



## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2014**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

**Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, James Schissler, Brian Smith and Jennifer Walker**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Marisa Perales**

**Robert Deegan**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Diane Gonzales**

**Jose Guerrero, P. E.**

**Kathy Rock**

**Sandra Alvarado**

**Kevin Shunk**

**Jean Drew**

**Teresa Lutes**

**Marilla Shepherd**

**Thain Maurer**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.**

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

**Speakers 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.**

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of May 7, 2014.**

**The Environmental Board regular meeting minutes for May 7, 2014 were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion, second by Board member Mary Ann Neely. Vote 5-0-0-2. Board members Robert Deegan and Marisa Perales were absent.**

- b. **Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board Watershed Protection Department Budget Committee meeting of May 15, 2014.**

**The Environmental Board Budget Committee minutes for May 15, 2014 were approved on Board member Mary Ann Neely's motion, second by Board member Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell. Vote 2-0-1 Committeemember Marisa Perales was absent.**

- c. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.  
**The Environmental Officer reported briefly on the Blue Bonnet Hills project above Barton Springs, and stated that he will make a full report at the next meeting.**

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Parkside Community School SP-2014-0074C  
**Applicant:** Robert C. Thompson, Thompson Land Engineering, LLC  
**Location:** 3207 W. Slaughter Lane  
**Staff Reviewer:** Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Slaughter (Barton Springs Zone)  
**Request:** Recommend Council approval of proposed redevelopment of a civic use in the Barton Springs Zone based on the proposed redevelopment offsetting potential environmental impact under Section 25-8-26 (F) (3) and Section 25-8-26 (G) (2) (*Redevelopment Exception in the Barton Springs Zone*).  
**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended for approval  
**Staff requested to postpone this item until June 4, 2014.**

#### 5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Update on Onion Creek Flooding and Recovery – Kevin Shunk, P. E., and Sharon Cooper, Watershed Protection Department  
**Kevin Shunk presented this item as posted. There was no action taken.**
- b. Presentation on the Watershed Protection Department FY 15 Budget – Diane Gonzalez, Watershed Protection Department  
**Diane Gonzalez presented this item as posted. The Environmental Board approved a motion to write Austin City Council a letter expressing concerns about the Watershed Protection Department Budget. Motioned by Chair Mary Gay Maxwell, second by Board member Mary Ann Neely. Vote 5-0-0-2. Board members Marisa Perales and Robert Deegan were absent.**  
**The Environmental Board made a second motion to approve the FY 15 proposed Budget. Motion was made by Board member Jennifer Walker and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. Vote 5-0-0-2. Board members Robert Deegan and Marisa Perales were absent.**
- c. Presentation on sustainably managing our water resources priority program – Jean Drew, Watershed Protection Department and Teresa Lutes, Austin Water Utility  
**Jean Drew and Teresa Lutes conducted this item as posted. There was no action taken. The Environmental Board would like a report on water line repairs and the amount of water saved by reducing the leaks, and an additional report on what the Austin Water Utility numbers mean, the different user groups, who is using the water and how much we can cut back.**

#### 6. 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, 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, Brian Smith, and Jennifer Walker. **No report this week.**
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, and Marisa Perales. **Refer to item 6a.**
- g. Air Quality Committee – Discussion of committee membership.  
**Board members Mary Ann Neely and Chair Jennifer Walker are the new members.**
- h. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**  
**None.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**  
**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**



## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20140521 005a

**Date:** May 21, 2014

**Subject:** Watershed Protection Department Budget FY 2015

**Motion By:** Jennifer Walker

**Second By:** Mary Ann Neely

### **RATIONALE:**

**Whereas** the Watershed Protection Department is vital to protecting residents quality of life;

**Therefore** the Environmental Board recommends approval of the proposed Watershed Protection Department FY 2015 Budget.

### **VOTE 5-0-0-2**

**For:** Maxwell, Neely, Schissler, Smith and Walker

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:** Deegan and Perales

**Approved By:**

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair