



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY April 16, 2014

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Chad Crager
Chuck Lesniak
David Johns
Diane Gonzales
Joe Pantalione
Jose Guerrero
Junie Plummer
Marilla Shepherd
Mike Personett
Nadia Barrera
Nathan Wilke
Thais Perkins
Victoria Li

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

The following citizens signed up to speak under Citizens Communication

- Garrard Kinney

The following citizens signed up to speak under item 5b

- Angelica Noyla

The following citizens signed up to speak under item 5d

- Brian Leonard
- Bunnie Twidwell
- Craig Nazor
- Dorsey Twidwell
- Hill Abell
- Joe Riddell
- Kunda Wicce
- Mary Ingle
- Michael Fossum
- Roy Waley
- Sam Mitchell

- Sharon Blythe
- Zoila Vega

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of April 2, 2014
The minutes from the meeting of 4/2/2014 were approved on Board Member James Schissler's motion, Board Member Mary Ann Neely's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote. Marisa Perales was absent.
- Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department - Discussion about Environmental Board member to be representative on the Water Resource Planning Taskforce.
The Environmental Board nominated and elected Mr. Brian Smith (with a 7-0 vote) to represent the Environmental Board on the Austin Water Resource Task Force.
- Report from the Development Committee on a possible Urban Forest Private Tree Management Plan.
This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board approved a resolution in support of the Development of a Comprehensive Master Plan for Austin's Urban Forest Plan. Vote 7-0. See attached motion.

4. SPECIAL STAFF REPORTS

- Watershed Protection Department FY 2013 Annual Report - Victoria Li, P. E., Director, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Status of the Water Quality Protection Land Acquisition Program - Junie Plummer, Real Estate Department and David Johns, P. G. , Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board made a motion to commend staff. See attached commendation.
- Consider a recommendation to the Planning Commission on the draft Butler Trail at the Southeast Shore Park Master Plan – Chris Yanez, Parks and Recreation Department.
This item was conducted as posted. Vote 6-0 James Schissler was absent. See attached motion.
- Update on the Bicycle Master Plan – Nathan Wilke Public Works Department
This item was conducted as posted. Vote 7-0 See attached motion.
- Update on the Urban Trails Plan – Nadia Barrera, Public Works Department
This item was postponed to 5/21/14. The Environmental Board requested to convene a Joint Water Quality Regulations and Development Committee.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Jennifer Walker, and James Schissler, P.E. **No report this week.**
- Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales. **No report this week.**
- Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, and Mary Ann Neely - **No report this week.**

- d. Development Committee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan, Chair and James Schissler, P.E. - **No report this week.**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Brian Smith, 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.**

7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. Report on the Heritage Tree Survey in the downtown area.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Board motioned to extend the meeting from 10:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20140416 005b

Date: April 16, 2014

Subject: Butler Trail and Southeast Shore Park Master Plan

Motion By: Robert Deegan

Second by: Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the Master Plan represents a substantial environmental and recreation improvement to this site,

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

Public input should continue to be taken and incorporated into the Plan, and

Preserving and restoring the natural character of the park and shoreline should be prioritized over pavement intensive uses.

VOTE 6-0-0-1

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Schissler

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair