



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Rd #325, Austin, Texas 78704

Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, Marisa Perales, and Brian Smith

Board Members Absent:

Robert Deegan

Ruthie Redmond

James Schissler

Staff in Attendance:

Chris Herrington, P. E.

Mike Personett

Marilla Shepherd

John Clements

Kim McKnight

Morgan Byers

Mateo Scroggins

Sara Behunek

Kyle Keahey

Susan Wall

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.

- **Michael Fossum – Spoke about the Walnut Creek Trail.**
- **Dorsey Twidwell – Spoke about the Walnut Creek Trail**
- **Bonnie Twidwell – Spoke about the Walnut Creek Trail**
- **Anne Wood - Spoke about the Walnut Creek Trail**
- **Chris Rodesney – Spoke about Pease Park Master Plan**
- **Tim McCrory – Spoke about Pease Park Master Plan**
- **Gordon M. Kelley – Spoke about Pease Park Master Plan**
- **Zac Tolbert, RLA, LEED AP Spoke about Pease Park Master Plan**
- **Andy Liebler – Spoke about Pease Park Master Plan**
- **Richard Craig – Spoke about Pease Park Master Plan**

- Matthew Young – Item 5a
- Charles Reveto – Item 5a
- Dan Van Treeck – Item 5a
- Jim Christiansen – Item 5a

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of August 6, 2014.

The approval of the August 6, 2014 was postponed to September 3, 2014 meeting due to lack of a quorum of members in attendance at that meeting.

- b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Mike Personett, Watershed Protection Department.

i. SH45 SW

Mike Personett reported on this item. The Environmental Board to receive a copy of 9 page transmittal for the SH45 SW report.

4. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

- a. The Grow Zone Program – John Clements, Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Pease Park Master plan – Kim McKnight, Parks and Recreation Department.

This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board requests to convene jointly the Development and Water Quality Regulations Committees to discuss issues with the Pease Park Master plan and to report back to the full Environmental Board at the September 3, 2014 meeting. Recommendation approved on Board member Brian Smith's motion and Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 4-0-0-3. Board members Deegan, Redmond and Schissler were absent.

- b. Watershed Protection Department's Youth Outreach Program – Susan Wall, Watershed Protection Department.

This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board would like to thank staff, especially Susan Wall for a great job with the Watershed Protection Department's Youth Outreach Program. Recommendation approved on Board member Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell's motion and Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 4-0-0-3. Board members Deegan, Redmond and Schissler were absent.

- c. Briefing on Project Connect – Scott Gross, P. E., Austin Transportation Department.

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. 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. Report on recommendations of the committee regarding the Water Resources Planning Task Force Recommendations.

The Environmental Board heard a report from the Water Quality Regulations Committee. The Environmental Board Water Quality Regulations Committee recommends approval of the Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force Recommendations to the full Environmental Board with the following conditions: The Environmental Board should be included in the list of advisory groups to which the Integrated Water Resources Plan should be presented for feedback as stated in City Council Resolution 20140807-090. VOTE 4-0-0-3

- 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 and Ruthie Redmond will report on this item. No report this week.**
- h. Other reports from Board – No report this week.

7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1) Convene a joint Development Committee and Water Quality Regulations Committee to discuss the Pease Park Master Plan**
- 2) Convene the Air Quality meeting and add report at the next Environmental Board meeting on 9/3/2014.**
- 3) Report on Walnut Creek Trail from Public Works Department**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

