



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

**Andrew Creel
Wendy Gordon**

Staff in Attendance:

**Robert Anderson
Zach Baumer
Sammi Curless
Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Hank Marley
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 19, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes **(5 minutes)**

The minutes of the August 19, 2020 Environmental Commission meeting were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was absent.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Briefing on Variance Conditions—Atha Phillips, Environmental Officer's Office **(30 minutes)**

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and consider a recommendation in support of the Community Climate Plan 2020 Revision—Zach Baumer, Climate Protection Manager, Office of Sustainability
(30 minutes)

A recommendation to adopt the Climate Equity Plan was approved on Commissioner Coyne’s motion, Commissioner Neely’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** 1010 Clermont; SP-2019-0328C
Applicant: Jim Schissler; Civiltude LLC
Location: 1010 Clermont Avenue, Austin TX, 78702 (District 3)
Staff: Hank Marley, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department

Watershed: Lady Bird Lake Watershed, Urban, Desired Development Zone

Request: Variance request is as follows:

Request to vary from LDC 25-2-735(D) to allow impervious cover greater than 40% in the Festival Beach Waterfront Overlay – outside of the Primary and secondary setback areas – without having met specified criteria for allowing 70% maximum allowable impervious cover.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this variance with conditions.

(30 minutes)

Motion to close by Guerrero, second by Ramberg on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.

A motion to recommend the variance request with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Guerrero’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Gordon were absent.

5. 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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 4:33 P.M.

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