



**Environmental Board  
January 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
301 West Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701**

# **AGENDA**

Bob Anderson  
Place 1 Appointee

Marisa Perales  
Place 2 Appointee

Jennifer Walker  
Place 3 Appointee

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair  
Place 4 Appointee

Robin Gary, Vice Chair  
Place 5 Appointee

James Schissler, P. E., Secretary  
Place 6 Appointee

Mary Ann Neely  
Mayor's Appointee

---

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

## **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.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on December 5, 2012
- b. Environmental Officer's report on, hot topics, and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

## **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Name:** Covered Bridge PUD

**Applicant:** Thrower Design

**Location:** S.H. 71 West & Covered Bridge Road (southwest corner)

**Staff Reviewer:** Heather Chaffin, PDRD Case Manager  
Brad Jackson, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

**Watershed:** Williamson Creek (Barton Springs Zone and Drinking Water Protection Zone)

**Ordinance:** PUD Tracts 1-3: Without PUD - 1982 Williamson Creek Ordinance (based on Restrictive Covenant). With PUD – Comprehensive Watersheds Ordinance and Save Our Springs Initiative (current code) as amended by PUD.

PUD Tract 4: Without PUD - Comprehensive Watersheds Ordinance and Save Our Springs Initiative (current code). With PUD – Comprehensive Watersheds Ordinance and Save Our Springs Initiative (current code) as amended by PUD.

**Request:** Review environmental aspects of proposed PUD and recommend approval of the PUD, including exceptions to the following Land Development Code sections as defined in the PUD documents:

Section 25-8-65 (*Roadways*) – This section will not apply to this project.

Section 25-8-302 (*Construction of a Building or Parking Area*) – Allow for construction on slopes greater than 15%.

Section 25-8-341 (*Cut Requirements*) – Allow for cut greater than 4 feet, but not greater than 10 feet

Section 25-8-342 (*Fill Requirements*) – Allow for fill greater than 4 feet, but not greater than 11 feet

Section 25-8-261 (*Critical Water Quality Zone Development*), 25-8-482 (*Critical Water Quality Zone*) , and 25-8-514 (*Pollution Prevention Required*), subsection (B) – Allow water quality controls and a single private driveway within the CWQZ

Section 25-8-483 (*Water Quality Transition Zone*) – Allow development shown on the PUD Land Use Plan within the WQTZ

Section 25-8-514 (*Pollution Prevention Required*) – Allow additional impervious cover to exceed 25% and to allow for alternative water quality controls

Note: Section 25-8-514 is part of the Save Our Springs Initiative.

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended for approval because the proposed PUD is environmentally superior to development that could otherwise be built under currently applicable regulations.

## **5. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Briefing on Water Service Extension Request #3158 8647 W. Highway 290 – Kelly Gagnon, Watershed Protection Department
- b. Briefing on Watershed Protection Departments role on Wildland Fire Task Force – Ryan Hebrink, Watershed Protection Department
- c. Water Treatment Plant 4 Transmission Main monthly report on project status and Environmental Commissioning – David Johns, P. G., and Thais Perkins, Watershed Protection Department
- d. WTP4 – Jollyville Transmission Main monthly project status report. Robyn Smith and Jason Bybel, Public Works Department
- e. Gray Water Stakeholder Group presentation regarding a proposed pilot program. Presented by Dr. Lauren Ross and Paige Hill

## **6. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.
- 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.
- 4) Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler.
- 5) Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, & Jennifer Walker.
- 6) Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely & Bob Anderson
- 7) Reports from Board representatives to other committees.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Board may take items in any order, and may take action on any item except citizen's communication. Direct any questions on this agenda or the Board to Marilla J. Shepherd, 974-3443 of the Watershed Protection Department. The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided. Please call 974-3443 for information. For a sign language interpreter, please call immediately.