



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
October 17, 2012**

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

**Mary Gay Maxwell, Robin Gary, James Schissler, Marisa Perales,
Mary Ann Neely, & Jennifer Walker**

Staff in Attendance:

**Benny Ho, P. E.
Brad Jackson
Chuck Lesniak
David Johns, P. G.
Thais Perkins
Marilla Shepherd
Robyn Smith
Stephanie McDonald
Sue Barnett**

Others Present:

**Students from Austin Youth River Watch (Akins High School and Reagan High School),
Austin Texas
Benjamin Sanchez from Akins High School
Ezrhil Racelis from Akins High School
Fidel Campuzano from Reagan High School and the AYRW Board of Directors
Keona Johnson from Reagan High School
Kezhanae Johnson from Reagan High School**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell Called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 under citizen's communication.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on September 19, 2012.**

The minutes from the September 19, 2012 regular meeting were approved on Board members James Schissler's motion and Robin Gary's second.
[Vote 6-0-0-1]

- b. Environmental Board Officer Elections.

The Environmental Board accepted the nomination that the current officers Chair Mary Gay Maxwell, Vice Chair Robin Gary, and Secretary James Schissler P. E., retain their post from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Name:** Bulldog Storage SP-2012-0226D

Applicant: Prossner and Associates, Inc. (Kurt Prossner, Agent)

Location: 4221 N FM 620 Rd

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. Land Development Code 25-8-342 To allow fill up to 12 feet.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval. Note: This is a resubmittal of a previously approved variance.

Recommendation: Approval with staff and Board conditions on Board member's James Schissler's motion and Robin Gary's second. [Vote 6-0-0-1] Board member Bob Anderson was absent. See attached motion.

5. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Design Waller: A Competition – Stephanie McDonald, Waller Creek Conservancy

This item was conducted as posted no action taken.

- b. Monthly Report on Water Treatment Plant 4 JTM– Robyn Smith, Public Works Department

This item was conducted as posted no action taken.

- c. Monthly Report on Environmental Commissioning for the WTP4 Jollyville Transmission Main - Thais Perkins, David Johns, Watershed Protection Department.

- d. **This item was conducted as posted no action taken.** Austin Youth River Watch - Brent Lyles, Austin Youth River Watch

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting and conducted as posted.

The Austin Youth River Watch students conducted their presentation, 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 Jennifer Walker reported on this item.

- 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.
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell proposed to convene a WTP4 Committee meeting so staff can provide additional detail on groundwater age dating.
- d. Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler.
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item. The next EB Development Committee meeting is on October 24, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, & Jennifer Walker.
Board Member Mary Ann Neely proposed to convene a Water Quality Regulations Committee meeting- to discuss Jeremiah Ventures.
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely and Bob
No report this week.
- g. Reports from Board representatives to other committees
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell reported that she stepped down from the Lake Austin Taskforce, and Environmental Board member James Schissler will be the new Lake Austin Taskforce member.
Board members James Schissler and Mary Ann Neely reported on this item.

7. NEW BUSINESS –

Future agenda items

- 1. **Robin Gary's request to get a briefing from Austin Water Utility staff on the recently passed water well registration ordinance.**
- 2. **Robin Gary's request for an Executive liaison status report:**
 - **What's coming up at each meeting?**
 - **Meeting with Mary Gay Maxwell, Robin Gary, and Chuck Lesniak to discuss the request listed below.**
 - **Status of the requested topics on the future agenda items.**
 - **Report on the past motions and recommendations and how they were used, and what the City Council's decision was.**
- 3. **Mary Ann Neely's request a briefing from Austin Energy on the selling of Fayette Power Plant**
- 4. **Jennifer Walker's request for a briefing on the implementation of the City's Single Use Bag ban.**
- 5. **Environmental Board to adopt calendar for 2013 meetings.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 101712 4a

Date: October 17, 2012

Subject: Briefing on Bulldog Storage SP-2012-0226D

Motioned By: James Schissler, P. E.

Seconded By: Robin Gary

Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommends with staff and Environmental Board conditions to approve variance request to Land Development Code 25-8-342 to allow fill up to 12 feet.

Staff conditions:

1. Only clean fill of soil, dirt, rock, sand, or other natural man-made materials are to be used as fill on the site; and
2. Submittal and City approval of a Pollution Attenuation Plan for the site must be obtained prior to site plan approval; and
3. All trees over 8 caliper inches will be mitigated for and replaced with Class 1 native trees; and
4. All fill over four feet will be structurally contained.

Board conditions:

Applicant to attempt to screen building with mitigate trees.

Rationale:

Applicant has shown that the variance requirements have been met. The variance was previously approved and there have been not substantial changes to the project.

Vote 6-0-0-1

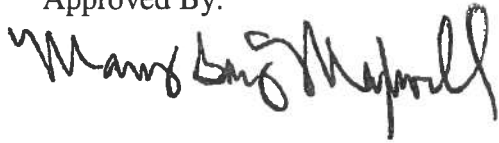
For: Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales, Schissler and Walker

Against:

Abstain:

Absent Anderson

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gay Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M".

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair