



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
February 20, 2013**

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Andy Litchenstein

Chuck Lesniak

Greg Gregston

Jackie Chuter

Joe Pantalione

Joydeep Goswami

Kimberly McNeeley

Liz Johnston

Mike Ihnat

Mike Kelly

Mitzi Cotton

Scott Hiers

Sue Barnett

Victoria Li, Director, WPD

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M. – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

- **There were no citizens signed up to speak.**

There were 31 citizens' speaker cards received for other items, but because of constraints of the agenda, 16 of the 31 citizens actually spoke on agenda item #6: Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements SPC-2012-0104 D.

- **Bernard Brown**
- **Bill Bunch**
- **Brian Leonard**
- **Daniel Llanes**
- **David Wittie**
- **Gary Beyer**

- **Jennifer McPhail**
- **John Corry**
- **Karen Kreps**
- **Maureen Hatfield**
- **Mike Cannati**
- **Nelson Guda**
- **Peter Craig**
- **Robert Corbin**
- **Robin Cravey**
- **Roy Waley**

3. SPECIAL STAFF REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Watershed Protection Department Annual Report FY 11-12 – Victoria Li, Director,
Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION - Briefing on the implementation of Single Use Retail-Bags Ordinance

Bob Gedert, Director, Austin Resource Recovery Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on February 6, 2013.
The February 6, 2013 minutes were approved on Board members James Schissler seconded by Board member Robin Gary Vote [5-1-0-1] Board member Jennifer Walker was absent and Board member Marisa Perales abstained.

b. Environmental Board recommendation regarding changes to the air quality monitoring process for the City of Austin.

The Environmental Board recommends the air quality monitoring process for the City of Austin motioned by Board member Robin Gary, and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. [Vote 6-0-0-1] Board member Jennifer Walker was absent See attached motion.

c. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics, and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.

This item was conducted as posted. Chuck Lesniak updated the Environmental Board on the Resenchick Ball Field.

6. ACTION ITEM POSTPONED FROM THE FEBRUARY 6, 2013, MEETING

Name: Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements-**SPC-2012-0104D**

Applicant: City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

Location: 2201 Barton Springs Road

Staff Reviewer: Liz Johnston, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Watershed: Barton Creek (Barton Springs Zone), Drinking Water Protection Zone, and Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code) and Save Our Springs Ordinance

Request: Consider and recommend approval of an ordinance granting variances to the comprehensive watershed ordinance as follows :

1. To allow construction within the Critical Water Quality Zone of Barton Creek; [LDC Section 25-8-482]
2. To allow construction within a Water Quality Transition Zone of Barton Springs [LDC Section 25-8-483 (A)]

And providing amendments to the SOS Ordinance as follows:

1. To allow construction within the Critical Water Quality Zone of Barton Springs [LDC Section 25-8-514(B)]
2. To allow impervious in excess of 15% net site area [LDC Section 25-8-514(A)]

Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval

#1. The Environmental Board recommends approval Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements SPC-2012-0104D, variances to the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance. Motioned by Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and seconded by Board member Jim Schissler. [Vote 6-0-0-1] Board member Jennifer Walker was absent See attached motion.

#2. The Environmental Board recommends approval Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements SPC-2012-0104D, amendment to the SOS Ordinance. - Motioned by Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. [Vote 5-1-0-1] Board member Jennifer Walker was absent. See attached motion.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on the 2012 International Fire Code Draft Ordinance verses 2009 Adoption Ordinance - Carl Wren, P. E, Austin Fire Department/Emergency Prevention Division-
The Environmental Board recommends approval of the 2012 International Fire Code motioned by Board member James Schissler, and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. [Vote 5-0-0-2] Board member Bob Anderson was off the dais, and Board member Jennifer Walker was absent. See attached motion.
- b. Proposed changes in variance application packets –Sue Barnett, Planning and Development Review Department
At the request of staff, this item was postponed to the 3/6/13 meeting.
- c. Briefing on the 2012 Heritage Tree Report – Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review Department
This item was conducted as posted, due to time constraints this item will be presented at the 3/6/13 Environmental Board meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.
No report this week.

- 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, and James Schissler.
No report this week.
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, & 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.
Watershed Protection Ordinance

3. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

Requests a meeting with information related to the TCEQ exemptions.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Board made a motion at 10:00 p.m. to extend the meeting 15 minutes and, and motioned again to extend the meeting 15 minutes at 10:15 p.m. the meeting. Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.