



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 3, 2015

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at City Hall Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Ana Gonzalez
Andrew Clamann
Brent Bellinger, PhD
Chris Herrington
Chuck Lesniak
Jessica Coronado
Mateo Scoggins
Staryn Wagner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 five speakers:

Tanya Quinn, Mary Ingle, Rick Iverson and Mark Feist spoke on Memorial Day flooding issues near 33rd and Grooms Street. Bill Bunch spoke on the propose construction of SH45 SW.

3. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of May 20, 2015.

The May 20, 2015 meeting minutes were approved on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board Member James Schissler's second with Marisa Perales and Mary Ann Neely off the dais. Vote 5-0-0-2.

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

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

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Caswell Estates C8-2014-0134.0A
Applicant: Wuest Group; Scott Wuest, P.E., 512-394-1900
Location: 3336 Mount Bonnell Dr.
Staff Reviewer: Sylvia Pope, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff; Don Perryman, Development Services Department/Case Manager
Watershed: Huck's Slough Watershed and Lake Austin Watershed
Water Supply Suburban
Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Variance requests are as follows:
1 – To allow a CEF on a residential lot [LDC 25-8-281(B)] and
2 – To reduce a CEF setback to 50 feet [LDC 25-8-281(C)(1)(a)]
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.
This item was postponed.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Presentation and request to recommend the Annual Austin Water Drinking Water Protection Zone – Kristi Fenton, Utility Financial Manager, Austin Water Utility
The approval for recommendation was made on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board Member James Schissler's second. Vote 7-0-0-0.
- b. Boggy Creek and Williamson Creek Riparian Restoration Project Updates - Staryn Wagner, Environmental Scientist, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- c. Austin Reservoir Status and Current Projects - Brent Bellinger, PhD, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

7. **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Discuss and consider for action a recommendation to the Austin City Council regarding the proposed construction of SH45 Southwest – Mary Ann Neely, Chair Water Quality Regulations Committee
The approval for recommendation of the resolution made by the Environmental Board's Water Quality Regulations Committee was made on Board Member Ruthie Redmond's motion and Board Member Mary Ann Neely's second. Vote 1-5-1-0-0. Board Member Brian Smith recused and Board Member James Schissler abstained.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, James Schissler, P.E., and Brian Smith. **No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler, P. E. **No report this week.**
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee – Robert Deegan, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales and James Schissler, P.E. **No report this week.**

- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond 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. Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell. **No report this week.**
- i. **Other reports from Board members.** No reports this week.

9. NEW BUSINESS – Future Agenda Items

- a. **Board Chair Mary Gay Maxwell requested that staff help plan a ceremony for departing board members at the June 17, 2015 Environmental Board meeting.**
- b. **Board Vice Chair Marisa Perales requested a follow up on how green infrastructure is being incorporated into the CodeNEXT process including a map of Austin’s growth corridors.**
- c. **Board Vice Chair Marisa Perales requested an update on the Shady Hollow annexation and the status of the W/WW services.**
- d. **The Environmental Board requested a staff follow up regarding flooding at the reservoir near 33rd and Grooms Street with an update to the flooding of Memorial Day 2015.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

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