



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, James Schissler P.E., Robert Deegan, Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond, and Brian Smith

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
David Johns
Jessica Coronado
Kelly Gagnon
Kirk Scanlon
Lewis Leff
Philip Jaeger
Virginia Collier

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 were four citizens that signed up to speak.

Kaiba White signed up to speak about Austin Energy's gas plant study.

Dale Bulla signed up to speak about electric vehicle infrastructure.

Scott Johnson signed up to speak about the Community Climate Plan.

Michael Fossum signed up to speak about the Zilker tree repair.

3. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of January 21, 2015.

The approval of the January 21, 2015 meeting minutes were approved on Board

Member James Schissler's motion and Board Member Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 6-0-0-1. Robert Deegan was absent on January 21.

- b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Water Service Extension Request #3524 Vaught Ranch Commercial – Kelly Gagnon, Watershed Protection Department

Recommendation to approve was made on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board Member Robert Deegan's second. Board Member Marisa Perales opposed. Vote 6-1-0-0.

- b. Wastewater Service Extension Request #3525 Vaught Ranch Commercial – Kelly Gagnon, Watershed Protection Department

Recommendation to approve was made on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board Member Robert Deegan's second. Board Member Marisa Perales opposed. Vote 6-1-0-0.

- c. Proposed Sunfield MUD No. 2 Consent Agreement Amendment C12M-2014-0003 – Virginia Collier, Planning & Development Department

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.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Update on Water Treatment Plant #4 Project Status – Robyn Smith, Public Works Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Update on Water Plant Treatment #4 Environmental Commissioning – David Johns and Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. Consider a joint recommendation by Parks and Recreation Board, Environmental Board and Design Commission to City Council to authorize award and execution of a revenue contract with LONE STAR RIVERBOAT, INC., to provide boat excursion services on Lady Bird Lake. – Kirk Scanlon, Parks and Recreation Department

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

- d. Presentation of Austin Community Climate Plan– Lewis Leff, Office of Sustainability

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. **Report on joint committee meeting re: Zilker tree repair. This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- 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. **Report on joint committee meeting re: South Lamar Corridor Plan. This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- 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. Mary Ann Neely will report on this item. **This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- h. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

8. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- 1. An update from the Clerk’s office on the new Council Committees structure**

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting to order at 9:23 p.m.

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ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20150218 005a & 005b

Date: **February 18, 2015**

Subject: Water Service Extension Request #3524 & #3525 Vaught Ranch Commercial

Motion By: **James Schissler**

Second By: **Robert Deegan**

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the SERs would allow the site to be developed with less environmental impact

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for the service extension requests #3524 & #3525 Vaught Ranch Commercial.

VOTE: 6-1-0-0

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

Against: Perales

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gay Maxwell".

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20150218 005c

Date: **February 18, 2015**

Subject: Proposed Sunfield MUD No. 2 Consent Agreement Amendment C12M-2014-0003

Motion By: **Robert Deegan**

Second By: **Mary Ann Neely**

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the proposed amendment will not have a negative environmental impact

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for the Sunfield MUD No. 2 Consent Agreement Amendment.

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent:None

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20150218 006c

Date: **February 18, 2015**

Subject: Joint authorization with Parks and Recreation Board and Design Commission to award and execute a revenue contract with LONE STAR RIVERBOAT, INC., to provide boat excursion services on Lady Bird Lake.

Motion By: **James Schissler**

Second By: **Mary Ann Neely**

RATIONALE:

Whereas, staff and the Parks and Recreation Board have reviewed the contract and recommend approval

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the Environmental Board chair to sign the memo recommending Council to grant the concession to the Lone Star Riverboat Inc.

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent:None

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair