														X							Item was postponed.

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48 Name: Austin Green PUD, C814-2018-0154 Applicant: Steven Spears, Groundwork Location: 11600-12337 Harold Green Road (2-mile ETJ, will be District 2 once PUD is approved) Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office Watershed: Colorado River Basin and Elm Creek Watershed, Suburban Watershed Classification, Desired Development Zone Request: To create a new Planned Unit Development (PUD) Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions	1/15/2020									RwC												Recommended with conditions
49 Night Sky Preservation in Austin and Travis County—Cliff Kaplan, Hill Country Alliance	2/5/2020																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
50 Climate Vulnerability in Austin: A multi-risk assessment—Patrick Bixler, University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs	2/5/2020																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
51 Name: Xspace Group, SP-2019-0189D Applicant: Garrett-Ihnen Civil Engineers Location: 4229 N. FM 620, Austin, TX, 78734 (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-301 to construct a driveway on slopes in excess of 15 percent gradient 2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill in excess of four feet of depth Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends these variances, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.	2/5/2020				R																	Recommended
52 Name: Aspen Heights Multifamily Wastewater Service Extension Request #4629 Applicant: Caitlin Kuglen, P.E., Kimley Horn Associates Location: 11210 N FM 620 RD, Austin, TX 78726 (2-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Officer's Office Watershed: Lake Travis Watershed, Water Supply Rural & Bull Creek Watershed, Water Supply Suburban, Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Wastewater Service Extension Request recommendation Staff Recommendation: Staff recommend this request.	2/5/2020											R										Recommended
53 Update on Texas Children in Nature and the Austin Cities Connecting Children to Nature project—Sarah Coles Texas Children in Nature State Coordinator and Melody Alcazar, Program Coordinator, Austin Parks and Recreation Department	2/19/2020																					
54 Carbon Impact Statement Tool and Air Quality Update—Caitlin Admire and Phoebe Romero, Office of Sustainability	2/19/2020																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
55 Overview of the Austin Energy Green Building Program—Heidi Kasper, Manager, Residential Green Building and Kurt Stogdill, Manager, Green Building and Sustainability, Austin Energy	2/19/2020																R					A motion to recommend that the Austin Energy Green Building program's explore revised standards that will actively encourage the installation of non-toxic and less-toxic alternatives through its voluntary point system was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, and Commissioner Neely's second on a 10-0 vote.
56 Name: Lantana PCA Applicant: Michael Whellan, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC Location: 415 Southwest Parkway (District 8) Staff: Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office Watershed: Williamson Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Consider a Project Consent Agreement waiving provisions of City Code Chapters 25-7 (Drainage) and 25-8 (Environment), including Chapter 25-8, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative), to allow construction of a mixed-use residential project located at 7415 Southwest Parkway in the East Oak Hill Neighborhood Planning Area. This action concerns land located in the Barton Springs Zone. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended with conditions.	2/19/2020														X							Item postponed.
57 Update on City of El Paso Resilience Strategy, Nicole Ferrini, City of El Paso Chief Resilience Officer	3/4/2020																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
58 Presentation on Water Quality Compliance Pollution Data Viewer—Thain Maurer, Environmental Compliance Supervisor, Watershed Protection Department	3/4/2020																NAT					Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
59 Discuss and consider the future of Austin resilience planning—Katie Coyne, Environmental Commission Member and Vice Chair	3/4/2020																R					A motion to consider the future of Austin resilience planning was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 6-0 vote.

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61 Name: HEB 10, SP-2019-0034C Applicant: Joe Farias, Stantec Consulting Service Location: 7901 W US 290 Hwy, Austin, TX 78749 (District 8) Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: Williamson Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone Classification, Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut in excess of 4 feet (maximum cut 7 feet) in the Barton Springs Zone. 2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill in excess of 4 feet (maximum fill 14 feet) in the Barton Springs Zone. 3. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-302(A)(1) to construct a building on a slope with a gradient of more than 25 percent. 4. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-302(A)(2) to construct a parking area that is not a parking structure on a slope with a gradient of more than 15 percent. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance, having determined the findings of fact to have been met, with conditions.	3/4/2020			RwC																		Recommended with conditions
62 Name: Water Oak Apartments, SP-2019-0109C Applicant: Gemsong Ryan, Jones Carter Location: 12125 S IH 35, Austin, TX 78747 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut in excess of 4 feet on slopes exceeding 15 percent. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended this variance with conditions, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.	4/15/2020			RwC																		Recommended with conditions
63 Name: Albert H. Ullrich Water Treatment Plant, SPC-03-0005C(R1) Applicant: MWM Design Group, Shari Pape Location: 3602 1/2 Redbud Trail Unit C, Austin, TX 78746 Staff: Scott Hiers, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department and Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: Bee Creek, Little Bee Creek, & Lake Austin Watersheds, Water Supply Rural Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction within 150-foot Critical Environmental Feature (CEF) buffer for a Rimrock CEF. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.	4/15/2020						R															Recommended
64 Name: Davis Water Treatment Plant, SP-2012-0414(R1) Applicant: MWM Design Group, Shari Pape Location: 3352 Mount Bonnell Road (District 10) Staff: Scott Hiers, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department and Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: Huck's Slough & Lake Austin watersheds, Water Supply Suburban & Water Supply Rural Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Variance requests are as follows: 1. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-281(C)(2)(b) to allow the construction within 150-foot of Critical Environmental Feature (CEF) buffers. 2. Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut exceeding 4 feet, to 4.5 feet. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends these variances, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.	4/15/2020						R															Recommended
65 Discussion and recommendation of Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for approval to include in the 5-year Capital spending plan as required by Financial Policy #8—Aurora Pizano, Financial Manager II, Austin Water	5/20/2020												R									Recommended

