



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Ryan Nill  
Curtis Smith  
Pam Thompson  
Kevin Ramberg  
Linda Guerrero  
Wendy Gordon  
Perry Bedford  
Katie Coyne  
Peggy Maceo  
Mary Ann Neely**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Andrew Creel**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Pamela Abee-Tauli  
Heather Chaffin  
Kaela Champlin  
Chris Herrington  
Renee Johns  
Atha Phillips**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting to order at 3:04 P.M.**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approval of the August 5, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes  
**(5 minutes)**

**A motion to approve the August 5, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was absent.**

#### **2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Election of Environmental Commission officers for the May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 term **(15 minutes)**

**Commissioner Maceo nominated Commissioner Guerrero for Environmental Commission Chair. Commissioner Guerrero was elected Chair on a 10-0 vote.**

**Commissioner Ramberg nominated Commissioner Coyne for Environmental Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Coyne was elected Vice Chair on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Coyne nominated Commissioner Ramberg for Environmental Commission Secretary. Commissioner Ramberg was elected Secretary on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was absent.**

- b. Presentation of Development Assessment Report for the Springdale Green Planned Unit Development located at 1011 Springdale Rd, CD-2020-0001 (District 3)—Heather Chaffin, Planner Senior, Planning and Zoning Department, and Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer’s Office **(30 minutes)**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Goodwill Store, SP-2019-0171C  
**Applicant:** Dunaway | UDG  
**Location:** 2411 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin, TX 78703 (District 10)  
**Staff:** Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department, 512-974-1879, pamelaaabee-taulli@austintexas.gov  
**Watershed:** Lady Bird Lake Watershed, Water Supply Suburban Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** The applicant is requesting a variance from City Code 25-2-744(E) (University/Deep Eddy Subdistrict Regulations) of the Waterfront Overlay, which limits the impervious coverage of a site area not included in a primary or secondary waterfront overlay setback at 40% impervious coverage. The existing development is currently at 89% impervious coverage, and the proposed development would reduce the impervious coverage to 83%.  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends this variance, because it is in compliance with the requirements of City Code Chapter 25-8 (*Environment*).  
**(15 minutes)**  
**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Thompson’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel was absent. Commissioner Coyne was off the dais.**

**A motion to recommend the variance was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Gordon’s second on a 7-1 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Bedford, Smith, Thompson, Nill, Maceo, Ramberg, and Gordon. Commissioner Neely voted nay. Commissioner Guerrero abstained. Commissioners Creel was absent. Commissioner Coyne was off the dais.**

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Pam Thompson, Kevin Ramberg, Mary Ann Neely, Curtis Smith, and Perry Bedford
- b. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, and Mary Ann Neely
- c. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne

- d. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Mary Ann Neely
- e. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
- f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero  
**Commissioner Guerrero gave an update on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 4:24 P.M.**

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