



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 050609-4a**

Date: May 06, 2009

Subject: The Estates at Commanders Point C8J-2008-0231.0A Postponement

Motioned By: John Dupnik, P. G.                      Seconded By: Phil Moncada

The Environmental Board motioned to postpone The Estates at Commanders Point C8J-2008-0231.0A

**RECOMMENDATION POSTPONEMENT**

Motion for postponement to the next Environmental Board meeting of May 20, 2009 to afford applicant and staff the opportunity to:

1. Reduce proposed impervious cover
2. Provide more detailed plans for water quality controls.
3. Suggest enforcement mechanisms for deed restrictions

Vote 5-0-0-2

For: Ahart, Beall, Dupnik,, Moncada and Neely

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: David Bezanson and Mary Gary Maxwell

Approved By:

  
Rodney Ahart, Vice Chair



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 050609 4b**

**Date:** May 06 2009

**Subject:** The Park PUD C814-2008-0145

**Motioned By:** Phil Moncada

**Seconded By:** Mary Ann Neely

**Recommendation:** The Environmental Board recommends approval for The Park Planned Unit Development C814-2008-0145, and improvements to the following sections of the Land Development Code:

1. LDC 25-2-491; Permitted, Conditional and Prohibited Uses.  
To allow for residential, commercial and civic uses;
2. LDC 25-2-1063; Height limitations and Setbacks for Large Sites.  
To allow for an increase in height per the Planned Unit Development approaches on South Lakeshore Blvd;

**Rationale:**

1. Impervious cover is being reduced from 95% to 92%.
2. PUD is proposing stream bank armoring and creation of a stilling basin to assist with water quality and aquatic life.
3. Developer will build 3 star green building.
4. Site is constrained by drainage easement and narrow lot.
5. Dedicated public access path to enhance green belt connectivity.
6. Development will provide car share.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-2

**For:** Ahart, Beall, Dupnik, Moncada, and Neely

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:** Bezanson, and Maxwell

Approved By

  
Rodney Ahart, Vice Chair



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION AND RESOLUTION 2009-0506 5a**

Date: May 6, 2009

Subject: Resolution on Climate Change

Motioned By: Mary Ann Neely

Seconded By: Phil Moncada

The Environmental Board passed the attached resolution on the Climate Change.

**Vote** 5-0-0-2

For: Ahart, Beall, Dupnik, Moncada, and Neely.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bezanson, and Maxwell

Approved By:

Rodney Ahart, Vice-Chair

**RESOLUTION NO. E. B. 050609-5a-001**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**

**Resolution on Climate Change**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin's mission is to make Austin the most livable city in the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change has found unequivocally that climate change constitutes a serious and growing threat and that human activities are the primary source of increased atmospheric concentrations of global warming gases and that the global climate is now changing at a rate that exceeds even the most serious IPCC scenarios ; and,

**WHEREAS**, global scientific consensus predicts as a consequence of global warming costly and dangerous disruptions, including increased risk of flooding, drought and coastal storms, accelerated spread of disease and invasive species, severe property damage, economic loss, and threat to human life; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an obligation for the cities, counties and states to plan for accelerated climatic shift in order to ensure that services and response are prepared for increased weather severity now and in the coming decades; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change calls for national and international responses, but ultimately greenhouse gas emissions are generated locally; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Austin should maintain a leadership role in addressing worldwide environmental concerns and proactive adaptation to climatic change;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

Reiterates its support for the Austin Climate Protection Plan and Greenhouse Gas Reduction efforts.

**Climate Preparedness and Adaptation**

That the Environmental Board of the City of Austin requests that the City Council directs the City Manager to develop and implement a comprehensive Climate Adaption Plan which evaluates the risks and impacts to the City of Austin as it relates to climatic shifts and increasing severity of weather events now and in the coming decades.

The review and plan should investigate the following components and provide recommendations to ensure the city is doing all it can to proactively prepare for ensuing climate impacts and ensure planning efforts include climatic response:

- 1) Review of emergency response and preparedness for increasing severe weather event frequency
- 2) Utility and Departmental preparedness
- 3) Health services and disease control
- 4) Food security
- 5) Distributed energy generation preparedness
- 6) Climate refugee impact and planning (ie- increasing number of hurricane evacuees with more frequency)
- 7) Citizen preparedness and education
- 8) Water resource impact

The plan should not be limited to the components listed above but rather seek to layout a functional adaptation framework to ensure Austin is doing all it can to prepare and proactively protect its citizens over the coming decades. A Climate Response and Adaptation Panel including local and regional representatives may be convened to oversee and contribute to the review and plan development.

The Environmental Board further request that a report be delivered to the City Council no later than one year from the date of enactment, with quarterly progress reports presented to City Council and the Environmental Board.

ADOPTED: March 6, 2009

May

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ATTEST:



Rodney Ahart, Environmental Board Vice-Chair



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 050609 5b**

Date: May 06, 2009

Subject: City of Austin Bicycle Master Plan

Motioned By: Phil Moncada

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

The Environmental Board recommended approval with conditions to the City of Austin Bicycle Master Plan, to replace the 1996 policy, and the 1998 infrastructure Bicycle Master Plans. The Environmental Board recommends that the City adopt as an amendment to the Austin Area Metropolitan Area Transportation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD CONDITIONS:**

1. The Environmental Board would like an annual report on the City of Austin Bicycle Master Plan.

**RATIONALE**

This plan will help with a reduction in greenhouse gases and reduce our carbon footprint.

**Vote** 5-0-0-2

For: Ahart, Beall, Dupnik, Moncada and Neely

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bezanson and Maxwell

Approved By:

Rodney Ahart, Vice Chair



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 050609-6a**

Date: May 06, 2009

**Subject:** Proposed City Code amending section 25-2-1007 of the city code relating to parking lot landscaping.

Motioned By: Mary Ann Neely

Seconded By: Phil Moncada

The Environmental Board recommended approval to amending section 25-2-1007 of the city code relating to parking lot landscaping.

**RATIONALE**

Changes to the code amendment will address the carbon dioxide emissions, heat island effects, and larger trees will get additional protection.

**Vote** 5-0-0-2

For: Ahart, Beall, Dupnik, Moncada and Neely

Against:

Abstain: None

Absent: Bezanson and Maxwell

Approved By:

  
Rodney Ahart, Vice-Chair



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 050609-6b**

Date: May 06, 2009

**Subject:** Proposed City Code amending chapter 25-8, subchapter B, Article 1 of the city code relating to heritage trees and tree protection

Motioned By: Mary Ann Neely

Seconded By: Phil Moncada

The Environmental Board recommended **approval** to amending chapter 25-8, subchapter B, Article 1 of the city code relating to heritage trees and tree protection..

**RATIONALE**

Changes to the code amendment will address the carbon dioxide emissions, heat island effects, and larger trees will get additional protection.

**Vote** 5-0-0-2

For: Ahart, Beall,, Dupnik, Moncada and Neely

Against:

Abstain: None

Absent: Bezanson and Maxwell

Approved By:

  
Rodney Ahart, Vice-Chair



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 050609-6c**

Date: May 06, 2009

**Subject:** Proposed City Code amending chapter 25-2, subchapter C, Article 9 of the city code relating to landscaping for residential subdivisions.

Motioned By: Mary Ann Neely

Seconded By: Phil Moncada

The Environmental Board recommended **approval** to amending chapter 25-2, subchapter c, Article 9 of the city code relating to landscaping for residential subdivisions

**RATIONALE**

Changes to the code amendment will address the carbon dioxide emissions, heat island effects, and larger trees will get additional protection.

**Vote** 5-0-0-2

For: Ahart, Beall, Dupnik, Moncada and Neely

Against:

Abstain: None

Absent: Bezanson and Maxwell

Approved By:

  
Rodney Ahart, Vice-Chair



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 050609-6d**

Date: May 06, 2009

Subject: Proposed ordinance amendments to Maintenance of Detention Basins and Water Quality Controls

Motioned By: Phil Moncada

Seconded By: John Dupnik, P. G.

The Environmental Board recommended approval to the proposed ordinance amendments to 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 -

**RATIONALE**

Development activity, and mixed -use development will be changing the City of Austin should revise language to address maintenance of these structures.

**Vote** 5-0-0-2

For: Ahart, Beall,, Dupnik, Moncada and Neely

Against:

Abstain: None

Absent: Bezanson and Maxwell

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rodney Ahart".

Rodney Ahart, Vice-Chair