

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, May 6, 2009



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY,
May 6, 2009**

**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday,
May 6, 2009, City Council Chambers, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

Board Members in Attendance:

Rodney Ahart, Jon Beall, John Dupnik, Phil Moncada, and Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Leon Barba, Michael Embesi, Diane Gonzales, Jennifer Groody, Matt Hollon,
Brad Jackson, Victoria Li, Ingrid McDonald, Pat Murphy, Clark Patterson, Marilla
Shepherd

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Rodney Ahart called the Board Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting called to order, you will receive a three-minute allotment to address your concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

No speakers

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 1, 2009.

The minutes for the regular meeting of April 1,, 2009 were approved on Board member Phil Moncada's motion, Board member Mary Ann Neely's second on a 5-0 vote. Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.

3. ACTION ITEM

STAFF SPECIAL BUDGET REPORT – Victoria Li, P. E., Director of Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The report was conducted by Victoria Li, P. E., Director, WPDR.

Items covered:

Drainage Utility

- a. No increase since FY2006, which was the final year of a 5 year phased in drainage utility fee increase.
- b. Structural imbalance.
- c. The need for a rate increase has been communicated in several ways.
- d. Rate increase of \$0.60 per household per month beginning in FY10.

General Fund

- a. Mentioned that there are currently a number of vacant positions.
- b. \$1.2M in cuts requested for FY10.
- c. Discussed options to address, including position cuts in various One Stop Shop activities.

A subcommittee of the Environmental Board and Watershed Protection and Development Review Department will be posted to meet on June 5, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. to further discuss the 2009-2010 Budget. There was no action taken by the Environmental Board.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- a. **Name:** The Estates at Commanders Point C8J-2008-0231.0A
Applicant: Aaron Googins and Alice Glasco, Agents
Location: 4607 Agarita Cove
Staff Person: Brad Jackson, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department
Request: Variance request to Land Development Code;
 1. 30-5-454(B)(2) to allow a residence on a lot with less than 2 acres net site area.
 2. 30-5-301 for construction of driveways on slopes over 15% in grade.**Watershed:** Lake Travis Watershed (Water Supply Rural) DWPZ
Recommendation: Not Recommended

The Environmental Board motion to postpone The Estates at Commanders Point C8J-2008-0231.0A. Motion approved on Board member John Dupnik, and Board member Phil Moncada's second on a vote count of 5-0, Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.

- b. **Name:** The Park Planned Unit Development (PUD) C814-2008-0145
Applicant: Drenner and Golden Stuart Wolff, LLP
Location: 801 Barton Springs Road
Staff Person: Clark Patterson Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department
Request:
Applicant is requesting PUD zoning for the property with no environmental variances.

The applicant is proposing improvements to the following sections of the Land Development Code:

1. To allow for residential, commercial and civic uses to be permitted in the PUD (LDC 25-2-491 – Permitted, Conditional and Prohibited Uses)
2. To allow for an increase in height per the PUD. (LDC 25-2-1063 – Height limitations and Setbacks for Large Sites).

Watershed: Town Lake and East Bouldin Creeks (Urban Watershed)
Desired Development Zone

Recommendation: Not Recommended.

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions to The Park P.U.D. See attachment.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0] two absent.

Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely, Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Carbon Policy and the Austin Climate Protection Program. Jake Stewart, Austin Energy
And; consider a resolution to be presented by Board member Mary Ann Neely.

The Environmental Board motioned to adopt a resolution and recommends approval to the Austin Climate Protection Program. See Attachment.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0] two absent.

Motioned by Board member Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Board member Phil Moncada, Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.

- b. Consider making a recommendation to the City of Austin Bicycle Master Plan.

Eric Dusza, Transportation Department

The Environmental Board recommends approval to the City of Austin Bicycle Master Plan. See attachment.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0] two absent.

Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely, Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.

6. CITY CODE AMENDMENTS

- a. Consider making a recommendation regarding an ordinance amending section 25-2-1007 of the city code relating to parking lot landscaping. Pat Murphy and Michael Embesi, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The Environmental Board recommends an ordinance amending section 25-2-1007 of the city code relating to parking lot landscaping. See attachment.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0] two absent.

Motioned by Board member Mary Ann Neely, and seconded by Board member Phil Moncada, Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.

- b. Consider making a recommendation regarding an ordinance amending chapter 25-8, subchapter B, Article 1 of the city code relating to heritage trees and tree protection.. Pat Murphy and Michael Embesi, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The Environmental Board recommends an Ordinance amending chapter 25-8, subchapter B, Article 1 of the city code relating to heritage trees and tree protection. See attached.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0] two absent.

Motioned by Board member Mary Ann Neely, and seconded by Board member Phil Moncada, Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.

- c. Consider making a recommendation regarding an Ordinance amending chapter 25-2, subchapter c, Article 9 of the city code relating to landscaping for residential subdivisions. Pat Murphy and Michael Embesi, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The Environmental Board recommends an Ordinance amending chapter 25-2, subchapter C, Article 9 of the city code relating to landscaping for residential subdivisions. See attached.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0] two absent.

Motioned by Board member Mary Ann Neely, and seconded by Board member Phil Moncada, Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.

- d. Consider making a recommendation regarding an ordinance amending city code sections 25-7-153, 25-8-231, 30-4-153, and 30-5-231 Relating to Maintenance of Detention Basins and Water Quality Controls- Matt Hollon, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The Environmental Board recommends an ordinance amending city code sections 25-7-153, 25-8-231, 30-4-153, and 30-5-231, relating to Maintenance of Detention Basins and Water Quality Controls. See attached.

**Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 5-0] two absent.
Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada, and seconded by Board member John Dupnik, Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and Board member David Bezanson were absent.**

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Briefing on Native Plant Communities and Invasive Species – Keith Babberney, Chairman of the Urban Forestry Board

This item was conducted as posted, the Environmental Board will plan to adopt a Resolution to elaborate on the Native Plant Communities and Invasive Species at a future Environmental Board meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely

No update on this item this week.

- b. Update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely

No update on this item this week.

- c. Update on the Waterfront Overlay Taskforce – Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell

No update on this item this week.

- d. Update on the Environmental Awareness Awards- Executive Committee of the Environmental Board

No update on this item this week.

- e. Update on the 2009 Work Plan reports – Mary Gay Maxwell.

No update on this item this week.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Request for future agenda items:

- a. Hill Country Conservancy on the walk for a day program.- Jon Beall

This item will be on the June 3, 2009 Environmental Board agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:30 p.m.