

**-Environmental Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes-  
May 8, 2024**

**AGENDA**

**LOCATION: City Hall 6ES & Webex**

**WEBEX LINK, 469-210-7159 / 2489 568 2839**

**CHAIR KATHRYN BAZAN PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: [10]**

Teresita Delgado, District 1	Kathryn Bazan, District 9
Mark Wootton, District 2	Colleen Murray, District 11
Tracy Wallace, District 5	Barry Lachman, District 12
Esther Villarreal, District 6	Greg Michaelson, District 13
Temeckia Derrough, District 7	Paula Day, District 14
Renee Roberson, District 8	Julie Hiromoto, District 15

**ABSENT: [3]**

Andrew Siegel, District 10	Michael Cook, District 3
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*\*Note: Members of the Environmental Commission participated in this meeting by video conference.*

*\*\*Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened.*

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. with a quorum of the Environmental Commission present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," OF THE Texas Government Code, was presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Bazan provided opening announcements.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

Name: Gregory Jackson

Topic: Phantom Evil Final Notice

Attachment: Presentation

Name: Rose Jones

Topic: Extreme Heat and Public Health

Attachment: Presentation

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Bazan moved to defer the April 10, 2024 Environmental Commission meeting minutes to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hiromoto and unanimously approved.

### BRIEFING MEMO

#### I) Q2 CECAP Update

*[Rosaerlinda Cisneros, Environmental Coordinator III, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability; Sheila Delgado, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability]*

Attachment: Memo

The Commission was briefed on the CECAP by the Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability.

##### a) Questions/Comments

###### i) Commissioner Wallace

(1) Can we get an update on the Solar Sighting Study and where we are with the solar app??

(a) Rosaerlinda Cisneros will have to follow up with Terry and Brandon to see what the next steps are.

###### ii) Commissioner Hiromoto

(1) Regarding Item B-13 of the CECAP: How is the City reporting on status updates when the Urban Greening Factor hasn't been defined?

(2) Going forward, what is the City's plan in terms of the department that will lead this effort and how can the Environmental Commission support the City staff?

(a) Rosaerlinda Cisneros will have to follow up on that effort and review the different suggestions from the EVC to see how they can work together

###### iii) Vice Chair Villareal

(1) Regarding the processing of wood chips through Parks and Recreation department: can you tell us more about the recycling program and where you put the wood chips?

(a) That is a great question for Parks and Rec since they manage the recycling program; they can give proper information regarding that program. OEQS can facilitate getting that question to them.

###### iv) Commissioner Lachmann

(1) The memo is a useful summary, but there is a lot more detail that we are not seeing.

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- (2) I suggest a matrix or spreadsheet format so that we are able to monitor what is happening and make suggestions about what might not be happening.
  - (a) Rosaerlinda Cisneros shared that the memo presented is a response to PTE Chair Kathy Stewart's request for OEQS to identify CECAP highlights that provide quarterly updates and raise awareness of what is being done and to highlight our accomplishments. However, if the EVC would like more information on the CECAP items, it will be provided.
- v) Dr. Afolabi
  - (1) Where are we in the process of getting EV chargers?
    - (a) The electrification fleet study done by the Department of Equipment and Fleet propelled the electrification of the fleet forward. So far the City has purchased approximately 96 electric vehicles. The fleet study focused on light-duty vehicles and not heavy-duty vehicles.
- vi) Commissioner Marquis
  - (1) Where is the City in the proposed process of separating brush from trash and using the brush as mulch for our parks and green spaces?
  - (2) I would like to see numbers on how much money and time we can save by doing that and how much more we can do to utilize the brush instead of putting it in the landfills.
- (vii) Commissioner Michaelson
  - (1) Are there any updates of action items coming out of the solar study?
  - (2) Did we identify a certain number of buildings where there is opportunity to deploy rooftop solar?
    - (a) OEQS received a list of 10 priority sites for solar installation: 8 are identified as building service installations; 1 is specifically for a community solar program and 1 with the potential installation at the MLK complex which could be used as either a community solar program or a building service installation. It is just a matter of finding funds that we can use for the installation of the solar panels.
    - (b) A memo was provided to the EVC in February 2024 with the solar study results.
- (viii) Commissioner Beving
  - (1) The Budget will roll up in August and the Budget Survey is the opportunity where we can say that we want the environment as a priority.
  - (2) Last year the Fire Chief wanted to get an electric fire truck. That is possibly something the EVC can push for.
  - (3) Chicago has had electric trash trucks since 2013 or 2014. We have the opportunity to do some of these innovative things with money through COG.
- (ix) Commissioner Wallace
  - (1) Could we share the link that the consultant from the Solar Site Study that showed all 10 of the sites for those that did not make the meeting?
  - (2) Houston is moving out of the pilot phase and San Antonio has started a pilot phase.

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(x) Commissioner Roberson

(1) For the CECAP goals, is there a way to show an analysis of meeting the goal equitably? I would like to show the communities that are needing equity and how the City is performing in bringing equity to equality.

(a) Yes, that can be done. For example, with Community Engagement, OEQS has a list of priority zip codes provided by the Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) that the department intends to target the audiences in those areas.

(xi) Chair Bazan

(1) Can we get a more robust presentation showing more of the areas where the CECAP is being activated, including actions in those milestones?

(2) Can you share when the next meeting is for the Environmental Action Working Group?

(a) They will meet again in the first or second week of July.

(3) How many electric chargers have been installed?

(a) There are 2 installed. One at the Central service center and one at the Southwest service center.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### I) Introduction of New Commission Members

a) Chair Bazan introduced the three new members of the Environmental Commission: Commissioner Greg Michaelson, Commissioner (Technical Panel – Zero Waste) Theresa Tumminia, and Commissioner (Technical Panel – Food Access) Whitney Strauss.

#### II) Appointment of New Members to Subcommittees

a) Implementation Subcommittee – Greg Michaelson

b) Environmental Justice Subcommittee – Whitney Strauss, Theresa Tumminia

#### III) Monthly Subcommittee Updates

a) The Environmental Health, Environmental Justice, Implementation, Outreach & Engagement, and Strategic Partnerships & Innovation Subcommittees provided updates.

#### IV) Monthly District Updates from Commissioners

a) The Commission provided updates on events and meetings they've attended.

#### V) Upcoming Meetings

a) Parks, Trails, & Environment Council Committee: Monday, June 3, 2024, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

b) Environmental Commission: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### ADJOURNMENT

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After all business of the Environmental Commission had been considered, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously accepted. The Environmental Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Drafted by:  
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Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

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Date

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Approved by:  
Kathryn Bazan, Chair  
Environmental Commission

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Date