



## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 6, 2014**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Rd #325, Austin, Texas 78704**

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

**Marisa Perales**

Staff in Attendance:

**Chris Herrington, P. E.**

**Chuck Lesniak**

**David Anders**

**Diane Gonzales**

**George Zapalac**

**Jean Drew**

**Jose Guerrero, P. E.**

**Kristi Fenton**

**Liz Johnston**

**Marilla Shepherd**

**Martin Tower**

**Matt Hollon**

**Pam Kearfort**

**Sandra Alvarado**

**Sylvia Pope**

**Victoria Li, P. E, Director**

Others present

**Mitch Wright**

**John Gleason**

**Eleanor McKinney**

**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  
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 July 16, 2014.

**The Environmental Board regular meeting minutes for July 16, 2014 were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion, second by Board member Mary Ann Neely Vote 5-0--2. Board Member Robert Deegan was off the dais, 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.**

4. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Presentation, discussion and action regarding the Austin Water Utility's CIP Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone – Kristi Fenton, Austin Water Utility.  
**This item was conducted as posted. Recommendation approved on Board member James Schissler's motion and Board member Brian Smith's second. Vote 6-0-0-1 Board member Marisa Perales was absent.**

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION TABLED FROM JULY 16, 2014**

- 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)  
**Staff Recommendation:** Not Recommended  
**Recommendation disapproval for the variance request was made on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second Vote 5-1-0-1 Board member Marisa Perales was absent.**

6. **SPECIAL REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. FY15 Budget and Floodplain Buyouts Update – Victoria Li, Watershed Protection Department  
**Recommendation approved for the FY 15 WPD Budget and Floodplain Buyouts on Board member Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell's motion and Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 6-0-0-1. Board member Marisa Perales was absent.**
- b. Discuss sustainability in the Code Next process- Eleanor McKinney, American Society Landscape Architects (ASLA)  
**Recommendation approved for the Sustainability in the Code Next process on Board members Robert Deegan's motion and Board member James Schissler's second Vote 6-0-0-1. Board member Marisa Perales was absent.**
- c. Briefing on the Water Task Force Report– Dr. Brian Smith and Marisa Perales  
**This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**

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. **Conducted by Mr. Brian Smith**

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

- 1. Convene the Water Quality Regulations Committee to discuss the Water Task Force report.**
- 2. Convene the Air Quality meeting and add report at the next Environmental Board meeting on 8/20/2014.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.**

