

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, November 5, 2008



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY,
November 5, 2008**

**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday,
November 5, 2008, City Council Chambers at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas
78704**

Board Members in Attendance:

Dave Anderson, Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada and Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Mike McDougle, Patricia Foran, Ingrid McDonald, Pat Murphy, Marilla Shepherd,
Tammie Williamson, Willie Rhodes, Jessica King, Andrew Claman, Sue Welch, Kevin
Selfridge, Sylvia Pope, and Steve Sadowsky.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Anderson called the Board Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

No speakers

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the September October 15, 2008 regular meetings.

**The minutes of the October 15, 2008 regular meetings were approved on Board
member Phil Moncada motion and Board member Mary Gay Maxwell's second
[Vote 4-0]**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT
CASES**

a. Name: Travis County Eastside Service Center

Applicant: LAN Inc. (Steven D. Widacki, P. E.)

Location: 210700 FM 969

**Staff Person: Mike McDougal – Watershed Protection and
Development Review Department**

Request: Variance request to Land Development Code;

1. 25-8-341/342 To allow cut over 4 feet but not to exceed 12 feet, and to allow fill over 4 feet but not to exceed 10 feet. **Watershed:** Elm Creek Watershed (Suburban) Desired Development Zone
Recommendation: Recommended approval

The Environmental Board recommended approval with conditions of a variance to Land Development Code 25-8-341 and 25-8-342 –To allow fill over 4’ but not to exceed 10’ for Travis County Eastside Service Center.

STAFF CONDITIONS:

1. An upland zone conservation easement of at least four contiguous acres will be established on site in an area to be agreed upon by Staff and the Applicant.
2. Areas of disturbance within the wetlands CEF’s require 609S reseeding.
3. No coal tar based sealants will be used for Phase 2.
4. The Applicant will provide an IPM plan.
5. 609S reseeding will be applied in the wetland CEF setback containing Detention Pond ‘A’.

BOARD CONDITIONS:

1. Travis County will submit revisions or corrections to City of Austin approved site plan for additional work or future phases.
2. Travis County will implement a pollution attenuation plan since this is a Service Center.

RATIONALE:

Findings of fact have been met. Travis County Staff has agreed and is currently working on 609S seeding in areas.

MOTION: Approved on Board Member Phil Moncada and Board Member Mary Ann Neely’s second. [Vote 4-0]

b. Name: Spring Lake Subdivision C8-2007-0224.0A

Applicant: CDR Group, LLC (Michael Chapa)

Location: 9009 Spring Lake Drive

Staff Person: Patricia Foran – Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

Request: Variance request to Land Development Code;

1. 25-8-281 (B) To allow a residential lot to contain a critical environment feature and be located within 50 feet of a critical environmental feature. Watershed: Bull Creek Watershed (Water Supply Suburban)

Recommendation: Recommended with conditions

The Environmental Board recommended approval with conditions of a variance to Land Development Code 25-8-281 (B) – To allow a residential lot to contain Critical Environmental Features for the Spring Lake Subdivision

STAFF CONDITIONS:

1. Applicant will include a plat note restricting landscaping (including turf) To only native and drought tolerant plants.
2. Applicant will implement an integrated pest Management (IPM) plan (to be added as a note on plat, and through a restrictive covenant).
3. Applicant will add a plat note prohibiting development on all land not located within the building limits (as shown on Attachment C) to protect the integrity of the CEF's.
4. Applicant will establish a no-mow is with fence immediately around the boundaries of the wetland and seep areas to protect them in perpetuity (to be added as a not on plat).
5. Applicant will implement conditions included in Ordinance No. 20061214-060 and Restrictive Covenant Document No. 2006239790 (See attachment)

BOARD CONDITIONS:

1. Applicant will maintain structure a minimum of 50" of a CEF and Wetland.

RATIONALE:

Findings of fact have been met and applicant has agreed per restrictive covenant.

MOTION: Approved on Board member Phil Moncada and Board Member Mary Gay Maxwell second. [Vote 4-0]

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Briefing on the Waller Creek Tunnel Project-Joseph Pantalion, PE, WPDR
Briefing conducted as posted.
- b. Briefing on the Zero-Waste Initiative-Jessica King, Solid Waste Service
Department
Briefing conducted as posted.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee Update –
Dave Anderson, P.E.

No report this week.

- b. Update on the Erosion and Sedimentation Controls Update – Dave
Anderson, P.E.

This item will be posted on the November 19, 2008 Environmental Board agenda.

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

Board member Neely reported on this item, she would send the BCP report to Ms. Shepherd to email to Environmental Board members to review and comment back by Friday November 7, 2008.

- d. Update on the Waterfront Overlay Taskforce – Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell

Board member Maxwell reported on this item.

e. Update 2008 Work Plan Review –Dave Anderson, P.E.

Chair Anderson requested that this item removed from the agenda.

f. Update on the SWAC Meeting Oct 22,2008 – Phil Moncada

Board member Moncada reported on this item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Request for future agenda items:

- a. Adopt the 2009 Environmental Board Standard Bylaws – Dave Anderson
- b. Plan to set the date for the Environmental Board Retreat – Dave Anderson
- c. Update on the case recommendations from other Board and Commissions-
John Dupnik

7. ADJOURNMENT
