



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
November 7, 2012**

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 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:

**Chris Herrington
Ed Peacock
Mary Gilroy
Kirk Scanlon
Chuck Lesniak
William Conrad
Lisa O'Donnell
Mike Personett
Marilla Shepherd
Sherri Kuhl**

Others Present:

Linda Guerrero, Lake Austin Taskforce

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

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 October 17, 2012

The minutes from the October 17, 2012 regular meeting were approved on Board members James Schissler's motion and Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 6-0-0-1] Board member Bob Anderson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

- b. Approve the 2013 Environmental Board meeting schedule.

The 2013 Environmental Board meeting schedule was approved on Board members James Schissler's motion and Mary Ann Neely's second. [Vote 6-0-0-1] Board member Bob Anderson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- e. Briefing on single use bags – Bob Gedert, Austin Resource Recovery
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Briefing on the Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads for 4 watersheds in Austin - Chris Herrington, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- c. Briefing on hydrilla management in Lake Austin – Mary Gilroy, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- a. 2011-2012 Lady Bird Lake Annual Concessions Report– Kirk Scanlon and Beverly Mendez, Parks and Recreation Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- f. Environmental Officer’s report on future agenda items, hot topics, and past Board actions, Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
 - **Chuck Lesniak gave a summary of previous agenda items:**
 - **Memorandum from Victoria Li on the Rosewood Landfill/Dump site remediation in East Austin.**
 - **Jeremiah Ventures**
 - **TXI Ordinance**
 - **Jollyville Salamander listing**
- d. Briefing on Emma Long Trail Closures –Sherri Kuhl-Austin Water Utility
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.
No report this week.
- 2) Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales
- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Robin Gary & Mary Ann Neely.
Robin Gary reported on this item.
- 4) Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler.
Bob Anderson reported on this item.
- 5) Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, & Jennifer Walker.
Discussed possible field trip to City property near the Jeremiah Ventures property. Chris Herrington will come speak to the committee about TMDL’s at a future meeting. Discuss with Dr. Nico Hauwert about taking committee on the field trip. Schedule a meeting for the committee to discuss these items.

6) Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely & Bob Anderson
No report this week.

7) Reports from Board representatives to other committees.

Jim Schissler reported on the Lake Austin Task Force.

7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- **Regular meeting requests for briefing on the WPO by Matt Hollon, Watershed Protection Department.**
- **Report on soil stabilization, contracts, maintenance and funding for Parks and Recreation Department special events.**
- **Total Maximum Daily Loads process briefings**
- **Holiday Party on 12/1/12.**
- **WTP4 Committee meeting scheduled for January 2013**

8. **ADJOURNMENT – Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.**