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ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday November 5, 2014 at One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Rd #325, Austin, Texas 78704

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
Marilla Shepherd

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 7: 10 P.M.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: 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 no citizens signed up to speak under citizen's communication.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of October 15, 2014.
The minutes were approved on Board members James Schissler's motion and Board member Marisa Perales second Vote 6-0-0-1. Board member Brian Smith abstained because he was absent.
 - b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.
 - i. Update on SH45 SW
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - ii. Lightsey 2 Subdivision
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. **Name:** The Pinnacle at Great Hills Part A C14-83-224(R1)

Applicant: CMST Development LLC (Mike Wilson Agent)

Location: 5717 Lost Horizon Drive

Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review Department

Watershed: Bull Creek Watershed (Water Supply Suburban) Drinking Water Protection Zone Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance (800103-N)

Request:

Variance request is as follows:

1. To allow driveway construction on a slope greater than 25% to areas of slope not less than 25%. Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance Section 29-55.3(a) (1).

Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval

Recommendation to approve was made on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board member Brian Smith's second. Vote 7-0-0-0.

5. **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., and Marisa Perales. **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 Chair, 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

h. Other reports from Board members
No report this week.

6. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items
 1. **The Environmental Board requests to hear a report about the City of Austin's decision regarding the Onion Creek Buyouts.**
 2. **The Environmental Board request to hear a report about Wildfire Protection Plan.**
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20141105 003b

Date: November 5, 2014

Subject: Officer Elections Environmental Board Chair

Motioned By: Mary Ann Neely

Seconded by: James Schissler

The Environmental Board accepted the nomination that Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell be re-elected Chairman of the Environmental Board. The term of office shall begin November 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Vote 7-0-0-0

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Approved By:

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell
Environmental Board Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20141105 004a

Date: November 05, 2014

Subject: The Pinnacle at Great Hills Part A C14-83-224 (R1)

Motion By: James Schissler

Second By: Brian Smith

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the applicant has provided a plan that meeting the findings of fact

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for allowing construction of driveways on a slope greater than 25%.

Board Conditions:

1. Provide 8 inches of topsoil in disturbed areas within the Water Quality Transition Zone (as defined in current regulations) and soil retention blankets or sod on slopes greater than 15%.

VOTE 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair