



## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY**

**October 5, 2011. The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

**Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler.**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Phar Andrews, Robbie Botto, Tom Burn, Jean Drew, Jim Dymkowski, Angela Gallardo, John Gleason, Brad Jackson, Lee Lawson, Mike Personet, and Marilla Shepherd**

**Other guest present: Travis Gallo, Texas Wildflower Center**

## **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 for concerns not posted on the agenda.

- **David Foster signed up to speak about the study from Phillip C. Bennett and the impact of Water Treatment Plant 4 shaft and tunnel excavation of springs of the Bull Creek Watershed .**
- **Request from the Environmental board:**  
**The Environmental Board would like to request to invite Dr. Phillip C. Bennett to the next meeting on 10/19/11 to discuss the report more detail about his study and findings.**  
**The Environment Board also requests a briefing from City of Austin staff about the beginning date of the construction of the Jollyville Transmission Main, the current status and monitoring points of the springs, and the tracing results as construction continues.**
- **Dr. Tom Hayes signed up to backup David Fosters concerns, and the impacts about the Jollyville Salamander, and Golden Cheek Warbler.**
- **Roy Whaley signed up to speak water needs and protecting the BCCP.**
- **Mr. White signed up to speak about the problem of Poison Ivy in Austin.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on September 21, 2011.

**The Environmental Board postponed the approval of the minutes to the next meeting of October 19, 2011.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Name:** Lone Star Bank Revision 1 SP-2010-0006D (R1)

**Applicant:** ATX Planning Agent: Ted McConaghy

**Location:** 10901 W US 290 HWY

**Staff Person:** James Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review Department

**Request:** Variance requests are as follows:

1. LDC Section 25-8-342] To allow fill greater than 4 feet, not to exceed 7 feet [

**Watershed:** Slaughter Creek Watershed (Barton Springs Zone)  
Drinking Water Protection Zone

**Ordinance:** Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (Current Code).

**Recommendation:** Recommended for approval.

**Recommendation approved on Board Member Schissler' motion and Board member Robin Gary's second vote 4-0. See attached motion.**

- b. **Name:** Harris Branch Interceptor Lower A (SP-2010-0338D)

**Applicant:** Raymond Chan & Associates on behalf of the City of Austin

**Location:** 11949 Arlington Mill Road

**Staff Person:** Brad Jackson, Planning and Development Review Department

**Ordinance:** Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (Current Code)

**Watershed:** Harris Branch Creek (Suburban) Desired Development Zone  
Protection Zone

**Request:** The variance request is as follows:

Land Development Code 25-8-361 To allow construction in a Critical Water Quality Zone (for the extension of a wastewater line).

**Recommendation:** Recommended for Consent

**The Environmental Board approved on consent.**

**See attached motion.**

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on Air Quality – Pharr Andrews, Transportation Department  
**This item was conducted as posted.**

- b. Service Extension Request Foundation Retail Development  
Robbie Botto & Lee Lawson Watershed Protection Department  
**The Environmental Board motioned to postpone Service Extension Request for Foundation Retail Development until the**

**October 19, 2011 regular meeting. The Environmental Board requests more detailed information about 1704 requirements [Vote 4-0]. See attached motion.**

- c. Briefing on the City of Austin's Invasive Species Management Plan – John Gleason, Watershed Protection Department.  
**The Environmental Board recommended support for the City of Austin's Invasive Species Management Plan [Vote 4-0].  
See attached motion.**

**5. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.  
**No report this week.**
- 2) Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales.  
**No report this week.**
- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, & Mary Ann Neely.  
**No report this week.**
- 4) Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.  
**Mary Gay Maxwell reported that the second Development Committee is scheduled for October 13, 2011 to discuss Heritage Tree issues.**
- 5) Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, & Robin Gary.  
**No report this week.**
- 6) Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, & Bob Anderson.  
**No report this week.**
- 7) Reports from Board representative to other committees.  
**Board member Robin Gary announced the Keep Austin Beautiful Annual Event on October 27, 2011 11 a.m. to 1p.m.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**

- 1. Chair Maxwell requested report from City of Austin staff impact on the Drought area of Bull Creek and protecting the salamander and other species.

**7. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 100511 3a**

Date: October 5, 2011

Subject: Lone Star Bank Revision 1 SP-2010-006D(R!)

Motioned By: James Schissler

Seconded By: Robin Gary

**Recommendation:**

The Environmental Board Recommends approval to Land Development Code 25-8-342 to allow fill up to 7 feet for the Lone Star Bank Revision 1.

**Rationale:**

The project is minimal departure from ordinance and was designed to minimize impact to the site by using a retaining wall, which is an option often recommended by the Environmental Board.

Vote 4-0-0-0

For: Gary, Maxwell, Perales and Schissler

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Anderson, Neely and Walker

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell,  
Environmental Board Chair



## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 100511 3b

Date: October 5, 2011

Subject: Harris Branch Interceptor Lower A (SP-2010-0338D)

Motioned By: Mary Gay Maxwell

### **Recommendation**

The Environmental Board recommended approval on consent to agenda item 3b Harris Branch Interceptor Lower A (SP-2010-0338D)

### **RECOMMENDATION CONSENT**

**Vote 4-0-0-0**

For: Gary, Maxwell, Perales and Schissler

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Anderson, Neely and Walker

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell  
Environmental Board Chair



## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 100511 4b

Date: October 5, 2011

Subject: Service Extension Request for Foundation Retail Development

Motioned By: Robin Gary

Seconded By: Marisa Perales

**RECOMMENDATION POSTPONEMENT:** The Environmental Board motioned to postpone the Service Extension Request for Foundation Retail Development until the October 19, 2011 Environmental Board meeting. City of Austin Legal Department should be present to brief Environmental Board on 1704 regulations and a presentation from City staff on the 24 inch transmission line currently under construction along 620 and how it relates to the alternate routes considered for the Water Treatment Plant 4 transmission solutions.

### RATIONALE:

It seems that a major drawback to routing the transmission main from Water Treatment Plant 4 was lack of easements. It seems like there are already established easements in place that could be leveraged.

Vote 4-0-0-3

For: Gary, Maxwell, Perales and Schissler

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Anderson, Neely and Walker

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell,  
Environmental Board Chair



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 100511 4c**

**Date:** October 5, 2011

**Subject:** City of Austin Invasive Species Management Plan.

**Motioned By:** Robin Gary

**Seconded By:** James Schissler

**Recommendation**

The Environmental Board offers support to the City of Austin Invasive Species Management Plan, and the efforts to develop a plan across City departments to more effectively manage and treat invasive species on the managed land and their effects on the water resources.

**Vote** 4-0-0-3

**For:** Gary, Maxwell, Perales and Schissler

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:** Anderson, Neely and Walker

**Approved By:**

Mary Gay Maxwell,  
Environmental Board Chair