



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 505 Barton Springs Rd 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor #325 Austin, Texas 78704**

Board Members in Attendance:

**Robert Deegan, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond, James Schissler, and Brian Smith**

Staff in Attendance:

**Chris Herrington, P. E.**

**Chuck Lesniak**

**Colleen Kirk**

**Kelly Gagnon**

**Marilla Shepherd**

**Philip Jaeger**

**Scott Hiers, P. G.**

**Sue Barnett**

**Sylvia Pope, P. G.**

**Thain Mauer**

Others present

**Jeff Howard**

**Bruce Aupperle**

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1. CALL TO ORDER  
**Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:02 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. BOARD BUSINESS
    - a. Ruthie Redmond new Environmental Board member  
**This item was conducted as posted.**
    - b. Consider a recommendation for the Austin Youth River Watch Program  
**This item was conducted. The Environmental Board made a recommendation and requested that the City Council make every effort to allocate the funds necessary to make up the shortfall of the annual budget of \$400,000 for the AYRWP.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**  
a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of June 18, 2014.

**The Environmental Board regular meeting minutes for June 16, 2014 were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion, second by Board member Mary Ann Neely Vote 5-0-1-1. Board member Ruthie Redmond abstained and Board Member Marisa Perales was absent.**

- b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.  
i. Update on SH45 Southwest  
**This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name: 3961 Westlake SP-2013-044DS**  
**Applicant:** Aupperle Company  
**Location:** 3961 Westlake Drive  
**Staff Reviewer:** Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review Department  
**Watershed:** Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request**  
1) Variance request is as follows: To allow construction of a tram downslope of and at the distance less than 150 feet from a Critical Environmental Feature buffer, 25-8-281-(C)(1)(a); and  
2) To allow construction of a second boat dock access within a Critical Water Quality Zone, not allowed per 25-8-261(C)(1)  
**Staff Recommendation:** Not Recommended  
**Recommendation to disapprove variance request #2 on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second**  
**Vote 5-1-0-1 Board member James Schissler voted against, and Board member Marisa Perales was absent. Recommendation to table variance request #1 to the 8/6/14 Environmental Board meeting on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board member Robert Deegan's second.**  
**Vote 5-1-0-1 Board member Mary Ann Neely voted against and Board member Marisa Perales was absent.**

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Briefing on Water Service Extension Request #3406 Stokes Ranch – Kelly Gagnon, Watershed Protection Department  
**Recommendation to approve Service Extension Request 3406 on Board member James Schissler's motion and Board member Brian Smith's second. Vote 5-1-0-1 Board member Mary Ann Neely voted against and Board member Marisa Perales was absent.**
- b. Briefing on Wastewater Service Extension Request #3407 Stokes Ranch – Kelly Gagnon, Watershed Protection Department  
**Recommendation to approve Service Extension Request 3407 on Board member James Schissler's motion and Board member Brian Smith's second. Vote 5-1-0-1 Board member Mary Ann Neely voted against and Board member Marisa Perales was absent.**
- c. Proposed Environmental Criteria Manual changes concerning the revision of the Environmental Assessment (Section 1.3), Recharge Feature Protection (Section 1.10) and Void Mitigation (Section 1.12) rules. Scott Hiers, P.G., and Sylvia Pope, P.G., Watershed Protection Department

**This item was conducted as posted no action taken.**

- d. Update on the Coal Tar Pavement Sealant Ban and Recent USGS Studies on PAH Levels in Lady Bird Lake Sediments- Mateo Scoggins, Watershed Protection Department Recommendation approved for Service Extension Request 3406 on Board members James Schissler's motion and Board member Brian Smith's second Vote 5-1-0-1 Board member Mary Ann Neely voted against and Board member Marisa Perales was absent.

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board recommends that the Austin City Council add support for a nationwide ban on the use of coal tar pavement sealants to the City of Austin Federal Legislative Program for the 114th Congress.**

**Approved on Board member Mary Ann Neely's motion and Board member James Schissler's second. Vote 6-0-0-1. Board member Marisa Perales was absent.**

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, 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, and Brian Smith. **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 – Mary Ann Neely **No report this week.**
- h. Other reports from Board members - Marisa Perales, and Brian Smith will report on this. **No report this week.**

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

- 1. Air Quality Committee meeting**
- 2. Budget Committee meeting**
- 3. Update on Grow Zones**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.**