



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
June 5, 2013**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday,
June 5, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

Environmental Board Members in Attendance:

**Robin Gary
Mary Gay Maxwell
Mary Ann Neely
Marisa Perales
James Schissler
Jennifer Walker
One vacancy**

Staff in Attendance:

**Andy Linseisen
Chuck Lesniak
Jerry Rusthoven
Marilla Shepherd
Matt Hollon
Sue Barnett
Mitzi Cotton**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 citizen's signed up to speak.

- 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 minutes were approved on Board member Robin Gary motion and seconded by Mary Ann Neely [Vote 5-0-1-1]

 - b. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on May 15, 2013
The May 15, 2013 minutes were approved on Board member James Schissler and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely [Vote 6-0-0-1].

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

Chuck Lesniak reported that an Ordinance amending City Code section 2-1-144 Relating to Environmental Board duties was passed on consent by City Council May 23, 2013.

4. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing and discussion on the requirements and approval process for Planned Unit Developments; how environmental superiority is determined and the role of the Environmental Board – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

5. 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 –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 & Reports from Board representatives to other committees.
No report this week.
- g. Reports from Board representatives to other committees.
Mary Ann Neely reported on the that the Austin Water Utility is working on the a re-write of the ordinance for the Off Site Sewers Facilities (OSSF's) and the regulations from TCEQ. Bart Jennings will bring the Water Quality Regulations Committee and update.

Jennifer Walker requested a new Board member for the BS Master Plan Committee and James Schisser will be the new member on the Barton Springs on the BS Master Plan Committee. The next meeting will be in August 2013.

6. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. The Water Quality Regulations Committee will schedule a meeting to convene to discuss TMDL's.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.