



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY April 3, 2013

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Anderson, Mary Ann Neely, Marisa Perales and James Schissler

Board Members Absent

Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, and Jennifer Walker

Staff in Attendance:

Mateo Scoggins

Marilla Shepherd

Chuck Lesniak

Mike Personett

Sherri Swattias

Jerry Rusthoven

Scott Hires

Sue Barnett

Brad Jackson

Joydeep Goswami

Jim Dymkowski

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair James Schissler called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

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.

- Zoila Vega signed up to speak about a greenbelt in South Austin
- Craig Nazor signed up to speak about Watershed Restoration Projects

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on March 20, 2013.

The March 20, 2013 Environmental Board minutes were postponed to the April 17, 2013 Environmental Board meeting due to lack of quorum.

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

No report this week

4. **10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**

- a. Update on the [Grow Zone program](#) creek restoration program – Mateo Scoggins, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTPONED ON 3/20/13 AND ACTION**

- a. **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) Zone
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 12 feet.
2. Variance from LDC 25-8-342 – To allow fill up to a maximum of 12 feet
Staff Recommendation: Not recommended.

The Environmental Board motioned to disapprove Steiner Ranch MU-11- SP-2012-0175D disapproval Motioned by Board member Bob Anderson and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely [Vote 3-1-0-3] motion failed. Board member Mary Gay Maxwell, Robin Gary and Jennifer Walker were absent. See attached motion. The Environmental Board made no recommendation to the Zoning and Platting Commission.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION**

- a. **Name:** ThinkEAST PUD C814-2012-0128.SH
Applicant: ThinkEAST Austin Mgmt, LLC. Richard deVarga - Agent
Location: 1141 Shady Lane
City Staff: Liz Johnston, PDRD Environmental Reviewer
Ordinance Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)
Watershed: Boggy Creek and Tannehill Creek (Urban), Desired Development Zone
Request: Review and consider for recommendation rezoning the subject property from LO-MU-CO-NP, SF-3NP to PUD-NP. The following environmental code exception is requested:
1. To allow removal of a Heritage Tree; [LDC Section 25-8-641]
Staff Recommendation: Recommended

The Environmental Board recommends approval of the environmental superiority aspects of ThinkEAST PUD C814-2012-0128.SH. Motioned by Board member Bob Anderson and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely Vote 4-0-0-3 Board members Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell and Jennifer Walker were absent. See attached motion.

- b. **Name:** Estancia Hill Country Planned Unit Development C814-2012-0085
Applicant: Metcalfe Wolf Stuart & Williams, LLP Michele Rogerson
Lynch -Agent
Location: 12814 S IH 35 SVRD SB
City Staff: James Dymkowski, PDRD Environmental Reviewer
Ordinance Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)
Watershed: Onion Creek (Suburban) Desired Development Zone
Request: Review and consider for recommendation the proposed Planned Unit Development. The following environmental code exceptions are requested.
1. Modify 25-8-41 (Land Use Commission Variances); 25-8-301(Construction of a Roadway or Driveway), Subsection(A); and 25-8-302 (Construction of a Building or Parking Area), Subsection (A)(2) to authorize the Director to grant administrative variances after making the determinations required under 25-8-41.
 2. Modify 25-8-394 (C) (Uplands Zone), Subsection (C) to allow a maximum impervious cover limit of 70% for multifamily residential and 90% for commercial developments.
 3. Modify 25-8-643 (*Land Use Commission* Variance) to allow the Director to grant a variance to allow removal of a heritage tree after making the determinations required under 25-8-643.
- Staff Recommendation:** Recommended for approval

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions of the environmental superiority aspects of the Estancia Hill Country PUD C814-2012-0085 motioned by Bob Anderson and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely Vote 4-0-0-3. Board members Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell and Jennifer Walker were absent. See attached motion.

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. The Environmental Board Budget committee will convene to discuss the Watershed Protection Department FY 14 Budget.
9. ADJOURNMENT
Acting Chair James Schissler adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.