

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY  
March 2, 2011**



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March 2, 2011. The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on  
Wednesday March 2, 2011 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street,  
Austin, Texas 78701**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Bob Anderson, Jon Beall, Robin Gary, Eva Hernandez, Mary Gay Maxwell,  
Mary Ann Neely and James Schissler.

**Staff in Attendance:**

Marilla Shepherd, Jean Drew, Jacqueline Ramos, Ingrid McDonald, Mike McDougale,  
Andrew Clamann, Sylvia Pope, Ed Peacock, Drema Gross, Yvette Flores, Robyn Smith,  
William Stauber, Thais Perkins, and Charles Lesniak.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**The Environmental Board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

Speaker should sign up to speak prior to the meeting called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to address your concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**There were no citizens present signed up to speak under agenda item 1.**

**Roy Waley signed up to speak on agenda item 4a.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on February 16, 2011.

**The minutes from the February 16, 2011 Environmental Board meeting were approved on Board member Robin Gary's motion, seconded by Board member James Schissler. [Vote 7-0]**

- b. Approve the City of Austin Environmental Board Amended By-laws  
**Marilla Shepherd Board Liaison, briefed the Board about changes to Chapter 2-1 of the City Code adopted by City Council December 9, 2010. Chair Mary Gay Maxwell presented the changes to the Environmental Board Amended by-laws. The Amended by-laws were adopted and approved on**

**Board member James Schissler' motion and seconded by Board member Bob Anderson. Vote [7-0] see attached.**

**3. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**

a. Conservation measures being used by the Austin Water Utility,

By Drema Gross, AWU

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board requests an education presentation about re-claim water, and publicizing graphic information, showing extent of the reclaimed water in Austin Texas that shows how the City's doing.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. **Name:** Avery Station Preliminary Plan

**Applicant:** Bury and Partners, Inc. (Agent: David Miller)

**Location:** North Lakeline Blvd.

**Staff Person:** Mike McDougal, Planning and Development Review Department

**Request:**

1. Land Development Code 25-8-341 to allow cut up to a maximum of 12 feet.

**Watershed:** South Brushy Creek (Suburban) Desired Development Zone

**Recommendation:** Recommended for consent approval.

**The Environmental Board recommends Land Development Code 25-8-341 to allow cut up to a maximum of 12 feet for Avery Station Preliminary Plan.**

**Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 7-0]**

**Motioned by Board member James Schissler, and seconded by Board member Bob Anderson. See attached motion.**

**5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. Environmental Criteria Manuel 1.13 Design Guidelines for Shoreline Modification, Stabilization and Access. Andrew Clamann, Watershed Protection Department

**This item was conducted as posted.**

b. Briefing on the Planning and Development Review Departments activities related to the Communities Putting Prevention to Work tobacco grant. Yvette Flores, Planning and Development Review Department and Carol Haywood, Planning and Development Review Department.

**This item was conducted as posted.**

c. Quarterly Report on Water Treatment Plant #4 design and construction, Environmental Compliance and Environmental Commissioning, –William Stauber, P. E., Joe Hoepken, P. E., Austin Water Utility and Robyn Smith, and Chuck Lesniak.

**This item was conducted as posted. Chuck Lesniak will forward memorandum to the Board.**

## **6. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.  
**Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item. The next meeting is re-scheduled for Monday 3/7/11.**
- 2) Urban Growth Policy subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, & James Schissler, & Jon Beall.  
**No report this week.**
- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Jon Beall, & Mary Ann Neely.  
**This item was conducted today under item 5c. Chair Mary Gay Maxwell and Chuck Lesniak will discuss scheduling the next committee meeting.**
- 4) Development Subcommittee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.  
**Chair Bob Anderson reported that a committee meeting is scheduled for 3/8/11 at 2:00 p.m.**
- 5) Water Quality Regulations subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, and Robin Gary.  
**Mary Ann Neely report that a committee meeting is scheduled for 3/3/11 at 11:00 a.m.**
- 6) **The Board added the Watershed Protection Department Budget Committee.**
- 7) Reports from Board representative to other committees.  
**No report this week.**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**

- **Board member James Schissler requested a presentation about tree preservation. Jean**
- **Drew will brief the Board with detailed information on wet ponds:**
  1. **How many wet ponds are located over the recharge zone? (Both BSZ and North Segment).**
  2. **How often do make up water assembly's have to trigger? They have meters...how much water did they use during the last drought? [All] and [Recharge Zone]**
  3. **Who does the maintenance?**
  4. **How many wet ponds were inspected last year and what are the results?**
  5. **Maps: 1. Wet pond location (show which ones have make up water assembly's) 2. Wet ponds inspected last year and within the last 5 years. 3. Wet ponds failed over the past 5 years, and past year.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**