



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, Brian Smith, and Ruthie Redmond

Board Members Absent:

Mary Ann Neely, Robert Deegan, and Marisa Perales

Staff in Attendance:

Andrea Bates
Andrew Clamann
Chris Herrington, P. E.
Chuck Lesniak
Liz Johnston
Marilla Shepherd
Mike Personett
Pharr Andrews
Ryan Hebrink
Sharon Cooper
Tom Devitt

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: 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 was one citizen that signed up to speak. Sharon Blythe signed up to speak on Water Treatment Plant #4.

3. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

- a. Air Quality Report on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Proposal to Lower the Ground-level Ozone Standard – Cari Buetow, Transportation Department
**Presentation provided by Pharr Andrews, otherwise this item was conducted as posted.
No action taken.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board work session and regular meeting of December 3, 2014.

The December 3, 2014 minutes were postponed to the January 21, 2015 meeting due to lack of quorum.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. **Name:** Iles Boat Dock SP-2014-0212DS

Applicant: Advanced Consulting Engineers

Location: 2415 Big Horn Dr., Bldg. BD

Staff Reviewer: Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review Department

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

Request:

1. Variance to allow construction of a boat dock within a rimrock Critical Environmental Feature buffer, 25-8-281(C)(2)(b).

Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval.

Chair Maxwell read in to the record that the agenda incorrectly identified the CEF as a bluff and is actually a rimrock. Recommendation for approval was made on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board Member Ruthie Redmond's second. Vote 4-0-0-3. Board Members Robert Deegan, Marisa Perales, and Mary Ann Neely were absent.

b. **Name:** 901 River Road SP-2014-0181D

Applicant: Aupperle Company (Bruce Aupperle Agent)

Location: 901 River Road

Staff Reviewer: Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review Department

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

Request:

1. Request for approval to place fill in Lake Austin, LDC 25-8-652(A).

Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval.

Recommendation for approval was made on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board Member Brian Smith's second. Vote 4-0-0-3. Board Members Robert Deegan, Marisa Perales, and Mary Ann Neely were absent.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Presentation on the Habitat Management Plan for the Barton Springs and Austin Blind Salamanders that the Watershed Protection Department recently submitted to US Fish and Wildlife Service for review – Tom Devitt and Nathan Bendik, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Briefing on the Wildfire Protection Plan – Ryan Hebrink, Watershed Protection Department
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., Marisa Perales, and Ruthie Redmond. **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 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, Ruthie Redmond, and Mary Gay Maxwell. **No report this week.**
- h. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

8. NEW BUSINESS –

- 1. Update on Water Treatment Plant #4 to be held February 4, 2015**
- 2. Schedule Air Quality Committee Meeting**
- 3. Update on Onion Creek Buyouts**
- 4. Presentation on Wells from Staff and the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District**
- 5. Schedule Urban Growth Policy Committee and Development Committee Meeting to discuss South Lamar Corridor**

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20150107 005a

Date: January 7, 2015

Subject: Iles Boat Dock SP-2014-0212DS

Motion By: James Schissler

Second By: Ruthie Redmond

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the variance request meets the requirements of the finding of facts.

And whereas, staff has recommended approval of the variance.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for allowing construction of a boat dock within a rimrock Critical Environmental Feature buffer.

VOTE: 4-0-0-3

For: Maxwell, Schissler, Redmond, and Smith

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Perales, Neely, and Deegan

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20150107 005b

Date: January 7, 2015

Subject: 901 River Road, SP-2014-0181D

Motion By: James Schissler

Second By: Brian Smith

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the applicant has completed an assessment showing improvements to riparian function based on the fill.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request to place fill in Lake Austin.

VOTE: 4-0-0-3

For: Maxwell, Schissler, Redmond, and Smith

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Perales, Neely, and Deegan

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair