



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY January 15, 2014

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday,
January 15, 2014, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

Board Members in Attendance:

**Robert Deegan, Mary Ann Neely, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, James Schissler and
Jennifer Walker**

Staff in Attendance:

**Alan Halter
Robyn Smith
Scott Hiers
David Johns
Chuck Lesniak
Marilla Shepherd
Angela Hanson**

Others Present

**Chris Kite, Urban Forestry Board
Patrick Brewer, Urban Forestry Board
Nick Clausen, Urban Forestry Board
Peggy Maceo, Urban Forestry Board**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 under general citizens communication.

- Zoila Vega signed up to speak about agenda item 3a.**
- Dr. Tom Hayes signed up to speak about agenda item 3a.**
- Michael Fossum signed up to speak about agenda item 3a.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER REPORT

a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of December 18, 2013

Minutes were approved on Board member Roberts Deegan's motion and James Schissler second. Vote 5-0-1-1. Board member Jennifer Walker abstained and one vacancy.

- b. Environmental Officer's report
 - i. Blue Bonnet Hills Update
This item was conducted as posted.

4. ACTION ITEM

- a. Discussion regarding the Austin Urban Forest Plan: a Master Plan for Public Properties, developed by the Urban Forestry Board under City Code section 6-3-5. Update on changes made by the Urban Forestry Board; follow up from the Environmental Board's October 16, 2013 recommendation
This item was conducted as posted. Environmental Board voted to support the Austin Urban Forest Plan: a Master Plan for Public Properties. See attached motion. The Environmental Board requests that the Development Committee meet to discuss issues with the Urban Forestry Plan.

5. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

- a. Identification of Critical Environmental Features During the Development Process and Area of Protective Buffers Established to Date - Scott Hiers, P.G., City of Austin Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Water Treatment Plant 4 – Jollyville Transmission Main quarterly project status report. - Robyn Smith, Public Works Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Water Treatment Plant 4 Transmission Main quarterly report on Environmental Commissioning – David Johns, P. G., and Thais Perkins, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Jennifer Walker, and James Schissler, P.E. **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, Robin Gary and Mary Ann Neely - **No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan, and James Schissler, P.E. - **No report this week.**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, and Jennifer Walker. **No report this week.**
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell and Mary Ann Neely
No report this week.
- g. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- **Set Development Committee meeting to discuss issues with Urban Forestry Plan.**
- **Discuss applicability of watershed regulations in the Urban, Surban, and Barton Springs Zone regulatory area at the next Water Quality Regulations meeting set for January 21, 2014.**
- **Report on the progress of code amendments for aggregate use in landscaping.**

9.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20140115 003a

Date: January 15, 2014

Subject: Austin Urban Forest Plan

Motion By: Mary Ann Neely

Second By: James Schissler, P. E.

Whereas the Urban Forest is a key priority of the Imagine Austin Plan and a critical resource to the health of our community,

Therefore, the Environmental Board supports the Austin Urban Forest Plan.

Vote 6-0-0-1

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Vacancy: One vacancy

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gay Maxwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "G".

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair

