

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 5, 2009



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY,
August 5, 2009**

**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday,
August 5, 2009, City Council Chambers, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas
78701**

Board Members in Attendance:

Rodney Ahart, John Dupnik, Mary Maxwell, and Phil Moncada.

Staff in Attendance:

Victoria Li, Ingrid McDonald, Pat Murphy, Jim Dymowski, Tom Ennis, Jose Guerrero,
and Marilla Shepherd.

CALL TO ORDER

**Mary Gay Maxwell Chairman of the Environmental Board called the meeting to
order 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 to address your concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

- **Walter Olenick showed a short video “Should infants drink fluoridated water”?**
- **Travis Snavely affiliated with Fluoride Free Austin spoke on water fluoridation issues.**
- **Rae Nadler-Olenick spoke on Fluoride in Austin water.**
- **Robert Lowe spoke on Fluoride in Austin water.**
- **Debra Bailey with the Bull Creek Foundation spoke about the Dog Park (Bull Creek District Park) opposed to closing the off leash area.**
- **Chris Rusho spoke on the Dog Park (Bull Creek District Park) opposed to closing the off leash area.**
- **Daniel White spoke on poison Ivey control in City of Austin Parks. He invited Board members to attend an educational, show and tell field trip to Duncan Park.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 15, 2009.
The minutes for the regular meeting of July 15, 2009 were approved on Board member Phil Moncada's motion, Board member Rodney Ahart's second on a 4-0 vote. Board members Jon Beall, David Bezanson and Mary Ann Neely was absent.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- a. **Name:** Zilker Park Landfill Drainage Improvements, Phase 2
SPC-2008-0485D
Applicant: Raymond Chan & Associates (Raymond Chan, P. E.)
Location: 2400-2463 Straford Drive
Staff Person: Jim Dymkowski, Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department
Request:
1. 25-8-341 (A) To allow cut greater than 4 feet.
Watershed: Town Lake and Eanes Creek Watersheds (Water Supply Suburban) Drinking Water Protection Zone
Recommendation: Recommended for consent approval

**Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 4-0].
Motedioned by Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and seconded by Board member Phil Moncada. Board members, Jon Beall, David Bezanson and Mary Ann Neely was absent.**

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Report on the Groundwater Characteristics and Challenges for Subsurface Structures in Austin's Urban Core. Tom Ennis, P. E., Watershed Protection Department
The Environmental Board motioned to adopt a recommendation for the Groundwater Characteristics and Challenges for Subsurface Structures. See attached.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 4-0]. Motioned by Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and seconded by Board member John Dupnik. Board members, Jon Beall, David Bezanson and Mary Ann Neely were absent.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely
b. Update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely
c. Update on the Environmental Awareness Awards- Executive Committee of the Environmental Board
d. Update on the 2009 Work Plan reports – Mary Gay Maxwell.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Future agenda items:

1. Request for a report on Fluoride additions at Austin Water Utilities Water Treatment Plants- Rodney Ahart
Item added to 8/19/09 agenda.
2. Request for a report on "A Study of Recreational Boating on Lake Austin, Texas"- WPD- Mary Gay Maxwell
Item added to the pending items agenda.
3. Request for report at the end of the year on the Rosewood Dumpsite- Rodney Ahart
Item added to the pending agenda.
4. Environmental Board officer elections.
Item added to the 8/19/2009 agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35