



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY June 6, 2012

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Robin Gary, James Schissler, and Jennifer Walker

Board Member Absent:

Marisa Perales and Mary Ann Neely, Bruce Anderson

Staff in Attendance:

Andrew Clamann, David Taylor, Diane Gonzales, Diane Siler, Jean Drew, Jessica Wilson, Joe Pantalion, Jose Guerrero, Karl McArthur, Marilla Shepherd, Mike Ihnat, Mike Kelly, Mike McDougal, Mike Personett, Sandra Alvarado, Scott Hiers, Sue Welch, & Victoria Li

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell Called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

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

- Camilla Freitag, citizen of Austin signed up to speak about petitions to save Heritage trees at Green Water Treatment Plant.
- Zoila Vega, citizen of Austin signed up to speak about Heritage Trees at the Green Water Treatment Plant.
- Dr. Tom Hayes of Environmental Conservation Alliance, Inc. signed up to speak about Heritage Trees at Green Water Treatment Plant.
- Craig Nazor of Sierra Club Conservation Committee signed up to speak about Heritage Trees at Green Water Treatment Plant.
- Sharon Blythe, citizen of Austin signed up to speak about Heritage Trees at Green Water Treatment Plant.
- William H. Graham, citizen of Austin signed up to speak about Heritage Trees.
- Roy Whaley, Vice Chair of the Austin Sierra Club, signed up to speak about Heritage Ordinance and Trees at Green Water Treatment Plant.
- Gardner Sumner citizen of Austin signed up to speak about Heritage Trees.
- Helen Fleming citizen of Austin signed up to speak about Heritage Trees.
- Margaret Mills's citizen of Austin signed up to speak about Heritage Trees.
- Garrett Nick citizen of Austin signed up to speak about Heritage Trees.
- Laura Pressley of Pure Rain, signed up to speak about Heritage Trees.
- Brian Leonard of Humanity signed up to speak about Heritage Trees.

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

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on May 16, 2012.

The Environment Board May 16, 2012 minutes were approved on Board member Robin Gary's motion and seconded by James Schissler [Vote 4-0-0-3] Board member Bob Anderson was off dais and Board Members Marisa Perales and Mary Ann Neely were absent.

- b. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board Budget Committee May 10, 2012.

The Environment Board Budget Committee May 10, 2012 minutes were approved on Board member Bob Anderson's motion and seconded by Mary Gay Maxwell [Vote 2-0-0-1] Board member Mary Ann Neely was absent.

4. **SPECIAL STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION**

- a. Economic Outlook & Financial Forecast presentation- Diane Siler, Corporate Budget Manager, Finance Department

This item was conducted as posted.

- b. Watershed Protection Department's FY 13 Budget presentation-Victoria Li, P.E., Director of the Watershed Protection Department

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions of the WPDR FY2013 Watershed Protection Department Proposed Budget as presented to the Environmental Board Budget Committee.

Recommendation approved on Board members Bob Anderson's motion and Board member James Schissler's second [Vote 5-0-0-2] Board members Marisa Perales and Mary Ann Neely absent. See attached motion.

The Environmental Board put forth a Commendation Statement to Watershed Protection Department. See attached.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Name: Affordable Climate Control Storage (SP-2011-0261D)

Applicant: The Moore Group

Location: 9813 FM 2244 Rd. (Bee Caves Rd)

Staff Reviewer: Brad Jackson, Planning and Development Review Department

Watershed: Barton Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone DWPZ

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Request: Variance request is as follows:

Land Development Code 25-8-65 To allow the development to account for the roadway deduction through water quality treatment of a portion of the roadway.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval with conditions.

At the request of staff this item is postponed to the June 20, 2012 Environmental Board meeting.

Name: Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake, SPC-2011-0327C

Applicant: City of Austin (David Taylor, Public Works Department) Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Adam Koransky)

Location: 1820 S Lakeshore Blvd.

Staff Reviewer: Sue Welch, Planning and Development Review Department

Watershed: Lady Bird Lake

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Request: Recommendation for a conditional use site plan in the Waterfront Overlay Land Development Code 25-2-721

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval with conditions.

Recommendation: Recommendation approved

Approved on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board member Bob Anderson's second [Vote 5-2].

Board member's Marisa Perales and Mary Ann Neely was absent.

See attached.

6. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item. June 18, 2012 will be the next meeting.

Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales

No report this week.

Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Robin Gary & Mary Ann Neely.

Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item the next staff report is on June 20, 2012.

Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, & James Schissler.

Bob Anderson reported on this item. Next meeting will be scheduled in approx. 3 weeks.

Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary & Jennifer Walker.

No report this week.

Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely & Bob Anderson

Victoria Li, Director of WPD gave the Budget presentation at tonight's meeting.

Reports from Board representative to other committees.

No report this week.

NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. Environmental Board requests a staff presentation on June 20, 2012 meeting on the Green Water Treatment Plant Redevelopment, including an overview of general standard operation procedures for City of Austin Development & Economic Agreements. Explain why the Heritage Tree Ordinance was waived for this development and address the citizen's comments that the City**

Attorney made regarding that the City was not obligated to waive the Ordinance.

Cover the Development Specifications and site plans, overview of the Corridor status, the Water Front Overlay plan status and the Land Development Code 25-2-7-21a 3 & 4 and cover the basics of the site plan.

2. The Environmental Board proposed the retreat date to be on July 18, 2012.
3. During Victoria Li's budget presentation Board member Bob Anderson requested for future presentations provide a map and chart that shows the storm water system, maintenance needs with cost, priority and time frame, completed work with cost, and schedule for future work over a 10-15 year time frame.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.