



**Environmental Board Regular Meeting
October 15, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.
One Texas Center
505 Barton Springs Rd 3rd Floor #325
Austin, Texas 78704**

AGENDA

Robert Deegan
Place 1 Appointee

Marisa Perales, Vice Chair
Place 2 Appointee

Ruthie Redmond
Place 3 Appointee

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair
Place 4 Appointee

Brian Smith
Place 5 Appointee

James Schissler, P. E., Secretary
Place 6 Appointee

Mary Ann Neely
Mayor's Appointee

1. CALL TO ORDER

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.

3. BOARD BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Environmental Board Officer Elections
- b. Discuss the transition period for Environmental Board
- c. Discuss the Environmental Board Retreat scheduled for 11/5/2014
- d. Discuss the Environmental Board Handbook
- e. Review the draft 2015 Environmental Board meeting schedule.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of September 17, 2014.
- b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.
 - i. Update on SH45 SW
 - ii. Bouldin Court Subdivision

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION

Name: Tabrizi Subdivision C8-2013-0177.0A

Applicant: Bennett Consulting (Agent Jim Bennett)

Location: 4316 Far West Blvd.

Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review Department

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

Request:

1. To allow the construction of a building on a slope greater than 25%. LDC Section 25-8-302 (A) (1).
2. To allow the construction of a driveway on a slope greater than 15%. LDC 25-8-301.
3. To allow for the reduction of the buffer zone established around a critical environmental feature from the code required 150 feet to the following: CEF (Seep) to 75 feet. LDC 25-8-281 (C) (1) (a).
4. To allow impervious cover great than the 30% of the net site area (.0072 acres/313 square feet) allowed in a Water Supply Suburban watershed not to exceed 293% (.0702 acres / 3,058 square feet). LDC 25-8-423(B) (1).

Staff Recommendation: Recommends denial of all variances.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Update on the implementation status of the Watershed Protection Department Master Plan – Jean Drew, and Matt Hollon Watershed Protection Department
- b. Briefing on possible options to allow human swimming and/or off-leash dogs in Barton Creek between Barton Springs and Lady Bird Lake - April Tedford, Parks and Recreation Department
- c. Lightsey 2 Subdivision Preliminary Plan, C8 2013-0118: Discuss and consider a recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding tree protection, water quality, and drainage. Michael Embesi, Planning & Development Review Department

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Jennifer Walker, 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, and Chair, 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 and Ruthie Redmond
No report this week.

h. Other reports from Board members

8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Board may take items in any order, and may take action on any item except citizen's communication. Direct any questions on this agenda or the Board to Marilla J. Shepherd, 974-3443 of the Watershed Protection Department. The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided. Beginning July 18, 2014 through September 17, 2014 the Environmental Board meeting location will be at 505 Barton Springs Road 3rd Floor. Please call 974-3443 for information. For a sign language interpreter, please call immediately.