

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008



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**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008**

**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2008
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas**

Chair Dave Anderson called the Board Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dave Anderson, Phil Moncada, Rodney Ahart, Jon Beall, John Dupnik, Mary G. Maxwell, and Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Pat Murphy, Marilla Shepherd, Jerry Rusthoven

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNIATION: GENERAL
No speakers.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from May 7, 2008

The minutes for the regular meeting on May 7, 2008 were approved on Board Member Moncada's motion, Board Member Ahart's second 5-0-1. Board Member Anderson abstained because he was not present at the May 7, 2008 meeting. Board Member Beall was off the dais.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- a) Consider and take appropriate action on an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2, Article 2, Division 5 (Planned Unit Developments) to set out criteria for determining whether a PUD creates development superior what would occur under conventional zoning, to require a PUD Subcommittee of the Council to determine whether a proposed PUD meets those criteria, to require neighbors and neighborhood associations to be notified of PUD applications, and providing height and density bonuses and other incentives for PUDs to include affordable

housing and other community benefits.- *Jerry Rusthoven, Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department*

The Environmental Board recommended conditional approval to amending Chapter 25-2, Article 2, Division 5 (Planned Unit Developments) to set out criteria for determining whether a PUD creates development superior what would occur under conventional zoning, to require a PUD Subcommittee of the Council to determine whether a proposed PUD meets those criteria, to require neighbors and neighborhood associations to be notified of PUD applications, and providing height and density bonuses and other incentives for PUDs to include affordable housing and other community benefits. Environmental Board Conditions: 1) Staff to add an Item G under 1.6.1. Land Use Plan 2) Staff to add wording that provides specific environmental components to the Land Use Plan Requirement and show superior proposed development. Suggested wording is: "Specific environmental components that demonstrate how the proposed development is superior to that which would be accomplished under current regulations." Environmental Board Rationale: PUD's have not had Land Development Code amendments to reflect changes that could create better projects. The Environmental is required to review Planned Unit Developments per the proposed ordinance [P. MONCADA, M. MAXWELL 2ND] (7-0 Vote)

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Dave Anderson, P.E.
Board Member Neely and Board Member Beall reported on this item.
- b. SH45 – John Dupnik, P.G.
Board Member Moncada and Board Member Dupnik reported on this item.
- c. Waterfront Overlay Task Force – Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell
Board Member Maxwell reported on this item.
- d. Erosion and Sedimentation Controls – Dave Anderson, P.E.
Board Member Moncada and Board Member Dupnik reported on this item.
- e. Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely
Board Member Neely reported on this item.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request for future agenda items

6. ADJOURNMENT