



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 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, Marisa Perales, Ruthie Redmond, James Schissler and Brian Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Scott Hiers

Heather Chaffin

Mike McDougal

Keith Mars

Liz Johnston

Sue Barnett

Sylvia Pop

Jim Dymkowski

Chuck Lesniak

Marilla Shepherd

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.
 - **Jennifer Melendez signed up to speak about a Developer removing trees near Aldwyche Street**
 - **Jim Wittliff signed up to speak about a Developer removing trees near Aldwyche Street.**
 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 meeting minutes were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second.
Vote 6-0-1-0 Board member Marisa Perales abstained.

- b. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of August 20, 2014.

The approval of the September 3, 2014 meeting minutes were approved on Board member Mary Ann Neely's motion and Board member Marisa Perales second Vote 4-0-3-0 Board members Robert Deegan, Ruthie Redmond and James Schissler abstained.

- c. 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** 2908 Scenic Drive SP-2013-0295DS

Applicant: Moncada Consulting Agent Phil Moncada

Location: 2908 Scenic Drive

Staff Reviewer: Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review Department

Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Suburban), Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request:

Variance request is as follows:

- 1) To allow construction of a tram at a distance less than 150 feet from a rimrock 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 disapproval for variance request on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member Marisa Pearles' second Vote 5-2-0-0. Board members Smith and Schissler voted against.

- b. **Name:** Concordia University Texas SP-2013-0476C

Applicant: Kimley – Horn and Associates Agent Robert Smith

Location: 11400 Concordia University Drive

Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review Department

Watershed: Bull Creek (Water Supply Suburban), Drinking Water Protection Zone

Request:

Variance request is as follows:

- 1) To allow cut greater than 4 feet not to exceed 9.25 feet. Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance Section 9-10-409(B)
- 2) To allow fill greater than 4 feet not to exceed 14.85 feet Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance Section 9-10-409 (A)

Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions

Recommendation to approve was made on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second Vote 7-0-0-0.

- c. **Name:** Colony Park PUD C814-2014-0110.SH

Applicant: Urban Design Group – Laura Toups Agent

Location: 7900 Loyola Lane

Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal and Heather Chaffin Planning and Development Review Department

Watershed: Walnut Creek, Elm Creek, Decker Creek, Suburban Watershed Classification Desired Development Zone

Request: Make a recommendation regarding the environmental superiority and other environmental aspects of the proposed Colony Park Planned Unit Development.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval

Recommendation to approve was made by Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second Vote 7-0-0-0

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on Pease Park Master Plan – Kim McKnight, Parks and Recreation Department
This item was postponed until the September 17, 2014 Environmental Board meeting.

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. – **See below 6e**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, and Brian Smith.
Mary Ann Neely will report on this item.
- 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. This item was postponed to the 9/17/2014 Environmental Board meeting.**
- h. Other reports from Board members – **No report this week.**

7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items
None.

8. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20140903 004a

Date: September 3, 2014

Subject: 2908 Scenic Drive SP-2013-0295DS

Motioned By: Robert Deegan

Seconded By: Marisa Perales

Whereas, a second means of shoreline access does not constitute a “necessary access” and

Whereas, the applicant does not meet the Findings of Fact

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends disapproval of the request for variance.

Vote 5-2-0-0

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

Against: Smith and Schissler

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20140903 004b

Date: September 3, 2014

Subject: Concordia University Texas SP-2013-0476C

Motioned By: Robert Deegan

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

Whereas, the applicant has met the findings of fact, and

Whereas the applicant has exceeded the City of Austin requirement for water quality and has provided protection for 1 acre of land contiguous with the Balcones Conservation Canyon Preserve,

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for variances with all staff conditions.

Vote 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair