



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20140806 004b REVISED

Date: August 06, 2014

Subject: Sustainability in the Code Next process.

Motion By: Robert Deegan

Second by: James Schissler, P. E.

Rationale:

Whereas Environmental protection and access to nature are critical to the community of Austin, Texas; and

Whereas there are Imagine Austin policies encouraging green infrastructure elements including urbanforest, rain gardens, green streets, etc.; and

Whereas Environmental concerns for the future of Austin include drought, pollution and air quality, urban heat island, flooding, and climate change;

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends that the City of Austin adopt an ecological systems based approach to Code Next in order to develop a Code that requires and incentivizes the integration of green infrastructure into the compact and connected environments and to ensure that the options, scope and the consultant team include a solid emphasis on green infrastructure and sustainability.

VOTE 6-0-0-1

For: Deegan, Maxwell, Neely, Redmond, Schissler and Smith

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Perales

Approved By:

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Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair