



**Environmental Board
March 06, 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 being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting on February 20, 2013.
- b. Environmental Officer's report on, hot topics, and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

4. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

- a. Proposed changes in variance application packets –Sue Barnett, Planning and Development Review Department

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION

- a. **Name:** Dessau Retail Center SP-2012-0350C

Applicant: Moncada Consulting

Location: 11800 Dessau Rd

Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Watershed: Walnut Creek Watershed (Suburban Desired Development Zone)

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current code)

Request:

1. To allow for the reduction of the buffer zone established around each critical environmental feature from the code required 150 feet to the following: CEF #1 (Canyon

Rimrock/Seep) to 100 feet, CEF #3 (Canyon Rimrock) to 85 feet, and CEF #4 (Seep) to 11 feet. LDC Section 25-8-281(C)(1)(a)

2. To allow the construction of a parking area on a slope with a gradient of more than 15%. LDC Section 25-8-302(A)(2)
3. To allow impervious cover on slopes with a gradient of more than 15 percent to exceed 10 percent of the total area of the 15% slopes. LDC 25-8-302(B) (1)
4. To allow fill greater than 4 feet, not to exceed 8 feet. [LDC Section 25-8-342].

Staff Recommendation: Variances 1-4 are recommended with conditions.

b. **Name:** Steiner Ranch MU-11 SP-2012-0175D

Applicant: Crocker Consultants

Location: 4200 Steiner Ranch Blvd.

Staff Reviewer: Brad Jackson, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Watershed Bear West (Lake Austin) Watershed (Water Supply Rural)

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance, as amended by the Steiner Ranch Subdivision Settlement Agreement

Request:

1. Variance from LDC 25-8-341 – To allow cut up to a maximum of 16 feet.
2. Variance from LDC 25-8-342 – To allow fill up to a maximum of 14 feet

Staff Recommendation: Not recommended

c. **Name:** 507 W. 23rd Street Tree Permit No. 1088486

Applicant: Mike McHone

Location: 507 W 23rd Street

City Arborist Staff: Keith Mars, Environmental Program Coordinator, Planning and Development Review Department

Ordinance Heritage Tree Ordinance LDC 25-8-641

Request: The applicant is requesting to remove a heritage tree with a stem greater than 30”indiameter.

Staff Recommendation: The request to remove the 31” Pecan meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A), thus the variance is recommended if transplanting is not a viable option. Variance is recommended.

d. **Name:** 2818 Rio Grande Street Tree Permit No. 10827869

Applicant: Mike McHone

Location: 2818 Rio Grande

City Arborist Staff: Keith Mars, Environmental Program Coordinator, Planning and Development Review Department

Ordinance Heritage Tree Ordinance LDC 25-8-641

Request: The applicant is requesting to remove a heritage tree with a stem greather than 30” in diameter.

Staff Recommendation: The request to remove the 30” Pecan tree meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A). Variance is recommended.

6. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION POSTPONED FROM 2/20/13

- a. Briefing on the 2012 Heritage Tree Report – Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review Department

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on Water Treatment Plant4 costs associated with environmental protection issues – Stacie Long, Public Works Department

8. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Robin Gary & Mary Ann Neely.
- d. Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler.
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, & Jennifer Walker.
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely & Bob Anderson
- g. Reports from Board representatives to other committees.

9. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

10. 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.

Future Agenda Items as of 2/26/13

| Request Date | Topic | Requestor | Staff | Agency | EB Meeting Date |
|---------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Standing item | WTP4 TM Monthly report on project status and Env. Commissioning | Board | Robyn Smith, Thais Perkins | PW, WPD | 2nd mtg of ea. month |
| 2/6/13 | WTP4 Committee | Mary Gay Maxwell | Stacie Long | PWD | 3/5/13 |
| 2/12/13 | 211 S. Lamar PUD C814-2012-0160 | | Lee Hickman | PDRD | 3/20/13 |
| 1/16/13 | Types and function of CoA water quality controls (Note: Possible initial presentation to WQR Committee first) | Andy Linseisen | Andy Linseisen | PDRD | TBD (late March?) |
| 4/21/2010 | Operating Permit regulatory terms and their meaning | Board | Matt Hollon | WPD | TBD |
| 8/1/12 EB Retreat | Watershed Characterization (EII Scores) | Mary Gay Maxwell | TBD | WPD | TBD |
| 8/1/12 EB Retreat | Neighborhood Plans how many are there, where, who enforces? Are environmental concerns addressed in them. | Mary Gay Maxwell | TBD | PDRD | TBD |
| 8/1/12 EB Retreat | Grandfathering flow chart & list of things not protected under Ch. 245. | Mary Gay Maxwell | Lesniak | PDRD | TBD |
| 8/1/12 EB Retreat | Mission priorities/ green infrastructure based on J. Pantalion master plan presentation | Board | Lesniak | WPD | TBD |
| 8/1/12 EB Retreat | Land Acquisition Programs/ Water Quality Integration based on J. Pantalion master plan presentation | Board | Lesniak | WPD | TBD |
| 8/1/12 EB Retreat | Clean Water Program based on J. Pantalion master plan presentation | Board | Lesniak | WPD | TBD |
| 8/1/12 EB Retreat | EPA/ Imagine Austin based on J. Pantalions master plan presentation | Board | Lesniak | WPD | TBD |