

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
April 20, 2011**



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April 20, 2011. The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on
Wednesday, April 20, 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, Jean Drew, Kevin Thuesen, David Johns, Johnnie Price,
Chris Herrington, Scott Gross, Gary Gregson, and Marilla Shepherd

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting 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.

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 April 6, 2011.
The minutes from the April 6, 2011 Environmental Board meeting were approved on Board member Jon Beall's motion, seconded by Board member James Schissler. [Vote 4-0] Board members Anderson, Gary and Neely were off the dais.

3. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

- a. Report on Water Quality Protection Lands and the flow in the Edwards Aquifer. – Kevin Thuesen- Austin Water Utility
This item was conducted as posted.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on the Urban Rail Project Scoping – Scott Gross, Transportation Department
This item was conducted as posted.
- b. Briefing on Wastewater Permitting in Austin; Explanation of the process and updates on current permit actions - Chris Herrington, P.E., Watershed Protection Department.
This item was conducted as posted.
- c. Briefing on the Barton Springs Pool bypass repairs, conceptual repair design, and schedule – Johnny Price, P. E., and David Johns, P. G., Watershed Protection Department
This is item was conducted as posted.
The Environmental Board voted to support the new methodology for repair of the Barton Springs Pool Bypass Tunnel. [Vote 7-0]
See attached motion.
- d. Briefing on the Barton Springs Pool general grounds improvement project; and tree court options , Gary Gregson, Parks and Recreation Department and Brian Larson, Larson Burns and Smith, Inc.
This item was pulled.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.
Board member Mary Ann Neely reported on this item, the next meeting will be held in May 2011.
- 2) Urban Growth Policy subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E. & Jon Beall
Board member Eva Hernandez is added to the Urban Growth Policy Subcommittee.
- 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, the next meeting will be held in May 2011.
- 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.
- 6) Watershed Protection 2012 Budget Committee.
Board member Mary Gay Maxwell report on this item, meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.
- 7) Reports from Board representative to other committees.
Board member Mary Ann Neely invited the Board to a celebration sponsored by Treefolks to honor retiring Executive Director Scott Harris and welcoming incoming Director April Rose on 4/21/11 at City Hall.

7. NEW BUSINESS -

- 1. Board member James Schissler' will send an email to staff for clarification on the Air spading options.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.