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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:**

Bob Anderson, Jon Beall, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, & James Schissler

**Staff in Attendance:**

Brad Jackson, Sarah Graham, Jean Drew, Mitzi Cotton, Raj Bhattarai, Erin Wood, Matt Hollon, Jane Burazer, Paul Shropshire, Robyn Smith Chuck Lesniak, Joe Hoepken, and Pat Murphy

**Others present:** Linda Guerrero, Dale Gray and Dave Anderson

**CALL TO ORDER**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair**

**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.

**There were 2 citizens signed up to speak under citizens communications:**

- **Sharon Blythe, with the Spicewood Springs coalition, signed up to speak about appropriate use of the park site at: Spicewood Springs Road and Old Lampasas Trail**
- **Warren Johnson resident of the Northwest Balcones HOA. Signed up to express his concerns about the plan tunnel access shaft and the small park site at Spicewood Springs Road and Old Lampasas Trail.**

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on October 6, 2010.

**The minutes for the Environmental Board regular meeting on October 6, 2010 were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion and Board Member Robin Gary's second.**

**[Vote 6-0] Board member Eva Hernandez was absent.**

- b. Emergency election to elect a new Environmental Board Secretary.

**The Environmental Board accepted the nomination that James Schissler, P. E., be elected Secretary of the Environmental Board. The term of office shall begin October 20, 2010 and ending July 31, 2011. Approved on Board member Robin Gary's motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely'**

## **3. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Relationship of Zoning and Platting Commission's consideration to the actions of the Environmental Board – Matt Hollon, Watershed Protection Department

**This item was withdrawn from the agenda.**

## **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **Name:** Town Lake YMCA SP-2010-0198C

**Applicant:** Young Men's Christian Association (Mr. Thom Parker)

**Location:** 1100 West Cesar Chavez

**Staff Person:** Sarah Graham, Planning and Development Review Department

**Request:**

- 1. Land Development Code 25-2-721(A) (4) Recommendation for a site plan waiver request within the Waterfront Overlay Combining District.

**Watershed:** Town Lake (Urban)

**Recommendation:** Recommended for consent.

**Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 6-0]**

**Motioned by Board member James Schissler, and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. Board member Eva Hernandez was absent.**

- b. **Name:** Holly Street Power Plant Decommissioning Project Temp. Off-Site Improvements SPC-2010-0137C

**Applicant:** Austin Energy (Rose San Miguel)

**Location:** 2319 ½ Canterbury Street

**Staff Person:** Sarah Graham, Planning and Development Review Department

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**Recommendation:** Recommended for consent.

**Recommendation Approved by consent.**

## **5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Briefing on Austin Water Utility's notification process to citizens for lift station spills.

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board requested that staff brief the Board on the TCEQ regulations and to research the location and find out the amount of Wells within this area. Board member Robin Gary requested that staff present the public notification protocol so that it is available to the public.**

- b. Consider making a recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding an ordinance amending sections 25-2-1001 and 25-2-1008 of the City Code amending requirements relating to Landscaping Irrigation for Site Plans. - Matt Hollon Watershed Protection Department.

**This item was conducted as posted. A recommendation was approved: [VOTE 5-0] Motioned by Board member Bob Anderson, and seconded by Board member James Schissler. Board member Eva Hernandez was absent.**

- c. Quarterly report on Water Treatment Plant #4 design and construction, Environmental Compliance and Environmental Commissioning, – William Stauber, P. E., Joe Hoepken, P. E., Austin Water Utility and Robyn Smith, and Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board WTP4 will take a field trip to the parkland at Spicewood Springs Road. Board member Mary Ann Neely requested that staff attend the field trip.**

## **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 – Mary Gay Maxwell, & James Schissler, P. E.

**Mary Gay Maxwell reported that a resolution will be presented at the 11/3/10 Environmental Board meeting.**

- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.

**The Environmental Board will schedule a future subcommittee meeting and field trip to the WTP4 site.**

- 4) Development Subcommittee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.

**No report this week.**

- 5) Water Quality Regulations subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, and Robin Gary.

**No report this week.**

- 6) Reports from Board representative to other committees.

**No report this week.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS** - Future agenda items:

**Next meeting 11/3/10 there will be a small presentation to Phil Moncada with an informal gathering at 5:30 p.m.**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.**



## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 102010 4a

Date: October 20, 2010

Subject: Town Lake YMCA SP-2010-0198C

Motioned By: James Schissler

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

### Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommends approval of site plan waiver request within the Waterfront Overlay Combining Districts to allow construction of additional surface parking.

### Rationale

Project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Town Lake Corridor Study, and the variance is a minimal variance required by the parameters of the project. The project will increase connectivity between the YMCA building and the adjacent parkland, and the additional parking will be used for park activities as well as the YMCA activities.

Vote 6-0-0-1

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Anderson and Neely

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair



## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 102010 4b

Date: October 20, 2010

Subject: Holly Street Power Plant Decommissioning Project Temp. Off-Site  
Improvements SPC-2010-0137C Consent Agenda

Motioned By: James Schissler

Seconded by: Mary Ann Neely

### **Recommendation**

The Environmental Board recommended the following case be approved by consent, with no staff conditions and no board conditions:

**Vote** 5-0-0-1

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Hernandez

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell,  
Environmental Board Chair



## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION EB1020105b

Date: October 20, 2010

Subject: Consider making a recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding an ordinance amending sections 25-2-1001 and 25-2-1008 of the City Code amending requirements relating to Landscaping Irrigation for Site Plans

Motioned By: Bob Anderson

Seconded By: James Schissler, P.E.

### Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommends adoption of the proposed amendments to section 25-2-1001 and 25-2-1008 of the City Code related to landscaping and irrigation.

### Rationale

1. The ordinance addresses City Council Resolution No. 2009-1119-064 that requires stormwater to be diverted to landscape areas.
2. The ordinance allows much flexibility to applicants for unique site conditions; conserves potable water; reduces total landscape areas of new projects requiring potable irrigation, and allows new landscape areas to serve as part of the water quality treatment system on new sites; and encourages a collaborative approach to site design.

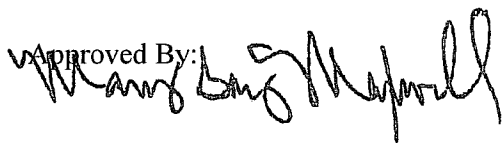
### Vote 6-0-0-1

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Hernandez

Approved By: 

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair

**RESOLUTION NO. 20091119-064**

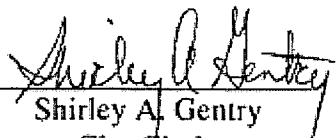
**WHEREAS**, the City Council passed Resolution 20090806-035 directing the City Manager to evaluate measures to use landscaped parking lot medians for water conservation and water quality treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Watershed Protection Department has recommended that City Code be amended to require commercial storm water runoff to be directed to landscaped areas while providing flexibility through alternative methods, and provide exceptions for unique site conditions; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council directs the City Manager to initiate necessary code amendments to reflect the recommendations provided by the Watershed Protection Department in response to City Council Resolution 20090806-035 related to Alternative Water Management methods.

**ADOPTED:** November 19, 2009 **ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk