

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 19, 2009**



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY,  
August 19, 2009**

**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday,  
August 19, 2009, City Council Chambers, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas  
78701**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Rodney Ahart, J. Robert Anderson, Jon Beall, John Dupnik, Mary Gay Maxwell,  
Phil Moncada and Mary Ann Neely.

**Staff in Attendance:**

Pat Murphy, Marilla Shepherd, Jessica King, David Smyth-McCauley, Mateo Scoggins,  
David Johns, Tom Ennis, Jane Burazer, Laurie Dries, Ed Peacock, Stan Evans Staryn  
Wagner and Farhad Madani.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mary Gay Maxwell Chairman of the Environmental Board called the meeting to  
order at 6:05 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.

**Daniel White spoke on poison Ivy control in City of Austin Parks and thanked the Environmental Board members, and City of Austin staff who attended the field trip to Duncan Park on August 17, 2009.**

**19 Citizens signed up to speak on various topics that were posted on the agenda.**

**2. BOARD BUSINESS, APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

a. Environmental Board officer elections.

**The Environmental Board accepted the nomination for Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell to take the office of Chairman of the Environmental Board**

**Motion approved on a Board Member Phil Moncada' motion and seconded by Board Member Mary Ann Neely with a 7-0 Vote.**

**The Environmental Board accepted the nomination for Rodney Ahart to take the office of Vice Chairman of the Environmental Board motion approved on a 7-0 Vote.**

**Motion approved on a Board Member Phil Moncada' motion and seconded by Board Member Mary Ann Neely with a 7-0 Vote.**

**The Environmental Board accepted the nomination for Phil Moncada to take the office of Secretary of the Environmental Board motion approved on a 7-0 Vote.**

**Motion approved on a Board Member Mary Gay Maxwell' motion and seconded by Board Member Mary Ann Neely with a 7-0 Vote.**

b. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 5, 2009.

**The minutes for the regular meeting of August 5, 2009 were approved on Board member Phil Moncada' motion, Board member Rodney Ahart's second on a 4-0 vote. Board members Jon Beall, Mary Ann Neely did not vote because were absent, and 1 vacant.**

### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**None.**

### **4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. Report on Barton Springs Water Quality- David Johns, Watershed Protection Department

**This item was conducted as posted.**

b. Report on The Barton Springs Bypass. David Johns. Watershed Protection Department

**This item was conducted as posted.**

c. Update on the Contact Recreation Status and Restoration Proposal for Bull Creek District Park. Chris Herrington, P. E., Watershed Protection Department

**The Environmental Board motioned to postpone the consideration of a recommendation for Bull Creek District Park to the next regular Environmental Board meeting 9/2/09. The Environmental Board requested that City staff and stakeholders work on solutions and report to the Environmental Board on the progress they have made.**

**Approved Postponement: [VOTE 7-0]**

**Motioned by Board member Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Board member Mary Gay Maxwell.**

- d. Report on Fluoride additions at the Austin Water Utility. Jane Burazer, Austin Water Utility and Charlie Maddox, P. E.

**This item was conducted as posted, the Environmental Board made a motion to Austin City Council to appoint an independent advisory/committee/taskforce to study the impacts of the City of Austin water fluoridation program. The task force should include but not be limited to representation from the Austin Water Utility, Watershed Protection Department and the Austin Travis County Health Department.**

**Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 7-0].**

**Motioned by Board member Rodney Ahart and seconded by Board member John Dupnik, P. E.**

- e. Briefing on the Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan. Jessica King, Solid Waste Service Department.

**This item was conducted as posted.**

## **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**

- Board Member Mary Ann Neely volunteered to be a member of the Water Conservation Task Force representing the Environmental Board.
- Add to Sustainability subcommittee an additional task: water conservation.
- Move Water Supply Distribution/Treatment/Info. to Sustainability subcommittee.
- John Dupnik, P. G. gave the Environmental Board a farewell speech.

### **Future agenda items:**

- Letter from John and Judy Holden: The Gravel Mine plan at Hornsby Bend. The Environmental Board requests that staff report to the Environmental Board about this Gravel Mine plan. Phil Moncada would like the following departments (Austin Energy, Watershed Protection, Austin Water, and Parks and Recreation Departments) to bring a report on native and non-native plants, right of way and trail maintenance, waterways, and stream bank stabilizations relating to Invasive Species and Poison Ivy.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to extend the meeting was made 3 times by Board member Phil Moncada to extend the Board meeting the meeting adjourned at 10:45**