



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Andrew Creel  
Pam Thompson  
Kevin Ramberg  
Linda Guerrero  
Perry Bedford  
Katie Coyne  
Peggy Maceo  
Mary Ann Neely  
Wendy Gordon**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Curtis Smith  
Ryan Nill**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Kaela Champlin  
Jonathan Garner  
Chris Herrington  
Brett Ueno**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.**

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

- a. Approval of the September 2, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes **(5 minutes)**

**The minutes of the September 2, 2020 Environmental Commission meeting were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Creel was off the dais. Commissioners Smith and Nill were absent.**

#### **2. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update on 2019 State of Our Environment Report—Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department **(10 minutes)**  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

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

a. None

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. **Name:** Koenig Lane Commercial, SP-2019-0561C

**Applicant:** Caitlin Kuglen, Kimley-Horn

**Location:** 1512-1/2 W Koenig Lane, Austin, Texas 78757 (District 7)

**Staff:** Jonathan Garner, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department

**Watershed:** Shoal Creek Watershed, Urban Classification, Desired Development Zone

**Request:** Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow private driveway and parking in a critical water quality zone.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends this variance with conditions.

**(30 minutes)**

**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Creel's second on a 9-0 vote. A motion to recommend the variance request with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Bedford's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Smith and Nill were absent.**

b. **Name:** 8921 US Hwy 290 W Wastewater Service Extension Request #4796

**Applicant:** Joe Longaro, LJA Engineering

**Location:** 8921 US Hwy 290 W, Austin, TX 78737 (Located in Austin Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

**Staff:** Kaela Champlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department

**Watershed:** Slaughter Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone

**Request:** Wastewater Service Extension

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends this Service Extension Request.

**(30 minutes)**

**Item 4b was postponed indefinitely. No action taken.**

**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 3:19 P.M.**

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