

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 7, 2010**



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**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 City Council Chambers, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Rodney Ahart, J. Robert Anderson, Jon Beall, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, & Mary Ann Neely

**Staff in Attendance:**

Joe Pantalione, Gary Jackson, Linda Courtney, Mitzi Cotton, Marilla Shepherd, Robbie Botto, Ingrid McDonald, Mike McDougal, James Dymkowski, Brent Lloyd, Ed Peacock, Scott Hiers, Pat Murphy, Greg Guernsey, Charles Lesniak, Raj Bhattarai, Matt Hollon, Erin Wood, Jules Parrish, Nathan Bendik, and Nancy Wilson.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Meeting called to order at 6:13 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.

- **Alan Roddy signed up under citizens communication to speak about the Lake Austin Overlay District.**
- **Scott Johnson signed up to speak under citizens communication about EPA's Proposed 2010 Ozone Standards and Nonattainment Implications.**
- **Bill Bunch signed up to speak on item 3a, 4b, and 4c.**
- **Steve Windhager signed up to speak on item 3a.**
- **Roy Waley signed up to speak on item 4c.**
- **Bill Bunch, Roy Waley, Tom McDill, Darrell Gest and David Richardson signed up to speak on item 4e but this item was postponed.**

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

- a. **Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 17, 2010 and March 3, 2010.**

**The minutes for the regular meeting of February 17, 2010 and March 3, 2010 were approved on Board member Phil Moncada's motion. Seconded by Board member Robin Gary. [Vote of 7-0 ]**

**POSTPONED PUBLIC HEARINGS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION  
DEVELOPMENT CASES FROM THE MARCH 3, 2010 ENVIRONMENTAL  
BOARD MEETING.**

- a. **Name:** Lazy Nine M. U. D. Treated Effluent Holding Pond  
SP-2010- 0034D  
**Applicant:** Malone/Wheeler, Incorporated  
**Location:** 16300-16559 W. State Highway 71  
**Staff Person:** Jim Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review  
Department  
**Request:** Land Development Code:  
**25-8-341** To allow cut up to a maximum of 25 feet.  
**Watershed:** Little Barton Creek (Barton Springs Zone) and Lake Travis  
(Water Supply Rural).  
**Recommendation: Recommended for approval.**

**The Environmental Board recommends conditional approval to Land  
Development Code 25-8-341 to allow cut up to a maximum of 25 feet.**

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED: [VOTE 7-0]  
Motioned by Board member Jon Beall and seconded by Board  
member Mary Ann Neely. See attached motion.**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Briefing on the Waller Creek Tunnel – Joe Pantalione, P. E.,  
Watershed Protection Department and Gary Jackson, Public Works  
Department

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board offers  
the attached resolution in response to the briefing received by City  
staff on the Waller Creek Tunnel. See attached resolution.**

- b. McMeans Store Wastewater Service Extension Request #2912-Robbie  
Botto, Watershed Protection Department

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board does  
not support the McMeans Store Wastewater Service Extension  
Request #2912. See attached motion.**

- c. Briefing about the Jollyville Plateau Salamander Candidate Conservation  
Agreement- Charles Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board requested that staff continue to provide quarterly updates on Water Treatment Plant #4.**

- d. Briefing regarding groundwater regulation authority for the TXI (Texas Industries, Inc.) mining operation proposed at Hornsby Bend, as discussed in the February 17, 2010 Environmental Board Meeting- Brad Jackson, Planning and Development Review Department.

**This item was conducted as posted.**

- e. Consider a site specific amendment to SOS ordinance (Save Our Springs) for Courtyard Park at 5811 Southwest Parkway. Item forwarded by the Planning Commission for recommendation – Matt Hollon and Pat Murphy Watershed Protection Department.

**The Environmental Board motioned to postpone the consideration of a site specific amendment to SOS ordinance (Save Our Springs) for Courtyard Park at 5811 Southwest Parkway until the next regular meeting on 5/5/10. See attached motion.**

- f. Action item to approve the proposed AWU Root Control project based on the October 2008 “Summary Report on Root Control Pilot Program.” Jules Parrish-Public Works Department.

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board offers the attached motion in response to the briefing received by City staff on the Austin Water Utility Root Control Pilot Program. See attached motion.**

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely  
**No update the week**
- b. Update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely  
**No update the week**
- c. Update on the 2009 Work Plan – Mary Gay Maxwell.  
**No update the week**
- d. Waller Creek Task Force –Rodney Ahart  
**No update the week**
- e. 2010 Environmental Board Retreat is April 21, 2010
- f. Environmental Board Growth and Planning subcommittee meeting is April 9, 2010.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Future agenda items:**

- a. Request to the Environmental Board to convene a budget subcommittee for Watershed Protection Department.  
**The Environmental Board appointed Board members Phil Moncada, Jon Beall and Mary Gay Maxwell to the requested subcommittee.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.**



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION AND RESOLUTION 0407104a**

Date: April 7, 2010

Subject: Waller Creek Tunnel

Motioned By: Rodney Ahart

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

The Environmental Board passed the attached resolution on the Waller Creek Tunnel.

**Vote:**

For: 7-0-0-0

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mary Gay Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair

**RESOLUTION NO. EB0407104A001**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**

**The Waller Creek Tunnel Project**

**Whereas**, the revised design approach is an improvement over the original amphitheater proposal and promotes preservation of the natural character along Lady Bird Lake; and

**Whereas**, the design is also based on considerable citizen input including the Waller Creek Citizen Advisory Committee and City Council; and

**Whereas**, the Boathouse will no longer be located in the Waterfront Overlay setback and the finished floor will be elevated above the 100 year floodplain; and

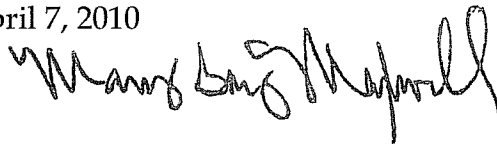
**Whereas**, the project will include new amenities such as an observation/overlook point, a new restroom for trail users and wetland plantings within the outlet facility; and

**Whereas**, improvements to nearby trails and the Waller Bridge will be ADA compliant and the bridge will be wide enough to enable multi-use (hike/bike) crossing of Waller Creek; and

**Whereas**, although the site's water quality pond is not considered a major water quality retrofit, diverting and treating the polluted runoff from Trinity Street will reduce sediment, oils, grease and metals that are currently discharged to Lady Bird Lake from this area;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the City of Austin Environmental Board supports the current site plan for the Waller Creek Tunnel Outlet and Boathouse Facility including the proposal to provide compensatory water quality treatment of runoff from Trinity Street.

**ADOPTED:** April 7, 2010



**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Gay Maxwell

Environmental Board Chair