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The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday October 6, 2010, City Council Chambers. At 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Jon Beall, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, & James Schissler

Staff in Attendance:

Janna Renfro, Matthew Porcher, Marilla Shepherd, Kevin Shunk, P. E., Mapi Vigil, P. E., Silvia Pope, P. G., Morgan Byers, P. E., Chris Herrington, P. E., Michael Clay, Ingrid McDonald, Keith Mars, Jean Drew, Robbie Botto, and Pat Murphy.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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.

- **Sharon Blythe signed up to speak about tropical storm Hermine 9/7/10 and the lift station sewage spill. The Environmental Board requested a briefing on what the procedure is for notifying citizens from the Austin Water Utility at the next Environmental Board meeting on 10/20/10.**
- **Sharon Blythe signed up to speak on agenda item 5a the impacts from tropical storm Hermine.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on September 15, 2010.

The minutes for the Environmental Board regular meeting on September 15, 2010 approved on Board member James Schissler' motion and Board Member Phil Moncada's second. [Vote 5-0] Board member Bob Anderson and Board member Mary Ann Neely were absent.

3. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Environmental Board Packet Checklist – Ingrid McDonald, PDRD

This item was conducted as posted.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Name: The Trails at 620

Applicant: Texas Engineering Solutions, LLC SPC-2009-0349C

Contact: Stephen Delgado, P. E.

Location: 8300 North F. M. 620 Road

Staff Person: Michael Clay, Planning Development Review Department

Request: Land Development Code:

25-8-341 To allow cut up to a maximum of 8.2 feet

25-8-342 To allow fill up to a maximum of 10.3 feet

Recommendation: Recommended for conditional approval.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0]

Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada, and seconded by Board member James Schissler. Board members Bob Anderson and Mary Ann Neely were absent. See attached motion.

- b. Name: Woodlawn Baptist Church

Applicant: Sandy Stone, Heimsath Architects SP-2010-0158C

Location: 4600 Manchaca Road

Staff Person: Keith Mars, Planning Development Review Department

Request: Land Development Code:

1) 25-8-644 The applicant is appealing the denial of an administrative variance request to remove two Heritage Trees, as allowed under Land Development Code Section 25-8-644.

Recommendation: Recommended

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0]

Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada, and seconded by Board member James Schissler. Board members Bob Anderson and Mary Ann Neely were absent. See attached motion.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Impacts from Tropical Storm Hermine – Kevin Shunk, P. E., CFM,
Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted with no action taken.

- b. The Gilleland Creek TMDL Implementation Plan- Robbie Botto,
Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted with no action taken.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.
No report this week.
- 2) Urban Growth Policy subcommittee – Phil Moncada, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, & James Schissler, P. E.
Urban Growth Policy subcommittee is scheduled to meet on 10/8/10 at 10:00 a.m. Phil Mocanda updated Board about the summary he presented to the subcommittee at the last meeting.
- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.
No meeting planned at this moment, but the WTP4 quarterly report is scheduled for 10/20/10.
- 4) Development Subcommittee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.
Motion to move forward with the Commercial Landscape Ordinance approved at the September 27, 2010 Development subcommittee. [Vote 3-0]
- 5) Water Quality Regulations subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary and Phil Moncada.
Water Quality subcommittee is scheduled to meet on 10/8/10 at 10:00 a.m.
- 6) Reports from Board representative to other committees.
No reports this week.

7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items:

- **Board Member Phil Moncada discussed his involvement on the Environmental Board and made brief comments about his future departure from the Board.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 100610 4b

Date: October 6, 2010

Subject: Woodlawn Baptist Church

Motioned By: Phil Moncada

Seconded By: Jim Schissler

Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommends **approval with conditions** to a variance to Land Development Code 25-8-644. Applicant is appealing the denial of an administrative variance to remove 2 Heritage Trees.

City of Austin Tree Arborist conditions:

1. 150% mitigation for both trees given their respective conditions.

Rationale

Both trees have severe structural and physiological defects. (27 inch Cedar Elm, 24 inch Red Oak). One of the trees has severe symptoms of Foliar Chlorosis. Neither tree can be remedied. Also there is an arborist report from a local firm.

Vote 5-0-0-2

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

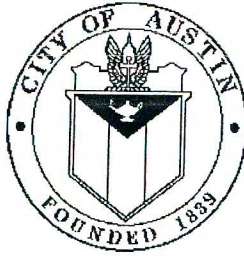
Against:

Abstain: None

Absent: Anderson and Neely

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 100610 4a

Date: October 6, 2010

Subject: The Trails at 620

Motioned By: Phil Moncada

Seconded By: Jim Schissler

Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommends **approval with conditions** to a variance Land Development Code 25-8-341 to allow cut up to a maximum of 8.2 feet and 25-8-342 to allow fill up to a maximum of 10.3 feet.

City of Austin staff conditions:

1. Areas of cut and fill will be revegetated with no greater than a 3:1 slope or be structurally contained.
2. development will consist of two phases to minimize ground disturbance
3. landscaping with 100% native plants from the City of Austin Grow Green Guide
4. landscaping 10% above requirements
5. 75% of all permanent landscape areas to use drip irrigation system
6. Integrated Pest Management Plan
7. Bio filtration pond associated with phase 1

Environmental Board conditions:

A registered Professional Geologist shall be on site during excavation of cuts of greater than 5 feet.

Rationale

Findings of fact have been met. Critical Environmental Features are being protected by a permanent fence. Site was designed to be graded to require more fill than cut in to reduce the impact to any subsurface features that may be encountered during construction.

Vote 5-0-0-2

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

Against:

Abstain: None

Absent: Anderson and Neely

Approved By: 

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair