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The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday February 16, 2011 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Anderson, Jon Beall, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely and James Schissler.

Staff in Attendance:

Joe Pantalione, Diane Gonzales, Mike Innat, Jean Drew, Robbie Botto, Mike Kelly, Ed Peacock, Chris Herrington, Mateo Scoggins, Kathy Shay, Tom Franke, Russell Lewis, Staryn Wagner, and Marilla Shepherd.

CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Board meeting was called to order 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.

There were no citizens present signed up to speak.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on January 5, 2011.

The minutes from the January 5, 2011 regular meeting were approved with changes: added the maker of the motion, the second and the vote.

Vote 3-0 Board member Eva Hernandez was absent. Board member Bob Anderson was off the dais. Board members Mary Gay Maxwell and James Schissler abstained because they were absent on January 5, 2011.

3. **SPECIAL STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Watershed Protection Department 2010 Annual Report - Victoria Li, P. E., Director, Watershed Protection Department
This item was presented by Diane Gonzales, Finance Manager, Watershed Protection Department
 - b. Update on the Master Plan – Jean Drew, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. Jean Drew will email a copy of the Master Plan power point presentation to the Board.
4. **10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**
 - a. Outreach and education by WPD Environmental Resource Management – Kathy Shay.
This item was conducted as posted. Kathy Shay will email a copy of the Education TV Spots for Grow Green, Scoop the Poop and Litter Campaign to the Board.
5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
None.
6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Briefing on the Willis Residence Wastewater Service Extension Request #2972 – Robbie Botto, Watershed protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board recommended approval with conditions for the Willis Residence Wastewater SFR #2972. See attached motion.
 - b. Briefing on the Bull Creek District Park- Chris Herrington, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted.
 - c. Briefing on Riparian Restoration in Austin stream buffers. – Mateo Scoggins and Staryn Wagner, Watershed Protection Department.
This item was conducted as posted. Staff will come back to the Board to update on the progress of this program.
 - d. Briefing on Specification 601S; Salvaging and placing Topsoil – Tom Franke, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted.
7. **OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**
 - 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.
The subcommittee is scheduled to meet on February 28, 2011.
 - 2) Urban Growth Policy subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, & James Schissler, P. E.
No report this week.

- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Jon Beall, & Mary Ann Neely.
No report this week.
- 4) Development Subcommittee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.
Board member Bob Anderson and the Board requested staff to convene a Development committee meeting to discuss the 601 S specifications in detail.
- 5) Water Quality Regulations subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, and Robin Gary.
Board member Mary Ann Neely and staff will convene a WQ Regulations committee meeting on March 3, 2011 at 11:00 AM at One Texas Center to discuss the new State of Environment Report.
- 6) Reports from Board representative to other committees.
No report this week.
8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items:
 - a. **Approval of the Environmental Board Amended Bylaws 3/2/11.**
9. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.





ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION EB0216116a

Date: February 16, 2011

Subject: Willis Residence Wastewater Service Extension Request #2972

Motioned By: James Schissler, P. E.

Seconded By: Bob Anderson

Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions to SER #2972 for the Willis Residence.

Staff Conditions:

Applicant will construct approximately 190 feet of 8-inch gravity wastewater line from the existing 8-inch gravity wastewater line. Project number 99-0671. Manhole ID #17483 in Mount Larson north along Mount Larson Road to the subject tract.

1. Construction of all Service Extensions is subject to all environmental and planning ordinances...
2. Service Extensions are subject to the guidelines established in the Land Development Code, Section 25-9 Water and Wastewater Utility Service.
3. The level of service approved by this document does not imply commitment for land use.
4. Public Utility Lines must meet City of Austin Design and Construction Criteria and must be approved by Austin Water Utility Engineering Review.
5. Proposed public wastewater improvements will be dedicated to The City of Austin for ownership, operation, and maintenance.
6. The procedures under City of Austin Code and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Code for the abandoning of septic tanks must be followed.
7. The approved Service Extension will automatically expire 120 days after date of approval unless a development application has been accepted by the Planning and Development Review Department. The Service Extension expires on the date development expires, or if approved, on the date the development application approval expires.
8. Approval by the City Council will be required based on Austin City Code 25-9-35

Rationale

This project will provide wastewater service to the residence in lieu of continued use of an onsite sewage facility.

Vote 6-0-0-1

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Hernandez

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell Environmental Board Chair