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April 6, 2011. The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Mike Personett, Chris Miller, Sharon Cooper, Dan Pederson, Lee Sherman, Mike Kelly, Tom Franke, Jean Drew, and Marilla Shepherd,

CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Board meeting was called to order at 6:09 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.

No citizens were signed up to speak under agenda item

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on February 16, 2011.
 - The minutes from the March 2, 2011 Environmental Board meeting were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion, seconded by Board member Robin Gary. [Vote 7-0]
- b. Approve the minutes of the Water Quality Subcommittee March 3, 2011. The Board changed the order of the agenda to approve item 2b; moved to agenda item 6 #5 below.
- c. Approve the minutes of the Development Subcommittee March 21, 2011. The Board changed the order of the agenda to approve item 2b; moved to agenda item 6 #4 below.

3. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

a. Outreach and education by Watershed Protection Department – Chris Miller, WPD

This item was conducted as posted.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

 a. Briefing on Bio-filtration development and best management practices to treat polluted storm water. – Lee Sherman, Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted.

 b. Presentation about re-claim water; publicizing graphic information, and the extent of the reclaimed water that shows how we are doing.
Dan Pedersen, Austin Water

This item was conducted as posted.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.

Board members Mary Ann Neely and Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item. City of Austin Parks and Recreation will brief the Board on the Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvement Project Tree Court Options Watershed Protection staff will present

- 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.
 - Board member Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item. She stated that a staff will schedule in the near future.
- 4) Development Subcommittee Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.
 - Approve the minutes of the Development Subcommittee March 21, 2011.
 - The minutes from the March 21, 2011 Environmental Board Development Subcommittee meeting minutes were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion, seconded by Board member Bob Anderson. [Vote 3-0]
- 3) Water Quality Regulations subcommittee Mary Ann Neely, Chair, and Robin Gary.
 - Approve the minutes of the Water Quality Subcommittee March 3, 2011.
 - The minutes from the March 3, 2011 Environmental Board Water Quality meeting minutes were approved on Board member Robin Gary's motion, seconded by Board member Mary Gay Maxwell. [Vote 3-0]
- 4) Reports from Board representative to other committees.

No reports this week.

- 7. NEW BUSINESS Future agenda items
 - 1. The Environmental Board request to convene the annual Environmental Board retreat.
 - 2. The Environmental Board requested to brief the Austin City Council and highlight the effective work that Watershed Protection staff.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.