ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 1, 2009



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2009

The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, City Council Chambers at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Rodney Ahart, David Bezanson, John Dupnik, Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, and Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Willie Rhoades, Tony Davee, Robyn Smith, Charles Lesniak, Ingrid McDonald, Jim Dymdowski and Marilla Shepherd

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL-

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Jeff Jack signed up to speak on agenda item 4b.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 4, 2009.

The minutes for the regular meeting of March 4,, 2009 were approved on Board member Phil Moncada's motion, Board member Mary Ann Neely's second on a 6-0 vote. Board member Jon Beall was absent.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Name: Christopher Boat Dock SP-2008-0435DS Applicant: What's Up...Dock (Jeff Walker) Location: 1855 Westlake Drive Staff Person Jim Dymkowski, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department Request: Variance request to Land Development Code: 1. 25-8-452 To allow construction in the Critical Water Quality Zone. Watershed – Bee Creek Watershed (Water Supply Rual) Recommendation: Consent The Environmental Board recommended approval with conditions on consent to Christopher Boat Dock SP-2008-0435DS

RECOMMENDATION CONSENT: [VOTE 6-0] Motioned by Board member Mary Gay Maxwell and seconded by Board member Rodney Ahart, Board member Jon Beall was absent.

POSTPONEMENT FROM THE MARCH 4, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Amendment to Chapter 25 of the City Code concerning expiration of site plans.

Julie Lipton, and George Zapalac, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The Environmental Board motion to withdraw the Amendment to Chapter 25 of the City Code item concerning expiration of site plans. Motion approved on a 6-0 vote. Board member Jon Beall was absent.

 b. Proposed ordinance amendments to Waterfront Overlay Combining District and Waterfront Planning Advisory Board- Robert Heil, Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions to the Proposed ordinance amendments to Waterfront Overlay Combining District and Waterfront Planning Advisory Board. See attached.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 4-2-] one absent. Motioned by Board member John Dupnik and seconded by Board member Rodney Ahart, Board member Jon Beall absent.

c. Loop 360 Project briefing- Charles Lesniak, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions to the Loop 360 Project. See attached.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 6-0] one absent. Motioned by Board member John Dupnik and seconded by Board member Rodney Ahart, Board member Jon Beall absent.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely

Board member Mary Ann Neely reported on this item.

b. Update on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely

Board member Mary Ann Neely reported on this item.

c. Update on the Waterfront Overlay Taskforce – Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell **Board members received a presentation from Robert Heil, NPZD.**

d. Update on the Environmental Awareness Awards- Executive Committee of the Environmental Board

Board member Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item.

e. Update on the 2009 Work Plan reports - Mary Gay Maxwell.

Board members will work on their prospective work plans, and the Chair provide and update at the next meeting April 15, 2009.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Request for future agenda items:

Reminder to Environmental Board members of the requirement to file the Statement of Financial Information with the Office of the City Clerk by Friday, April 24, 2009

Board member Phil Mocada announced this reminder to the Board members.

7. ADJOURNMENT Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.