



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
August 21, 2013**

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Environmental Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Gay Maxwell

Robin Gary

James Schissler

Mary Ann Neely

Marisa Perales

Robert Deegan

Jennifer Walker arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Long

Chris Yanez

Chuck Lesniak

Greg Guernsey

Jim Dymkowski

Keith Mars

Kristi Fenton

Marilla Shepherd

Mitzi Cotton

Sue Barnett

Sylvia Pope

Others present:

Austin Stone

Jana McCann

Richard Suttle

Sergio Lozano

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.

Scott Johnson signed up to speak about the Ozone season and the advance program. Would like to the Environmental Board to form an Air Quality Committee to help improve Air Quality.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on July 17, 2013

The minutes were approved on Board members James Schissler's motion and Board member Robin Gary's second with one amendment removed Chuck Lesniak name from staff attendance[Vote 6-0]. Board member Jennifer Walker was off the dais.

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

- i. Drainage Utility Fee hearing at Council on August 22, 2013

This item was conduct as posted.

- ii. Future report on 10-1 Council districts and watershed boundaries

This item was conducted as posted.

4. BOARD PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation to Schuyler Schwarting in recognition of outstanding service and contributions to environmental protection.

This item was conducted as posted.

5. SPECIAL STAFF REPORT AND ACTION

- a. Austin Water Utility presentation and update of new growth-related capital improvement projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone- Kristi Fenton, Austin Water Utility

Recommendation approved on Board Member Schissler' motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second [Vote 6-0] Board member Jennifer Walker was off the dais. See attached motion.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS POSSIBLE AND ACTION

- a. **Name:** Spicewood Springs Office Project SP-2013-0018C

Applicant Longaro and Clarke, Alex Clarke, P.E., Agent

Location: 4714 Spicewood Springs Rd

Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Watershed: Bull Creek Watershed, Water Supply Suburban Drinking Water Protection Zone

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Request:

1. To allow construction of a driveway on slopes in excess of 15% [LDC 25-8-301(A)]
2. To allow construction of a building on slopes in excess of 25% [LDC 25-8-302(A)(1)]
3. To allow construction of 0.14 acres of a building on slopes from 15 to 25% [LDC 25-8-302(B)(1)]
4. To allow cut to exceed 4 feet [LDC 25-8-341(A)]
5. To allow fill to exceed 4 feet [LDC 25-8-342(A)]
6. To reduce a CEF setback [LDC 25-8-281(C)(1)(a)]

Staff Recommendation: **Recommend approval with conditions**
Recommendation approved with Board and Staff conditions on Board Member Schissler's motion and Board member Robert Deegan's second vote 4-2-1-0. Board member Jennifer Walker abstained as she was not present for entire presentation.

- b. **Name:** Stoneridge SP-2013-0096D
Applicant LOC Consultants, LLP
Location: 8907 FM 2244 Road
Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, PDRD Environmental Reviewer
Watershed: Barton Creek Watershed (Barton Springs Zone) Drinking Water Protection Zone
Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)
Request:
1.To omit the roadway deduction from the calculation of allowable impervious cover for this site plan. LDC Section 25-8-65
Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval with conditions
Recommendation approved on Board Member Schissler's motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second [Vote 7-0]. See attached motion.

- c. **Name:** 1015 E. 12th Street
Applicant: Austin Stowell
Location: 1015 E. 12th Street
City Arborist Staff: Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review Department
Ordinance Heritage Tree Ordinance LDC 25-8-641
Request: The applicant is requesting to remove a heritage tree with a stem greater than 30 inches as allowed under LDC 25-8-643
Staff Recommendation: Though not an imminent hazard, the subject tree should not be preserved due to tree condition and location on the lot. The variance request meets approval criteria for the City Arborist per LDC 25-8-624(A) (2).

1. **Recommendation failed on Board Member Jennifer Walker's motion and Board member Marisa Perales second [Vote 3-4.] See attached motion.**
2. **Recommendation approved with staff conditions on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second vote 4-3. See attached motion.**

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission on the draft Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. at Festival Beach Park Master Plan – Chris Yanez, Parks and Recreation Department

This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board recommended approval of the Draft Holly/Shores Rendon Sr. at Festival

Beach Master Plan on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member Marisa Perales' second [Vote 7-0]. See attached motion.

- b. Discuss and consider for recommendation a site-specific amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Article 12 (Save Our Springs Initiative) for Garza Tract, generally located at 3712 Ben Garza Lane —Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

Recommendation approved on Board Member Schissler's motion and Board member Robert Deegan's second [Vote 7-0]. See attached motion.

- c. Discuss and consider for recommendation a site-specific amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Article 12 (Save Our Springs Initiative) for Encino Trace, Generally located at 5707 Southwest Parkway—Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

Recommendation disapproval on Board member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member James Schissler's second [Vote 5-2]. See attached motion.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker, and James Schissler. Report results of joint committee meeting on August 6, 2013. **No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales. Report results of meeting that occurred on August 20, 2013. **No report this week.**
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Robin Gary & Mary Ann Neely - **No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler. No report this week. **Report results of meeting that occurred on August 20, 2013. 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, and Mary Ann Neely **No report this week.**

9. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. **Mr. Robert Deegan is added to the Development Committee.**
- 2. **Notify Gary Gregson to add James Schissler to the Joint Parks and Environmental Board Committee**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell motioned to extend the Environmental Board meeting at 10:00 p.m., 10:13 p.m., and at 10:28 p.m. the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20130821 005a

Austin Water Utility presentation and update on new growth-related capital improvement projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone.

WHEREAS, the capital improvement projects are part of the Austin Water Utility Program

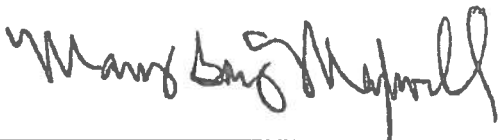
And whereas the Austin Water Utility provides adequate drinking water and reliable systems for existing customers.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for inclusion of the CIP projects in the Austin Water Utility budget.

Date of Approval: August 21, 2013

Record of the Vote [6-0] Board members Jennifer Walker was off the dais.

Attest:





REVISED BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20130821 006A

Spicewood Springs Office Project SP-2013-0018C

WHEREAS, the project has been designed to minimize the proposed impact to the environment during and after the development of the site, now

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for variances with the following staff conditions:

1. The applicant will remove the enormous brush pile that is located adjacent to the downslope side of the western canyon rim rock CEF.
2. The applicant will remove the invasive plants and shrubs located on the eastern portion of the site.
3. All construction on slopes will be structurally contained by vertical retaining systems that will stabilize the area of construction to minimize the construction footprint.
4. The project will also incorporate a partial sedimentation bio-filtration pond to help provide enhanced water quality controls.

Board Conditions: Restore east portion of site with Hill Country Roadway buffer restoration requirements.

Date of Approval: August 21, 2013

Record of the Vote [4-2-1-0]

For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, and Schissler

Against: Perales and Neely

Abstain: Walker – arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Absent: None

Attested by: _____



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20130821 006B

Stoneridge Project SP-2013-0096D

WHEREAS, the waiver to omit the roadway deduction from the calculation of allowable impervious cover and;

Whereas, the applicant has worked with City of Austin staff over the past years to resolve the reg tag and other issues with this project.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for a variance with the following staff conditions:

1. Install rainwater collection system and additional native landscape per the City of Austin Environmental Criteria Manual 609S revegetation criteria as shown on Sheet 19 of the proposed site plan.

Date of Approval: August 21, 2013

Record of the Vote [7-0-0-0]

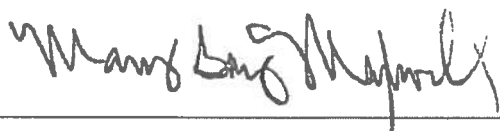
For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales, Schissler, and Walker

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attested by:





BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20130821 007a

Provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission on the Draft Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. at Festival Beach Park Master Plan

WHEREAS, City of Austin staff and the consultant team have worked with the community to create a master plan for the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. at Festival Beach that addresses community priorities and;

Whereas, the 8 goals set forth in the Master Plan implementation of the plan will improves the environmental quality of both the community and surrounding natural habitat.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the draft Holly Shores/Edwards Rendon Sr. At Festival Beach Park Master Plan.

Date of Approval: August 21, 2013

Record of the Vote [7-0-0-0]

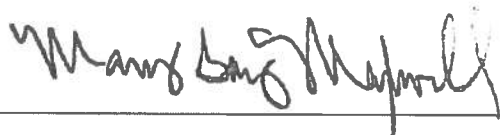
For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales, Schissler, and Walker

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attested by:





REVISED BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20130821 007b

Recommend a site-specific amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Article 12 (Save Our Springs Initiative) for Garza Tract, generally located at 3712 Ben Garza Lane -

WHEREAS, the project has been developed through cooperation with owner and City staff.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions of the request for amendment with the following Environmental Board conditions:

Board Conditions: No further pursuit of the Planned Unit Development, 50% of non-vehicular pavement be pervious pavers.

Date of Approval: August 21, 2013

Record of the Vote [7-0-0-0]

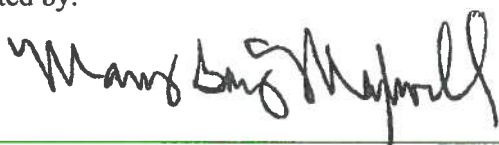
For: Deegan, Gary, Perales, Maxwell, Neely, Schissler and Walker

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attested by:





BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20130821 007C

Recommend disapproval of a site-specific amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Article 12 (Save Our Springs Initiative) for Encino Trace, Generally located at 5707 Southwest Parkway.

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment fails to provide adequate water quality controls.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends disapproval of the request for recommendation .

Date of Disapproval: August 21, 2013

Record of the Vote [5-2-0-0]

For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, and Schissler

Against: Perales and Walker

Dissenting opinions from Environmental Board members Marisa Perales and Jennifer Walker.

We voted against agenda item 7C (**Garza Tract**) - only because applicants requested that items 7B (**Encino Trace**) and 7C (**Garza Tract**) be considered together and we would have voted to deny them both. Because a substitute motion was made to consider the Encino tract without considering the Garza tract along with it, we voted no. But we are firmly opposed to the proposed SOS Amendment for the Encino tract. We only would have been to revert to the initial motion to consider items 7B and 7C jointly. And we believe that neither amendments is sufficiently protective of water quality in a sensitive recharge zone.

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attested by:

