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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