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The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 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, James Schissler and Jennifer Walker

Staff in Attendance:

Jacqueline Ramos, Olga Jimenez, Chuck Lesniak, Mike Personett, Mike Kelly, Jessica Wilson, Andrew Clamann, Chris Herrington, Jose Guerrero, Shane Harbison, Mike McDougal, Chris Yanez, Jeb Brown, Joseph Medici, and Keith Mars

Others in attendance:

Mark Flood, Lake Austin Marina, Item 4c

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 under this item.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on February 15, 2012

The minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting was approved on Board Member Robin Gary's motion and Board Member James Schissler second [Vote 5-1] Board Member Marisa Perales absent.

3. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

- a. Watershed Protection Department Grow Green – Jessica Wilson, Watershed Protection Department

WPD Garden Programs, Grow Green - Presentation for changes to the branding and fusion of Grow Green and Green Garden. The program coordinates with many other City departments. Many compliments from Dr.

Maxwell, Ms. Gary, and Ms. Walker for this excellent, accessible information for citizens.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on Wastewater Service Extension Request #3070 Mesa Rosa Restaurant, Kelly Gagnon, Watershed Protection Department
Item Pulled – No rescheduled date set

- b. Briefing on City plans for addressing bacteria impairments on the Texas 303(d) list thru Total Maximum Daily Loads – Chris Herrington, Watershed Protection Department

Bacteria Impairments within the City of Austin’s Jurisdiction – Chris Herrington informed the Board he was only reporting the actions being taken at this time. Board Member Neely requested a report and bigger map of presentation. Chris Herrington will email requested information.

- c. Request from the Parks Board Navigation Committee for a recommendation regarding SP-2011-0283DS (marina breakwater) – Andrew Clamann , Watershed Protection Department, Chris Yanez, P.E., Parks and Recreation Department, Jeb Brown, Planning and Development Review Department

Item conducted as Public Hearing advised by Chair Maxwell. Board Member James Schissler motion and Board Member Bob Anderson second [Vote 6-0] Board Member Maris Perales was absent.

Recreational boating, weather and flow activity in Lake Austin – Chris Yanez asked for recommendation from the Board. Applicant, Mark Flood, Lake Austin Marina (applicant) spoke on behalf of the request.

NO RECOMMENDATION

Rationale: The potential for an introduction of a new technology could cause proliferation of these devices and therefore a visual degradation of the lake and a narrowing of the navigable corridor and therefore causing a safety issue. We would request that the applicant explore options to move the fueling facility to increase safety and if the applicant is going to go forward with requesting variance for the wave attenuation system it should be clarified which system it is and only be granted because this is a fueling facility. [Vote 5-1] Board member Marisa Perales absent.

- d. Annual Heritage Tree Briefing. (Requirement per Heritage Tree Ordinance). Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review Department
Keith Mars gave the 2011 Annual Tree Permit Review. Code requires staff to provide an annual presentation to the Board. Board requested the report in writing. Chair Maxwell thanked Keith Mars for the report and for showing how many cases staff have reviewed and how few the Board have had to deal with. She said that shows staff works well with development community and staff is working well to solve issues without going to the Board process. Also, Board Member Walker thanked Keith Mars for the presentation. Board Member Anderson requested to maintain flexibility and reach out to applicants with transparency with all issues since the real estate industry

regulates with this ordinance. A good rapport helps to deal with issues. Board Member Neely questioned "do you talk to people about planting trees"? Keith Mars, "yes we talk about "right tree, right place" everyday.

- e. Briefing on ABIA Master Development Plan Ordinance – Joseph Medici, Austin Bergstrom International Airport
ABIA Drainage Master Plan – Chair Maxwell requested WPD to explain about the two aspects of on sight treatment water quality. Board requested WPD have better visuals prior to April 4th meeting. ABIA will enhance report. Mike Kelly agreed to include photographs and explanations of the airport site and show exactly what is a detention pond, water quality pond and current critical water quality zone in the report.

5. OLD BUSINESS REPORTS, AND ACTION

- 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, Marisa Perales, & James Schissler.
Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2012 at 2:00pm at Town Lake Center, located at 721 Barton Springs Road, Assembly Room #130
- 5) Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary & Jennifer Walker
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.
No report this week.

6. CLOSING REMARKS

Chair Maxwell congratulated Jose Guerrero on his new position as Assistant Director with the Watershed Protection Department.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 030712 4c

Date: March 7, 2012

Subject: Marina Breakwater SP-2011-0283DS

Motioned By: Bob Anderson

Seconded by: Robin Gary

No Recommendation

Board Conditions:

None

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Vote: 5-1-1

For: Maxwell, Gary, Anderson, Neely and Walker

Against:

Abstain: Schissler

Absent: Perales

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Board Chair