ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, July 15, 2009



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2009

The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, City Council Chambers, at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Rodney Ahart, Jon Beall, Dave Bezanson, John Dupnik, Mary Maxwell, Phil Moncada, and Mary Ann Neely.

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Robinson, Brad Jackson, Scott Hiers, Mary Gilmore, Andrew Clamann, Pat Murphy and Marilla Shepherd.

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Gay Maxwell Chairman of the Environmental Board called the meeting to order at 6:07 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.

- Rae Nadler-Olenick spoke on the subject of water fluoridation.
- Brent Brewer spoke on water fluoridation issues.
- Marceline Lasater spoke on development problems on Lake Austin.
- Linda Greene spoke on Fluoride in Austin water.

(Environmental Board member Rodney Ahart would like a formal report on water fluoridation additions from the Austin Water Utility at the 8/19/09 Environmental Board meeting.)

- Carol Lee spoke on item 3a.
- Gilbert Martinez spoke on item 3b.
- Marceline Lasater spoke on item 4a.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 17, 2009.

The minutes for the regular meeting of June 17, 2009 were approved on Board member Phil Moncada's motion, Board member Rodney Ahart's second on a 6-0 vote. Board member Jon Beall was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND ACTION 3.

a. Name: 4307 Island Avenue SP-2009-0099D

Applicant: Aupperle Company (Bruce Aupperle Agent)

Location: 4307 Island Ave

Staff Person: Brad Jackson, Watershed Protection and Development

Review Department

Request:

1. Land Development Code 25-8-422 - to allow construction in the Critical Water Quality Zone.

2. Land Development Code 25-8-341- to allow cut in excess of 4 feet but not exceed 8 feet.

Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Suburban)

Drinking Water Protection Zone

Recommendation: Recommended consent Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 7-0].

Motioned by Board member Dupnik and seconded by Board member

Moncada.

b. Name: El Milagro II C8-2008-0222.0A

Applicant: IT Gonzales, Engineers (Juan Martinez Agent)

Location: 10113 Dobbin Drive

Staff Person: Brad Jackson, Watershed Protection and Development

Review Department

Request:

1. Land Development Code 25-8-483 - allow construction in a Water

Quality Transition Zone.

Watershed: Slaughter Creek Watershed

(Barton Springs Zone) Drinking Water Protection Zone

This project is located over the Edwards Aguifer Recharge Zone.

Recommendation: Recommended with conditions

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 7-0]

Motioned by Board member Rodney Ahart and seconded by Board

member Phil Moncada.

POSTPONED ACTION ITEMS FROM THE JUNE 17, 2009 REGULAR **MEETING**

a. Consider a recommendation on Bulkheads- Ed Peacock, P. E., WPDR Andrew Clamman-WPDR and Mary Gilmore, WPDR

involves several city departments, Austin Water Utility, Watershed Protection and Legal Departments. –Mary Ann Neely.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35

The Environmental Board motioned to adopt a resolution for the Lake Austin Shoreline Protection. See attached.

Recommendation Approved: [VOTE 7-0]. Motioned by Board member Mary Ann Neely and seconded by Board member John Dupnik.

5. OLD BUSINESS

 Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely

Board member Phil Moncada reported on this item. The next meeting is July 20, 2009.

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

Board member Mary Ann Neely reported on this item. The Full Citizens Advisory committee will meet on July 27, 2009 and the Coordinating committee will meet in the first week in August.

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

Board member Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this. The committee has decided to do the awards ceremony in April 2010.

- d. Update on the 2009 Work Plan reports Mary Gay Maxwell.
 - Board member Mary Gay Maxwell requested that the Chairs of the Conservation subcommittee look at where conservation is and email her, and speak about this item at a future Board meeting.
 - Board member Dupnik will forward on to the full Board the responses from the Austin Water Utility.
 - The scoring methodology of the Watershed Master Plan subcommittee will meet on August 28, 2009.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Report on the Groundwater Characteristics and Challenges for Subsurface Structures in Austin's Urban Core. Tom Ennis, P. E., WPD

Board member Mary Gay Maxwell asked that this be placed on the August 5, 2009 agenda, and that staff review the report that was provided in the packet material

Requests for future agenda items.

- Request for a report on Fluoride additions at Austin Water Utilities Water Treatment Plants- Rodney Ahart
- Request for a report on "A Study of Recreational Boating on Lake Austin, Texas"- WPD- Mary Gay Maxwell
- 3. Request for report at the end of the year on the Rosewood Dumpsite-Mary Gay Maxwell
- 4. Request for an update and progress on Water Quantity Ideas to implement measures to maintain the Barton Springs flow. This