



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
July 18 2012**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday,
July 18, 2012 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

Board Members in Attendance:

**Mary Gay Maxwell, Robin Gary, James Schissler, Bob Anderson, Marisa Perales and
Mary Ann Neely**

Board Member Absent:

Bob Anderson and Jennifer Walker

Staff in Attendance:

**Annick Beaudet, Brad Jackson, Chad Crager, Chuck Lesniak, David Johns,
Marilla Shepherd, Robyn Smith, Sue Barnett and Thais Perkins**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell Called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Speaker should sign up to speak prior to the meeting called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment for concerns not posted on the agenda.

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on June 6, 2012.

This item was postponed until the August 15, 2012 meeting. No quorum.

- b. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on June 20, 2012.

This item was postponed until the August 15, 2012 meeting. No quorum.

- c. Select a member of the Environmental Board to serve as an ex-officio voting member of the Lake Austin Task Force.

**The Environmental Board made a consensus of approval with no opposition
for Mary Gay Maxwell to serve on the Lake Austin Task Force.**

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Name: Humbolt Residence SP-2012-0157D

Applicant: Crocker Consultants (Sarah Crocker agent)

Location: 4 Humboldt Lane

Staff Reviewer: Brad Jackson, Planning and Development Review Department

Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed, Water Supply Rural,

Drinking Water Protection Zone

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Request: Variance request is as follows:

1. To allow construction on slopes for driveway construction. (LDC Section 25-8-301).
2. To allow fill up to a maximum of 14 feet for driveway construction. (LDC Section 25-8-342).

Staff Recommendation: Recommended

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED: [VOTE 5-0-0-2]

Motioned by Board member James Schissler and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely with Board members Bob Anderson and Jennifer Walker absent.

5. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Monthly Report on the Water Treatment Plant No. 4 Jollyville Transmission Main – Thais Perkins, & David Johns, P.G., Watershed Protection Department, and Robyn Smith, Public Works Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Briefing on the Mopac Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge at Barton Creek – Annick Beaudet Public Works Department, and Chad Crager CAMPO.
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.
Board member Mary Ann Neely reported on this item. Chair Maxwell informed the Board that resigned from the reference committee, and she asked if anyone else is interested in the meeting.
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and, Marisa Perales
No report this week.
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Robin Gary & Mary Ann Neely.
No report this week.
- d. Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, & James Schissler.
No report this week.
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, and Jennifer Walker
No report this week.
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely & Bob Anderson
No report this week.
- g. Reports from Board representatives to other committees.
No report this week.

NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

Request for Mr. Willie Conrad, AWU to make a presentation about wildfires. Chuck Lesniak will request a report from staff involved with these issues and ask for reports on an environmental prospective.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 071812 3A

Date: July 18, 2012

Subject: Humboldt Residence SP-2012-0157D

Motioned By: James Schissler

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

Recommended Action

The Environmental Board recommends approval of variance the request to allow construction on slopes for driveway and fill up to a maximum of 14 feet of driveway construction for Humboldt Residence

Staff Conditions:

1. The retaining wall will be decoratively faced to match the aesthetic integrity of the existing SF home.
2. The retaining wall will be screened with drought-tolerant landscaping.

Variances are necessary to clear the requirements that were overlooked by City of Austin staff.

Vote 5-0-0-2

For: Maxwell, Gary, Schissler, Neely and Perales

Abstain

Against:

Absent Anderson and Walker

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair