



## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

**Robert Deegan, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, James Schissler, and Brian Smith**  
Mary Ann Neely arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Staff in Attendance:

**Rosemary Hatch**  
**David Johns**  
**Atha Phillips**  
**Jim Dymkowski**  
**Sue Barnett**  
**Chuck Lesniak**  
**Marilla Shepherd**

Others present

**Carl Conley, Conley Engineering**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Special presentation to Environmental Board member Jennifer Walker  
**This item was conducted as posted.**
3. **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.  
**R. Brent Lyles, Executive Director Austin Youth River signed up to speak about AYRW Environmental stewardship.**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**
  - a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of June 4, 2014.
  - b. The Environmental Board regular meeting minutes for June 4, 2014 were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion, second by Board member Robert Deegan. Vote 5-0-1-1. Board Member Marisa Perales abstained due to absence on 6/4/14. Board member Mary Ann Neely was off the dais.
  - c. Consider the Board and Commissions Transition Report Survey and Transition plan.  
**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item. No action taken**
  - d. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department. **No report this week.**

5. **10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**

- a. Update on the Flint Ridge Cave – Nico Hauwert, Ph.D., Watershed Protection Department  
**This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Songhai at Westgate Multifamily SP-2014-0044C.SH  
**Applicant:** Conley Engineering  
**Location:** 8700 Westgate Boulevard  
**Staff Reviewer:** Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer  
**Watershed:** South Boggy  
**Request:** Council approval of a SMART housing project requesting vesting under Ch. 245 of the Local Government Code  
**Staff Recommendation:** Recommend approval  
**Recommended with conditions.**  
**Recommendation approved on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member James Schissler's second vote 7-0-0-0**
- b. **Name:** Homestead Oaks SP-2013-0434C.SH  
**Applicant:** FCWS Housing LP  
**Location:** 3226 W. Slaughter Lane  
**Staff Reviewer:** Jim Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review Department  
**Watershed:** Slaughter Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, Drinking Water Protection Zone.  
**Request:** Variance request is as follows:  
1) To allow construction of a driveway in a Water Quality Transition Zone within the Barton Springs Zone Land Development Code 25-8-482(A)(1).  
**Staff Recommendation:** Recommend approval
- Recommendation approved on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member James Schissler's second vote 7-0-0-0**

7. Commendation for Marilla Shepherd  
**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board motioned to approve the commendation for Marilla Shepherd Vote 7-0-0-0.**

8. **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 Marisa Perales, and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- g. Air Quality Committee – Jennifer Walker and Mary Ann Neely - **No report this week.**
- h. Other reports from Board members - **Marisa Perales, Brian Smith and Jennifer Walker will report on this.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**

- o **Report on the Water and Wastewater Task Force July 16, 2014 - Brian Smith, and Marisa Perales**
- o **Urban Growth Policy Committee Meeting – to meet in the near future.**
- o **Set Air Quality Committee meeting first week in July 2014.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.**

