



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
May 18, 2011. The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on
Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street,
Austin, Texas 78701**

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Jean Drew, Jennifer Groody, Brad Jackson, Roxanne Jackson, Ingrid McDonald, Mike Personett, and Marilla Shepherd.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL
None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on May 4, 2011
2011.

The minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on May 4, 2011 were approved on Board member Robin Gary's motion and Board member James Schissler second on a vote of 4-0. Board members Eva Hernandez and Mary Ann Neely abstained, Board member Jon Beall is absent.

- b. Approval of the Budget Committee meeting minutes on May 10, 2011.
The minutes of the Environmental Board Budget Committee were approved on Board member Bob Anderson motion and Board member Mary Gay Maxwell's second. Vote 2-0 - Board member Jon Beall was absent.

3. ACTION ITEM SPECIAL STAFF REPORT

Special staff report on the 2011-2012 Budget for Watershed Protection Department – Victoria Li, P. E. Director of Watershed Protection Department
This item is postponed until the June 1, 2011 regular Environmental Board meeting.

4. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

This item was conducted as posted.

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.

Recommendation Approved on Consent: Board member Jon Beall absent.

- b. **Name:** Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail SP-2010-0367C
Applicant: MWM Design Group
Location: 5200 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.
Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 6-0]
Motioned by Board member James Schissler, and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. Board member Jon Beall absent. See attached.

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
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.
Board member Mary Ann Neely and Chair Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item.
- 2) Urban Growth Policy subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, 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.**
1. **Staff overview of the City of Austin Bike System**
- **How the trails connect to the bike system?**
 - **How can we improve air quality by increasing bike use?**
2. **Environmental Board and Staff Retreat 6/22/11.**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT Chair Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.**



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 051811 5a

Date: May 18, 2011

Subject: Grace Lane Office Building SP-2010-0336D

Motioned By: Mary Gay Maxwell

Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommended approval on consent to agenda item 5a Grace Lane Office Building SP-2010-0336D

RECOMMENDATION CONSENT

Vote 6-0-0-0

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Beall

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gay Maxwell".

Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Board Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 051811 5b

Date: May 18, 2011

Subject: Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail SP-2010-0367C

Motioned By: Jim Schissler

Seconded by: Mary Ann Neely

Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommended conditional approval to a variance request for Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail SP-2010-0367C

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.

STAFF CONDITIONS

1. Re-vegetate all disturbed areas within the CWQZ with COA specification 609S for seeding and planting.
2. Re-vegetate all areas with significant slopes with COA specification 604S.
3. Provide only native/drought tolerant plants from the COA Grow Green guide for all landscaping and mitigation trees.
4. Provide an overall mitigation rate of 35% for all trees proposed to be removed

RATIONALE; The goal of the Hike and Bike Trail is to allow Austin citizens, including those with limited mobility, to access the natural environment along Walnut Creek and its tributaries. The variances will allow the project to meet this goal.

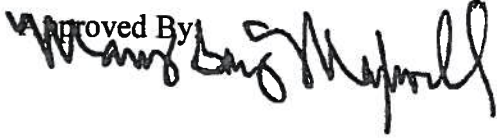
Vote 6-0-0-1

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Beall

Approved By


Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Board Chair