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66 Name: Additional 300K Ground Water Storage Tank Improvements 360, SP-2019-0417D Applicant: Gray Engineering, Inc. Location: 5418-1/2 Buckman Mountain Road, Austin, Texas 78746 Staff: Hank Marley, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut in excess of four feet in depth and not more than 8 feet. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommended this variance, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.	5/20/2020			RwC																		Recommended with conditions	
67 Name: Persimmons Construction Plans, C8-2019-0080.1B.SH Applicant: Dario Octaviano, City of Austin Public Works (Applicant) June Routh, Dunaway Associates (Engineer of Record) Location: 7051 Meadow Lake Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78744 (District 2) Staff: Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department Watershed: Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone Request: To cut more than four feet in depth within 100 feet of a classified waterway Staff Recommendation: Staff determines that the findings of fact have not been met and recommends that the variance request be denied.	5/20/2020			RD																		Recommended denial.	
68 Name: Vi Collina Multifamily, SP-2019-0529C.SH Applicant: Ryan Taylor, Kimley-Horn Location: 2401 E Oltorf St, Austin, Texas 78741 Staff: Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: Country Club West Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone Request: Variance requests are as follows: 1. Vary from 25-8-302(B)(1) to allow construction of a building on a slope between 15 and 25 percent, where impervious cover on slopes over 15 percent exceeds 10 percent of the total area of the slopes over 15 percent. 2. Vary from 25-8-302(A)(2) to allow construction of a parking area on a slope over 15 percent. 3. Vary from 25-8-341 to allow cut exceeding 4 feet on slopes over 15 percent. 4. Vary from 25-8-342 to allow fill exceeding 4 feet on slopes over 15 percent. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends these variances with conditions, having determined the findings of fact to have been met.	5/20/2020			RwC	RwC																	Recommended with conditions	
69 Name: Springdale Farms, SP-2019-0253C Applicant: Casey Giles, P.E., Storybuilt Location: 755 Springdale Road, Austin, Texas 78702 (District 3) Staff: Kristy Nguyen, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department Watershed: Boggy Creek Watershed, Urban Classification, Desired Development Zone Request: Variance request is as follows: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development in a critical water quality zone Staff Recommendation: Staff do not recommend this variance, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.	6/3/2020					RD																Recommended denial.	
70 Name: C14-85-288.56(RCA) - HWY 71 and Mountain Shadows Applicant: THT Holdings LLC (Senthil Rangaswamy and Prithiviraj Loganathan). Agent: Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams LLP (Michele Rogerson Lynch) Location: 8732, 8624 and 8722 W. State Highway 71 (District 8) Staff: Kate Clark, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department and Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office Watershed: Williamson Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone Request: Conduct a public hearing and approve a restrictive covenant amendment on property locally known as 8732, 8624 and 8722 W. State Highway 71 Staff Recommendation: To grant an amendment to the restrictive covenant	6/3/2020								R													Recommended	
71 Name: Ledgestone Wastewater Service Extension Request #4622 Applicant: Daniel Ryan, P.E. LJA Engineering, Inc. Location: 9021 W US 290 Hwy, Austin, TX 78737 Staff: Kaela Champlin, Environmental Officer's Office Watershed: Slaughter Creek Watershed, Water Barton Springs Zone, Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone Request: Wastewater Service Extension Staff Recommendation: Recommended	6/3/2020											R										Recommended	
72 Consider Watershed Protection Department's FY 21 Operating Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program Plan—Anupa Gharpurey, Financial Manager III, Erin Wood, Principle Planner, and Kelly Gagnon, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department	6/17/2020															R						Recommended with conditions	
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