

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008



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REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas**

Vice Chair Mary G. Maxwell called the Board Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Mitzi Cotton, Michael Embesi, Patricia Foran, Ingrid McDonald and Marilla Shepherd

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNIATION: GENERAL**
No speakers

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The minutes for the regular meeting on April 16, 2008 were approved on Board Member Dupnik's motion, Board Member Moncada second 5-0-1. Board Member Maxwell abstained because she was not present at the April 16, 2008 meeting. Board Member Anderson was absent.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. **Briefing on the Proposed Tree Ordinance and Rule Modifications - Michael Embesi, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.**
Briefing was conducted as posted and the Environmental Board requests that Michael Embesi return to brief the Board on the Ordinance once it is complete.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT CASES

- b. Name: Terraces at Scofield Ridge SP-2007-0553C

Applicant: Longaro and Clark, L. P.

Location: 13145 Burnet Road

Staff Person: Patricia Foran, Watershed Protection & Development Review

Request: Variance request is to Land Development Code 1) 25-8-341 – To allow cut to exceed the four foot maximum limits 2) LDC 25-8-342 – To allow fill to exceed the four foot maximum limits 3) LDC 25-8-301(A)) - To allow the construction of a driveway on slopes greater than 15% 4) LDC 25-8-302 (A)(1)) – To allow a building or parking area on slopes greater than 15%.
Staff Recommendation: Recommended with conditions.

Public Hearing was conducted as posted.

The Environmental Board motioned to recommend conditional approval to a variance request to Land Development Code 1) 25-8-341 – To allow cut to exceed the 4' maximum up to 14.5 feet for water quality facilities and cuts up to 12' for site. 2) LDC 25-8-342 – To allow fill up to 14.5 feet to level out steep slopes. 3) LDC 25-8-301(A)) To allow construction of driveways on slopes greater than 15% as shown on the location site plan 4) LDC 25-8-302(A)((1) – To allow 0.047 of parking area on slopes greater than 15% as shown on the location site plan.

Staff Conditions: 1) Applicant will provide an enhanced erosion control plan. 2) Applicant will provide water quality treatment (per City of Austin specifications) for the entire site, including those portions that are not subject to current code. 3) Applicant will restrict impervious cover overall to no more than 7.0 acres. 4) Applicant will utilize native and adapted plants from the Grow Green Guide for the entire site. 5) Applicant will provide an IPM plan.

Rationale: The findings of facts have been met. City staff recommends conditional approval of this variance and the site has no Critical Environmental Features and considered infill. [P. MONCADA, R. AHART 2ND] (6-0) D. ANDERSON - ABSENT

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Dave Anderson, P.E.

No report on this.

- b. SH45 – John Dupnik, P.G.

Board member Dupnik reported on this.

- c. Erosion and Sedimentation Controls – Dave Anderson, P.E.

No report on this..

- d. Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group – Mary Ann Neely

Board member Neely reported on this.

- e. Water Front Overlay Task Force- Dr. Mary G. Maxwell

Board member Maxwell reported on this.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request for future agenda items

6. ADJOURNMENT