



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 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, and James Schissler

Board Members in Absent:

Brian Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Andy Linseisen
April Tedford
Charles Vaclavik
Chris Herrington
Chuck Lesniak
Jean Drew
Jim Dymkowski
Johnnie Price, P. E.
Jose Guerrero
Joydeep Goswami
Keith Mars
Marilla Shepherd
Matt Hollon
Michael Embesi
Mitzi Cotton
Sylvia Pope, P. G.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

There were no citizens signed up to speak under citizen's communication. 9 (nine) citizens' signed up to speak about agenda item 6c.

- Jim Wittliff, BONA Resident
- Brad Rockwell, BONA Resident
- Bruce Evans, SLNA Resident
- Jennie Glasscock, BONA Resident
- Bryan King, SLNA Resident
- Sherrill Kelley
- Adrian Nye
- David King
- Dave Glanzer

3. 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
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - ii. Bouldin Court Subdivision
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. 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
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

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.

Recommendation to disapprove was made on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board member Marisa Perales' second Vote 6-0-0-1. Board member Brian Smith was absent.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. 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

Recommendation to approve was made on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board member Robert Deegan's second Vote 6-0-0-1. Board member Brian Smith was absent.

- 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

Recommendation to approve was made on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board member Robert Deegan's second Vote 6-0-0-1-1. Board member Robert Deegan recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest and Brian Smith was absent.

7. **BOARD BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Environmental Board Officer Elections
This item was conducted as posted. Officer Elections will convene at the November 5, 2014 Environmental Board meeting
- b. Discuss the transition period for Environmental Board
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- c. Discuss the Environmental Board Retreat scheduled for 11/5/2014
This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board Retreat will be held on November 5, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will convene the Environmental Board regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.
- d. Discuss the Environmental Board Handbook
This item was conducted as posted. Board members will review their handbooks and consider the usefulness and content of the handbook and at the next meeting propose and changes.
- e. Review the draft 2015 Environmental Board meeting schedule.
This item was conducted as posted. The 2015 Environmental Board meeting schedule will be adopted at the November 15, 2014 meeting.

8. **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, 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, Mary Gay Maxwell, and Ruthie Redmond -**No report this week.**
 - h. Other reports from Board members – **No report this week.**
9. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items
- 1. **Convene the joint committee meetings of the Urban Growth Policy and Development to discuss the South Lamar development area.**
 - 2. **Convene the Urban Growth Policy committee meeting to discuss the COA Code Next Process**
10. ADJOURNMENT
- Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.**



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20141015 006B

Date: October 15, 2014

Subject: Barton Creek Spillway

Motion By: James Schissler

Second By: Robert Deegan

Whereas, There have been issues with use of the Spillway area.

Therefore, The Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for changing restrictions and the Parks and Recreation Department staff recommendation:

- Amending City Code Chapter 8-5-49 to allow for human swimming in Barton Creek and prohibiting dog recreation in the water, while continuing enforcing existing ordinance restrictions regarding dogs off leash.

Vote **6-0-0-1**

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Smith

Approved By:


Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20141015 006C

Date: October 15, 2014

Subject: Recommendation to Planning Commission regarding Tree Protection, Water Quality, and Drainage for the Lightsey II Development

Motioned By: Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

Whereas, This property is unique and there are opportunities for creative solutions to protect its unique character, and

Whereas, There are ongoing concerns regarding drainage on the site, offsite flooding and the use of "fee in lieu of water quality controls," and

Whereas, There are many healthy protected and heritage trees on the site that merit preservation,

Therefore, The Environmental Board recommends that the Planning Commission consider other options for the development of the site, including the use of SF6 zoning, to:

- Improve drainage and water quality,
- Reduce the risk of flooding properties and the road that abut the site, and
- Increase protection of the 49 protected and heritage trees on the site.

Friendly Amendment:

Consider alternative methods of connectivity that include pedestrian and bicycle modes of access to assist in implementing the recommended improvements listed previously.

Vote **5-0-0-1-1**

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

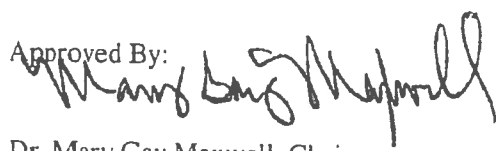
Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Smith

Recusal: Deegan recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest.

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gay Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair