

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, January 20, 2010



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The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, City Council Chambers, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Rodney Ahart, J. Robert Anderson, Jon Beall, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, & Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Victoria Li, P. E. Diane Gonzales, Sharon Cooper, Oscar Garza, Tom Ennis, P.E., Leon Barba, P.E., Mike Ihnat, P. E., Nancy McClintock, Roxanne Cook, Roxanne Jackson, Pharr Andrews, Pat Murphy, Mike McDougal, and Marilla Shepherd

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:05 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Speaker should sign up to speak prior to the meeting called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to address your concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

- 1. Tom McDill signed up to ask permission to be placed on the next Environmental Board agenda to discuss the SOS redevelopment ordinance and sewer lines associated with the ordinance.**
- 2. David Richardson signed up to speak on the SOS redevelopment ordinance.**
- 3. Linda Greene spoke on Dillo Dirt Dangers and handout was given to each Environmental Board member.**
- 4. Marceline Lasater spoke on agenda item 4a 1600 Bruton Springs SP-2009-0434D.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meetings on December 2, 2009.

The minutes for the regular meeting of December 2, 2009 were approved on Board member Rodney Ahart's motion. Seconded by Board member Phil Moncada. Vote of 6-0 Board member Mary Ann Neely off the dais.

3. SPECIAL STAFF REPORT

- a. Watershed Protection Department 2009 Annual Report
Victoria Li, P. E., Director Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted. Board comments:

1) Residential Review: Board Member Phil Moncada concerned about the hours of operation, which only allow sign-in for review between the hours of 8 am and 11 am. He pointed out that this is very inefficient.

2) Commercial Building Plan Review: Concerned that the fee increases for the CBPR section reviewed and recommended by the Environmental Board Budget Subcommittee (chaired by Board Member Moncada) were not implemented in FY10. For example, a developer comes in for a commercial permit on a remodel. The cost can be from \$5,000 to \$40,000, but the assessed fee is the same. Mr. Moncada would like to see if the fee increases can be implemented as remodels are a good revenue source for the City.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND ACTION DEVELOPMENT CASES

- a. **Name:** 1600 Bruton Springs SP-2009-0343D
Applicant: Aupperle Company (Bruce Aupperle Agent)
Location: 1600 Bruton Springs Road
Staff Person: Mike McDougal, Planning and Development Department
Request: Land Development Code 25-8-341 To allow cut in excess of 4 feet but not to exceed 10 feet.
Watershed: Lady Bird Lake (Water Supply Suburban)
Drinking Water Protection Zone
Recommendation: Recommended for approval.

The Environmental Board recommends conditional approval to Land Development Code 25-8-341 to allow cut in excess of 4 feet but not to exceed 10 feet.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED: [VOTE 6-1]

Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada and seconded by Board member Rodney Ahart.

5. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Report on the Rosewood Dump Site- Oscar Garza, Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted.

- b. Briefing on the Environmental Awareness Awards – Pharr Andrews, Austin Energy

This item was conducted as posted.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely

The next meeting is January 25, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at Parks and Recreation Department

- b. Update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely

No report the week.

- c. Update on the 2010 Work Plan – Mary Gay Maxwell.

The Environmental Board reviewed the 2010 Work plan and designated chairs of each committee: Rodney Ahart Growth and Planning Subcommittee and Phil Moncada Water Quality Subcommittee. Mary Ann Neely proposed having retreat to work on the 2010 Workplan. Phil Moncada proposed that each Board member review the 2010 Workplan, and email comments to Mary Gay Maxwell. Mary Gay Maxwell asked the Board to send their response in one week.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Future agenda items:

- 1. Rodney Ahart requested dates in February to schedule the next Growth and Planning Subcommittee to discuss specific proposal from staff.**
- 2. Mary Gay Maxwell made an announcement that Council Member Cheryl Cole would like a representative from the Environmental Board to be on the Waller Creek Task Force and Rodney Ahart accepted to represent the Environmental Board.**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.