

**-Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes-
March 6, 2024**

AGENDA

LOCATION: City Hall 6ES & Webex

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

CHAIR KATHRYN BAZAN PRESIDING

PRESENT: [11]

Teresita Delgado, District 1	Kathryn Bazan, District 9
Mark Wootton, District 2	Andrew Siegel, District 10
Tracy Wallace, District 5	Colleen Murray, District 11
Esther Villarreal, District 6	Barry Lachman, District 12
Temeckia Derrough, District 7	Paula Day District 14
Renee Roberson, District 8	

ABSENT: [3]

Julie Hiromoto, District 15	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 5:37 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the January 10, 2024 Environmental Commission meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

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VOTING ITEMS

- a. A motion was made by VC Villareal to pass a special recognition honoring the life, work, and legacy of Raul Reyes, Jr. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- b. A motion was made by Commissioner Marquis to make an amendment to Lights Out DFW ordinance for annual approval to cover both Spring and Fall. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - (1) A motion to approve the voting item as amended was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.
- c. A motion was made by Commissioner Wallace to approve the January 27, 2024 Strategic Planning Workshop Report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

BRIEFING PRESENTATIONS

I) Keep Dallas Beautiful Update

[Kevin Mondy, Department of Code Compliance]

Attachment: Presentation

- a) Kevin Mondy, the manager of the Department of Code Compliance, delivered a comprehensive update on the Keep Dallas Beautiful program, showcasing its remarkable progress and accomplishments. The program has transitioned from an affiliate member to a silver member with Keep Texas Beautiful within a year and has submitted an application for gold star recognition status for program year 2023.

II) Drafts of 2024 Five-Year Conservation Work Plan & 2024 Water Conservation Plan (State Required)

[Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability; Sheila Delgado, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability; Alicia Lee, Manager, Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability]

- a) The presentation focused on the water conservation plan and work plan for the city of Dallas, with Director Evans introducing the topic and highlighting the city's successful water conservation program. AD Sheila Delgado delivered a comprehensive overview of the need for water conservation in the City of Dallas, addressing the drivers of water use, annual water production, and the distribution of water usage within the city and wholesale customer cities. The discussion revolved around various water conservation and efficiency measures, with speakers emphasizing partnerships with landscaping communities, conducting water-wise seminars, and promoting native and adaptive landscaping to encourage efficient water use.
- b) Action Items
 - 1) Carlos Evans will research and provide information on the goals for the next five years to improve water efficiency with industrial, commercial, and institutional customers.
 - 2) Water Conservation Division will implement a partnership for irrigation audits and provide rebates for converting to drip irrigation, spray heads, and zone conversion.

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- 3) Water Conservation Division will implement a water efficiency partnership program for industrial, commercial, and institutional water users.
- 4) Water Conservation Division will broaden digital outreach and manage the website and social media accounts for the public awareness campaign.
- 5) Water Conservation Division will review and update ordinances and regulations related to landscape water use.
- 6) Jody Puckett will work with the local landscaping community to encourage more efficient irrigation and landscaping practices.
- 7) Sheila Delgado will research and provide information on code requirements for all water fixtures in new construction for efficient water use.
- 8) Sheila Delgado will research and provide information on requirements for commercial properties to use rainwater catchment for their landscape.
- 9) Carlos Evans will research and provide information on what other cities the size of Dallas are doing annually for conservation.
- 10) Aaron will send out the flyers for lead testing collaboration to the community, including the Spanish version.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

I) Monthly Subcommittee Updates

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

II) Monthly District Updates from Commissioners

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

III) 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

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.

Drafted by:

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Approved by:
Kathryn Bazan, Chair
Environmental Commission

Date