



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
May 15, 2013**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday,
May 15, 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, James Schissler, and Jennifer Walker

Staff in Attendance:

Victoria Li

Joe Pantalione

Mike Ihnat

Jose Guerrero

Diane Gonzalez

Thais Perkins

David Johns

Chuck Lesniak

Marilla Shepherd

Andrew Linseisen

Kevin Shunk

Ramesh Swaminathan

Sandra Alvarado

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell 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.

There were no citizens signed up to speak on this item.

- **Bill Bunch signed up to speak on item 6a and 6c.**
- **Mike Hebert signed up to speak on item 6c.**

3. BOARD BUSINESS

Special presentation to Environmental Board member, Robert Anderson.

This item was conducted as posted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

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

The approval of the March 20, 2013 minutes were postponed until the June 5, 2013 regular meeting.

- b. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on April 3, 2013

The April 3, 2013 meeting minutes were approved with amendments on Board members James Schissler's motion and seconded by Board member Bob Anderson. [Vote 4-0-3-0] Board members Gary, Maxwell and Walker abstained.

- c. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on May 1, 2013

The May 1, 2013 meeting minutes were approved on Board member James Schissler and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely [vote 5-0-2-0] Board members Gary and Walker abstained.

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

Chuck Lesniak reported on the Ordinance change to the Planned Unit Development is scheduled for City Council meeting on May 23, 2013 as item 71.

Chuck Lesniak announced the upcoming Lake Austin Task Force Public Meeting on May 20, 2013.

5. SPECIAL STAFF REPORT

- a. FY 14 Watershed Protection Department Proposed Budget – Victoria Li, Director, Watershed Protection Department

The Environmental Board motioned to support and recommend the FY 14 Watershed Protection Department Proposed Budget with the following comments: Waller Creek C description seems not to require an Engineer per se to provide the listed skills. Consider opening up to allow other skill sets and backgrounds (page 12 of the Watershed Protection Department FY 2014 Financial Forecast item 36). [Vote 7-0-0-0]. See attached recommendation.

6. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Changes in the order of staff briefing and possible action is shown below:

- a. Water Treatment Plant 4 Jollyville Transmission Main monthly report on Environmental Commissioning – David Johns, P. G., and Thais Perkins, Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Presentation on green water quality treatment controls - Andrew Linseisen, Planning and Development Review Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. Briefing on Harris Ave. development and related citizen concerns raised at April 17, 2013 meeting - Kevin Shunk, Watershed Protection Department and John McDonald, Planning and Development Review Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

- d. Water Treatment Plant 4 Jollyville Transmission Main monthly project status report - Robyn Smith, Public Works Department

This item was postponed until the July 17, 2013 Environmental Board meeting.

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.
Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell reported that a presentation on the Heritage Tree Survey in the Downtown Area is coming to the Environmental Board soon.
- 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
- g. Reports from Board representatives to other committees.
No report this week.

8.

NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. **Schedule the Report on the Heritage Tree Ordinance in the Downtown area and invite Bob Anderson.**
- 2. **The June 5, 2013 Environmental Board meeting will be in the Staff Bull Pen to discuss the requirements and approval process for PUDS, how superiority is determined and the role of the Environmental Board.**
- 3. **Board member Robin Gary would like an update on the 1601 West Stassney Lane (Third Amendment to the Oaks Treatment Center PUD)**
- 4. **Jennifer Walker would like to know how we track items that went before the Environmental Board and then were sent to City Council.**

9.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20130515 005a

Date: May 15, 2013

Subject: Watershed Protection Department FY 2014 Proposed Budget

Motioned by: James Schissler

Seconded by: Jennifer Walker

Recommendation

Whereas the Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions of the WPDR FY 2014 Proposed Budget as presented to the Environmental Board FY14 Budget Subcommittee; and

Whereas the Board recommends that the Waller Creek Engineer C position description not require an Engineer per se to provide listed skills, and to consider changing the description to allow other skill sets and backgrounds; and

Whereas the Watershed Protection Department has provided excellent management of the many projects it oversees, including the Waller Creek Tunnel project, and continues to exceed its goals that measure its success;

Therefore, the Environmental Board supports the efforts of the Watershed Protection Department staff in its endeavors.

Vote: 7-0-0-0


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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Anderson and Gary

Approved By:


Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair
Environmental Board

