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The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, February 01, 2012 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Bob Anderson, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely Maris Perales, James Schissler and Jennifer Walker

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Jeb Brown, Chuck Lesniak, Bill Stauber, Robyn Smith, Tammie Williamson, & Marilla Shepherd

## Others in attendance:

Ronnie Volkening

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Board meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Gay Maxwell at 6:08 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 for concerns not posted on the agenda.

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on February 01, 2012. The minutes were approved on Board members James Schissler' motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second. [Vote 7-0]

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Name: Loop 360 Climatized Self-Storage SPC-2011-0190C

**Applicant:** Riata Holdings, LTD. (Alex G., Clarke, P.E.)

**Location:** 2631 Capital of Texas Highway

Staff Reviewer: Jeb Brown, Planning and Development Review

Department

**Ordinance:** Land Development Code (Current)

Watershed: Barton Springs Zone (Recharge) Drinking Water Protection

Zone

Request:

1. To allow Cut up to a maximum of 22.0 feet (LDC 25-8-341)

- 2. To allow Fill up to a maximum of 14.5 feet (LDC 25-8-342)
- 3. (Waiver Request) To allow cut over 8.0 Feet In Dept Downhill of a slpe greater than 15% (LDC 25-2-1123(C))

Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.

Recommended with conditions.

Recommendation approved on Board Member Schissler' motion and Board member Bob Anderson's second vote 7-0. See attached motion.

#### 4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Water Treatment Plant Quarterly Report-Robyn Smith, Watershed Protection Department and Bill Stauber, Austin Water Utility **This item was conducted as posted.**
- b. Briefing on changes to Chapter 10-5-21 of the City Code which currently states that all weeds and grasses must be less than 12" in height. Roxanne Jackson, Watershed Protection Department

  This item was postponed the next regular meeting on February 15, 2012.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS REPORTS, AND ACTION

1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.

Mary Ann Neely and Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item. The next meeting is 2/6/12 at 6:15 p.m.

2) Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales

The next Water Protection Ordinance meeting is on 2/3/12 at 11:00 a.m.

3) Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, & Mary Ann Neely.

The next WTP4 Committee meeting is on 2/6/12 at 10:00 a.m.

4) Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, & James Schissler.

No repot this week.

5) Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary and Jennifer Walker

Ronnie Volkening and Tammie Williamson from Austin Resource Recovery Department spoke under this item no was taken. Jennifer Walker and Mary Ann Neely reported on this item. The next Water Quality Regulations Committee will be in within 2 weeks.

- 6) Watershed Protection Budget Committee Mary Gay Maxwell, & Bob Anderson. **No report this week.**
- 7) Reports from Board representative to other committees.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS –

Future agenda items:

- The Environmental Board requests a staff briefing on the Austin Recovery Master Plan.
- Schedule the Water Quality Regulations Committee and invite Bob Gedert.
- Jennifer Walker is added to the Water Quality Regulations Committee

ADJOURNMENT Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 020112-3a**

Date:

February 1, 2012

Subject:

Loop 360 Climatized Self-Storage SPC2011-0190C

Motioned By: James Schissler

Seconded By: Bob Anderson

## **Recommendation:**

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions to

- 1. (LDC 25-8-341)To allow Cut up to a maximum of 22.0 feet
- 2. (LDC 25-8-342)To allow Fill up to a maximum of 14.5 feet
- 3. (LDC 25-2-1123(C)) (Waiver Request) To allow cut over 8.0 Feet In Dept Downhill of a slope greater than 15%.

## **Staff Conditions:**

- 1. Structural Containment (Terracing)
- 2. Restoration & Revegetation
- 3. Height Limit for proposed buildings
- 4. Reduced footprint of disturbance
- 5. 30% additional natural area set aside (70%) total
- 6. All plantings per ECM Appendix F
- 7. Enhanced ESC Controls (Pre Construction, Mid Construction, Post Construction ESC Plans)
- 8. Enhanced Water Quality Controls (Sed/Fil pond with a gravity fed infiltration system for native vegetation, Terracing utilizes 12" of topsoil on a 4 foot shelf between the 8 foot engineered vertical lifts, a landscape plan that exceeds all requirements and includes vines for the native rock walls to stabilize soil and further reduce runoff.)

#### **Board Conditions:**

None.

#### Rationale:

Applicant has worked with staff and adjacent neighbors to minimize the overall disturbance to the site.

Vote

7-0-0-0

For:

Anderson, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales, Schissler and Walker

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent:

None

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair