



**Environmental Board
May 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
301 West Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

AGENDA

Bob Anderson
Place 1 Appointee

Eva Hernandez
Place 2 Appointee

Jon Beall
Place 3 Appointee

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair
Place 4 Appointee

Robin Gary, Vice Chair
Place 5 Appointee

James Schissler, P. E., Secretary
Place 6 Appointee

Mary Ann Neely
Mayor's Appointee

CALL TO ORDER

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 to your concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on May 4, 2011.
- b. Approval of the Budget Committee meeting minutes on May 10, 2011.

3. ACTION ITEM SPECIAL STAFF REPORT

Special staff report on the 2011-2012 Budget for Watershed Protection Department –
Victoria Li, P. E., Director, Watershed Protection Department

4. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Report on Watershed Protection Department Field Operations Division –
Roxanne Jackson, Watershed Protection Department

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Name:** Grace Lane Office Building SP-2010-0336D
Applicant: Carl Conley, Conley Engineering
Location: 317 Grace Lane at Bee Caves Road (RR 2244)
Staff Person: Brad Jackson, Planning and Development Review Department
Watershed: Barton Creek (Barton Springs Zone). Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request: The variance request is as follows:

1. Land Development Code 25-8-341 - To allow cut up a maximum of 11 feet for driveway construction.
2. Land Development Code 25-8-342 - To allow fill up to a maximum of 14 feet for driveway construction.

Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.

b. **Name:** Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail SP-2010-0367C

Applicant: MWM Design Group

Location: 5200 ½ Bolm Road

Staff Person: Brad Jackson, Planning and Development Review Department

Watershed: Boggy Creek, Fort Branch Creek and Tannehill Creek Watersheds, which are classified as Urban; and the Walnut Creek and Decker Creek Watersheds which are classified as Suburban. Desired Development Zone.

Request: The variance request is as follows:

1. Land Development Code 25-8-341 - To allow cut up to a maximum of 8 feet for bridge and box-culvert construction
2. Land Development Code 25-8-342 - To allow fill up to a maximum of 16 feet for bridge and box-culvert construction.
3. Variance from Land Development Code 25-8-392 - To allow construction in a Critical Water Quality Zone.

Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on how many wet ponds are in the recharge zone. - Jean Drew, and Roxanne Jackson Watershed Protection Department

7. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.
- 2) Urban Growth Policy subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E. , Jon Beall & Eva Hernandez
- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Jon Beall, & Mary Ann Neely.
- 4) Development Subcommittee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.
- 5) Water Quality Regulations subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, and Robin Gary.
- 6) Watershed Protection Budget subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall and Bob Anderson
- 7) Reports from Board representative to other committees.

8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

9. ADJOURNMENT

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