

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, September 2, 2009



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY,
September 2, 2009**

**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday,
September 2, 2009, City Council Chambers, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas
78701**

Board Members in Attendance:

Rodney Ahart, J. Robert Anderson, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell,
Phil Moncada and Mary Ann Neely.

Staff in Attendance:

Chris Herrington, P. E., Robbie Botton, Pharr Andrews, Marilla Shepherd,
Lisa Brathwaite, Ingrid McDonald and Keith Marrs.

CALL TO ORDER

**Mary Gay Maxwell Chairman of the Environmental Board called the meeting to
order at 6:03 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.

- **Debra Bailey signed up to speak on the Bull Creek Dog Off Leash Group and the Bull Creek Foundation and extended a warm thank you to the Environmental Board for the work they are doing.**
- **Rae Nadler-Oleic from Fluoride Free Austin extended a thank you to the Environmental Board for their recommendation to City Council on 8/19/2009.**
- **Deanna Altenhoff spoke on item 3b Clean Air Force Interlocal Agreement**
- **Jim Marston of the Environmental Defense Fund spoke on item 3b Clean Air Force Interlocal Agreement**
- **Scott Johnson spoke on item 3b Clean Air Force Interlocal Agreement.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 19, 2009.**

The minutes for the regular meeting of August 19, 2009 were approved on Board member Phil Moncada's motion, Board member Rodney Ahart's second on a 5-0 vote. Board members Jon Beall is absent and John Dupnik resigned on 8/19/2009.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- a. **Name:** Village at Northtown Water and Wastewater Improvements SP-2008-0329D

Applicant: Cunningham Allen, Inc. Gabriel Hovdey, EIT.

Location: 500-1100 Block of Wells Branch Parkway

Staff Person: Keith Mars, Planning and Development Department

Request:

1. Land Development Code 25-8-422 To Allow development within the critical water quality zone.

Watershed: Harris Branch Watershed (Suburban) Desired Development Zone

Recommendation: Approval on consent.

The Environmental Board motioned to postpone the Village of Northtown Water and Wastewater Improvements SP-2008-0329D.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 6-0]. Motioned by Board member Bob Anderson and seconded by Board member Phil Moncada Board member Jon Beall was absent.

- b. **Interlocal Agreement with Clean Air Force.**

36-month Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas to provide funding and extend the City's involvement in clean air programs, in the amount of \$90,000 for 12 months with two 12 month renewal options, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$270,000.- Pharr Andrews, Austin Energy

The Environmental Board motioned to recommend the Interlocal Agreement with Clean Air Force. See attached.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 6-0]. Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. Board member Jon Beall was absent.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Waste Water Service Extension Request #2865, Shady Hollow Fire Station, Robbie Botto Watershed Protection Department

The Environmental Board motioned to recommend to the Water and Wastewater Commission to move forward with approval of the Wastewater service extension request #2865. See attached.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 6-0]. Motioned by Board member Phil Moncada and seconded by Board member Bob Anderson. Board member Jon Beall was absent.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely
Board member Mary Ann Neely reported on this item. Chris Herring reported that the draft restoration plan will be available in October 15, 2009. The results of the focus group meeting will be on the 9/16/2009 agenda.
- b. Update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely
Board member Mary Ann Neely reported on this item.
- c. Update on the Environmental Awareness Awards- Executive Committee of the Environmental Board
Pharr Andrews, Austin Energy reported on this item.
- d. Update on the 2009 Work Plan reports – Mary Gay Maxwell.
Rodney Ahart reported on the Growth Management Subcommittee. Mary Gay Maxwell explained to the 2 new Board members about the 2009 Workplan and asked for volunteers, Board member Robin Gary is looking into being a second member of the Water Conservation Task Force. Mary Ann Neely reported that the first meeting is September 3, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

**Board member Mary Gay Maxwell announced Nature Conservancy Lunch is on September 15, 2009.
Future agenda items:**

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.