



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
February 6, 2013**

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Anderson, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, and James Schissler

Staff in Attendance:

Brad Jackson

Chuck Lesniak

Daryl Slusher

David Johns

Gary Gregson

Laurie Dries

Liz Johnston

Marilla Shepherd

Pharr Andrews

Robin Camp

Robyn Smith

Ross Crow

Sue Barnett

Thais Perkins

Tina Bui

Others Present:

Mr. Larson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 P.M. by Chair Mary Gay Maxwell.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

- **Sergio Lozano signed up to speak to request a public hearing on SP-2012-01-09D Stone Ridge. Chuck Lesniak is working with the applicant to resolve concerns and place on a future Environmental Board agenda.**
- **DamoMiguel Guillen signed up to speak about the SP-2012-01-09D**

There were 32 citizens' speaker cards received for other items but due to complex agenda items 14 of the 32 citizens actually spoke on agenda item #5 Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements SPC-2012-0104 D.

- Mark Nowackl
- Linda Guerrero
- Bill Bunch
- Peter Craig
- Ed Seymour
- Roy Waley
- Karen Kreps
- Bernard Brown
- Brian Leonard
- Nelson Gudon, PhD
- Kurt Blaschke
- Mark Nowacki
- Tammy West
- David King

3. **10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**

- a. Use of inorganic mulch in landscaping and relevant City Code and Criteria. - Sue Barnett Planning and Development Review Department
 1. Land Development Code: 25-2-1003 (D)A required landscaped area may include planters, brick, stone, natural forms, water forms, aggregate, and other landscape features, if inorganic materials do not predominate over the plants. Smooth concrete or asphalt may not be included in a required landscaped area.
 2. Environmental Criteria Manual 2.4.5 Soil Conditioning and Mulching.

This item will be rescheduled.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on January 16, 2013.

Minutes approved on Board members Schissler's motion and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely 6-0-0-1. Board member Marisa Perales was absent.
- b. Environmental Officer's report on, hot topics, and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
Conducted as posted.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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 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
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

The Environmental Board motioned to postpone this item until the next regular meeting on February 20, 2013. Motioned by Board member Mary Ann Neely Board and seconded by Board member Robin Gary 5-0-1-1. Board member Marisa Perales was absent. See attached motion.

The Environmental has a request for information:

- Record of stakeholder inputs and responses.
- Updated plan and map.
- Map of entire area showing the 57% impervious cover.
- Options to reduce impervious cover.
- Parking including lot A options and stormwater treatment options, monitoring of efficiency of athletic field as vegetation filter strip.
- Design options for creating an overlook along the ADA trail.
- Irrigation plan and withdrawal estimate. Information on water permit. Will irrigation be subject to same Austin Water Restrictions?
- Description of erosion controls along trails on South side.
- Information on whether WPAP and Geologic Assessment were done or are required.
- Increasing amount and extent of re-irrigation for erosion control.
 - A) Reducing parking lot size and number of spaces, eliminating a portion of trail, and replacing with native vegetation.

6. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on planned improvements to Barton Springs Pool and associated site plan. and Gary Gregson, Parks and Recreation Department, and Robin Camp, Public Works Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Briefing on the Well Registration Ordinance – Daryl Slusher, Assistance Director and Tina Bui, Austin Water Utility
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- c. Briefing on the City of Austin’s air quality activities – Pharr Andrews, Transportation Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- d. Water Treatment Plant 4 Jollyville Transmission Main Environmental Commissioning monthly report– David Johns, P. G., and Thais Perkins, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- e. Water Treatment Plant 4 Jollyville Transmission Main monthly project status report. Robyn Smith and Jason Bybel, Public Works Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. 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.
No report this week.

8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. Report on the Plastic Bag Ordinance implementation at next meeting 2/20/13 from Austin Resource Recovery Department.**

The Environmental Board motioned to extend the meeting until 10:15 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 020613-5

Date: February 6, 2013

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

Motioned By: Mary Ann Neely

Seconded By Robin Gary

A motion to postpone the Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements SPC-2012-0104D to the February 20, 2013 regular meeting The Environmental Board requests the following information:

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Vote 5-0-1-1

For: Anderson, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, and Walker

Against: Schissler

Abstain: None

Absent: Perales

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair