



**Environmental Board
May 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
301 West Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

AGENDA

Bob Anderson
Place 1 Appointee

Phil Moncada, Secretary
Place 2 Appointee

Jon Beall
Place 3 Appointee

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair
Place 4 Appointee

Robin Gary
Place 5 Appointee

Rodney Ahart, Vice Chair
Place 6 Appointee

Mary Ann Neely
Mayor's Appointee

CALL TO ORDER

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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board retreat meeting on April 21, 2010

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION DEVELOPMENT

- a. **Name:** Whisper Valley Planned Unit Development C814-2009-0094

Applicant: Metcalfe Williams, LLP

Location: Gilbert Road and FM 973

Staff Person: Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review Department

Request: Applicant is requesting PUD zoning for the property with the following environmental exceptions:

(1) LDC 25-8-262(B) (Critical Water Quality Zone Street Crossings) Allow for an arterial or collector street to cross a major critical water quality zone in 4 locations regardless of if it is identified in the Transportation Plan;

(2) LDC 25-8-262(B)(2)(a) (Critical Water Quality Zone Street Crossings)

Allow for an arterial or collector street to cross an intermediate waterway critical water quality zone within 2,500 feet on the same waterway in 4 locations;

(3) LDC 25-8- 301/302 (Construction on Slopes) Allow for an exception to the requirements of 25-8-42 (Administrative Variances), to allow for the Director to grant a variance from the requirement of 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 7, Division 3 (Construction on Slopes);

(4) LDC 25-8-394 (C) (Suburban Watershed Uplands Zone) Allow for development intensity to be transferred allowing for maximums of 65% for single family or duplex, 70% for multifamily residential and 90% for commercial uses;

(5) LDC 25-8-604 (Development Application Requirements and Section 3.0 of the ECM Tree Survey) Allow for mesquite trees in the Right Of Way area that are 8" and larger to be cataloged only (not surveyed). The mitigation for each cataloged mesquite will be a 2" replacement tree. Areas outside of the ROW will be surveyed at site plan and will comply with code.

Watershed: Gilleland Creek and Colorado River (Suburban)
Desired Development Zone

Recommendation: Recommended for approval.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Consider an ordinance amending section 24-8-514 of the City Code and Granting a variance to section 25-8-482 of the City Code to allow construction of temporary access roads and repairs to the Barton Springs Bypass in the Critical Water Quality Zone. David Johns Watershed Protection Department
- b. Briefing on the Town Lake Annual Concession Report 2009-2009- Joe Washington, Parks and Recreation Department
- c. Briefing on the Holly Street Power Plan Decommissioning and Demolition Project SPC-2009-0199D
- d. McMeans Store Wastewater Service Extension Request #2912-Robbie Botto, Watershed Protection Department
- e. Consider a code amendment for Bulkheads and Trams- Andrew Clamann and Pat Murphy, Watershed Protection Department
- f. Briefing on the Waller Creek District Masterplan – Tonya Swartzendruber, Planning and Development Review Department
- g. Briefing on the applicability of the Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception (Land Development Code section §25-8-27) to properties with commercial zoning but no existing commercial land uses. Matt Hollon and Pat Murphy Watershed Protection Department.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely
- b. Update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely
- c. Update on the 2009 Work Plan – Mary Gay Maxwell.
- d. Waller Creek Task Force –Rodney Ahart

6. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

ADJOURNMENT