



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, James Schissler, Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond, and Brian Smith

Board Members Absent:

Robert Deegan

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
Jessica Coronado
Kirk Scanlon
Marilla Shepherd
Sue Barnett

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:15 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.

One citizen signed up to speak. Michael Fossum signed up to speak on item 3bii.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of December 3, 2014 and January 7, 2015.

The minutes for December 3, 2014 were approved on Board Members James Schissler's motion and Board Member Marisa Perales' second. Vote 4-0-2-1. Board Members Mary Ann Neely and Ruthie Redmond abstained because both were absent at the December 3, 2014 meeting.

The minutes for January 7, 2015 were approved on Board Members James Schissler's motion and Board Member Brian Smith's second. Vote 4-0-2-1. Board Members Mary Ann Neely and Marisa Perales abstained because both were absent at the January 7, 2015 meeting.

- a. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer
 - i. SH45SW Update. **This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**
 - ii. Update on trees and Zilker Park. **This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- b. Recognition of Marilla Shepherd for outstanding service to the Board. **This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- c. Introduction of Jessica Coronado as new Environmental Board Coordinator – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer **This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. None

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. FY 2013-2014 Town Lake Park Annual Concession Report – Kirk Scanlon, AICP, Parks and Recreation Department
The Environmental Board moved to delegate the review of the Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat RFPs to the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member James Schissler moved to approve and Mary Ann Neely seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1. Robert Deegan was absent.
- b. Land Use Review process and organization – Sue Barnett, Planning and Development Review 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., 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.**

7. NEW BUSINESS –

- 1. Schedule meeting with Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to discuss Board Ordinance and upcoming Boards and Commission transition**
- 2. Schedule meeting with Urban Growth Policy Committee and Staff to brief Board Members on Zilker Tree processes for recommendation to Council**

8.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20150121 005a

Date: January 21, 2015

Subject: FY 2013-2014 Town Lake Park Annual Concession Report

Motion By: James Schissler

Second By: Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the Environmental Board delegates the review of Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat solicitations to the Parks and Recreation Board.

And whereas, there is negligible impact to the environment by whichever contractor is chosen.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends deferring contract consideration of the request for reviewing RFP responses to the Parks and Recreation Board.

VOTE 6-0-0-1

For: Maxwell, Perales, Schissler, Neely, Ruthie Redmond, and Brian Smith

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Robert Deegan

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair