

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 18, 2010



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The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, City Council Chambers, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Anderson, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, Mary Ann Neely, John Beall, & James Schissler.

Staff in Attendance:

George Smith, Charles Lesniak, William Stauber, Loan Nguyen, Nancy McClintock, Robyn Smith, Susan Scallon, Seyed Miri, Ross Crow, Marilla Shepherd, & Jean Drew.

CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Board meeting was called to order at 6:12 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.

- **Bill Bunch signed up to speak about the Water Treatment Plant 4.**
- **Bill Bunch signed up to speak on item 7b.**
- **Desmond Disouza signed up to speak on agenda item 7b.**
- **Steven Rice signed up to speak on item 7b.**
- **Bill Bunch signed up to speak on item 7b.**
- **Matt Weldon signed up to speak on item 7b. He requested to see the comparisons published about the two routes which justify the routes selected.**

2. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting for 8/4/10.

The minutes for the Environmental Board regular meeting on August 4, 2010 approved on Board member Phil Moncada's motion, and Board member Jon Beall's second. [Vote 6-0] Board member Bob Anderson was absent on 8/4/10.

3. BOARD BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Officer elections.

- **The Environmental Board accepted the nomination that Phil Moncada be re-elected Secretary of the Environmental Board [Vote 7-0]. See attached motion.**
- **The Environmental Board elected Robin Gary as Vice-Chair of the Environmental Board. [Vote 7-0] See attached motion.**
- **The Environmental Board accepted the nomination that Mary Gay Maxwell be re-elected as Chair of the Environmental Board. [Vote 7-0] See attached motion.**

b. Resolution regarding analysis of the 620 alternate route for the Jollyville Transmission Mains for the Water Treatment Plant #4.

- **This item was withdrawn from the agenda with no objection. The Chair announced that a WTP#4 subcommittee meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday August 25, 2010.**

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

a. Overview of Grandfather Entitlements Chapter 245 and the City of Austin Susan Scallon-Planning Development Review Department.

This item was conducted as posted. Mary Ann Neely requested that the Environmental Board members receive an electronic copy of the Chapter 245 Power Point presentation.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Service Extension Request # 2927 Water and #2928 Wastewater at 3009 Westlake Drive.

Robbie Botto, Watershed Protection Department

REQUEST APPROVED: [VOTE 7-0]

Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada and seconded by Board member Robin Gary. See attached motion.

b. Service Extension Request # 2929 Water and #2930 Wastewater at 3011 Westlake Drive

Robbie Botto, Watershed Protection Department

REQUEST APPROVED: [VOTE 7-0]

Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada and seconded by Board member Robin Gary. See attached motion.

- c. Overview of on-site sewage (“septic”) facilities in the Barton Springs Zone: Agency jurisdiction; basics of operation, maintenance & inspection; and protocols and options for non-functioning systems. Seyed Miri, and George Smith, Austin Water Utility.

This item was conducted as posted.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION POSTPONED FROM JULY 21, 2010.

- a. Briefing on the Candidate Conservation Agreement, and Assurances for the Jollyville Plateau Salamander. Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.

This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board requested a briefing on the specific protections of the salamander to be identified in the CCAA as soon as those items are available. Phil Moncada and Robin Gary recused themselves from this item for a potential conflict of interest and left the dais.

- b. Quarterly report on Water Treatment Plant #4 design and construction, environmental compliance and Environmental Commissioning, – Robyn Smith, Chuck Lesniak, and William Stauber, Austin Water Utility

This item was conducted as posted. Board members Phil Moncada and Robin Gary recused themselves from this item for a potential conflict of interest and left the dais.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely
Board member Jon Beall reported on this item.
- b. Urban Growth Policy subcommittee – Phil Moncada, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, & James Schissler, P. E.
No report this week.
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely
Environmental Board WTP4 subcommittee will be set for 8/25/10.
- d. Development Subcommittee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.
Board member Bob Anderson will schedule a future Development Subcommittee in August or September 2010 to discuss Landscape Ordinance, and discuss the topsoil issues with staff and Board member Jim Schissler.
- e. Water Quality Regulations subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary and Phil Moncada
No report this week.

9. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items: None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Board meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with no objection.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 081810 2a

Date: August 18, 2010

Subject: Officer Elections – Chair of the Environmental Board

Motioned By: Phil Moncada

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

The Environmental Board motioned to elect Mary Gay Maxwell as Chair of the Environmental Board, motion made by Board member Phil Moncada and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely

Passed 7-0-0-0

For: Anderson, Beall, Gary, Maxwell, Moncada, Neely and Schissler

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 081810 2a

Date: August 18, 2010

Subject: Officer Elections – Secretary of the Environmental Board

Motioned By: Bob Anderson

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

The Environmental Board motioned to elect Phil Moncada as Secretary of the Environmental Board, motion made by Board member Bob Anderson and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely.

Passed 7-0-0-0

For: Anderson, Beall, Gary, Maxwell, Moncada, Neely and Schissler

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 081810 2a

Date: August 18, 2010

Subject: Officer Elections – Vice Chair of the Environmental Board

Motioned By: Bob Anderson

Seconded By: Phil Moncada

The Environmental Board motioned to elect Robin Gary as Vice Chair of the Environmental Board, motion made by Board member Bob Anderson and seconded by Board member Phil Moncada.

Passed 7-0-0-0

For: Anderson, Beall, Gary, Maxwell, Moncada, Neely and Schissler

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 081810-6a

Date: August 18, 2010

Subject: Service Extension Request # 2927 Water and Request #2928 Wastewater

Motioned By: Phil Moncada

Seconded by: Robin Gary

Recommendation

Recommend the conditional approval to Service Extension Requests for both water and wastewater with no Environmental Board conditions.

Rationale:

The water and wastewater availability for the tie-ins and the proximity to the lake and age of septic systems make it environmentally feasible to support this request and the Water Treatment Plant near the area.

Vote 7-0-0-0

For: Anderson, Beall, Gary, Maxwell, Moncada, Neely and Schissler.

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Board Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 081810-6b

Date: August 18, 2010

Subject: Service Extension Request # 2929 Water and Request #2930 Wastewater

Motioned By: Phil Moncada

Seconded by: Robin Gary

Recommendation

Recommend the conditional approval to Service Extension Requests for both water and wastewater with no Environmental Board conditions.

Rationale:

The water and wastewater availability for the tie-ins and the proximity to the lake and age of septic systems make it environmentally feasible to support this request and the Water Treatment Plant near the area.

Vote 7-0-0-0

For: Anderson, Beall, Gary, Maxwell, Moncada, Neely and Schissler.

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Board Chair