



**Environmental Board  
March 06, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
301 West Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701**

## **AGENDA**

Bob Anderson  
Place 1 Appointee

Marisa Perales  
Place 2 Appointee

Jennifer Walker  
Place 3 Appointee

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair  
Place 4 Appointee

Robin Gary, Vice Chair  
Place 5 Appointee

James Schissler, P. E., Secretary  
Place 6 Appointee

Mary Ann Neely  
Mayor's Appointee

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

Speaker should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.

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

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting on February 20, 2013.
- b. Environmental Officer's report on, hot topics, and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

**4. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**

- a. Proposed changes in variance application packets –Sue Barnett, Planning and Development Review Department

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Dessau Retail Center **SP-2012-0350C**

**Applicant:** Moncada Consulting

**Location:** 11800 Dessau Rd

**Staff Reviewer:** Jim Dymkowski, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

**Watershed:** Walnut Creek Watershed (Suburban Desired Development Zone)

**Ordinance:** Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current code)

**Request:**

1. To allow for the reduction of the buffer zone established around each critical environmental feature from the code required 150 feet to the following: CEF #1 (Canyon

Rimrock/Seep) to 100 feet, CEF #3 (Canyon Rimrock) to 85 feet, and CEF #4 (Seep) to 11 feet. LDC Section 25-8-281(C)(1)(a)

2. To allow the construction of a parking area on a slope with a gradient of more than 15%. LDC Section 25-8-302(A)(2)
3. To allow impervious cover on slopes with a gradient of more than 15 percent to exceed 10 percent of the total area of the 15% slopes. LDC 25-8-302(B) (1)
4. To allow fill greater than 4 feet, not to exceed 8 feet. [LDC Section 25-8-342].

**Staff Recommendation:** Variances 1-4 are recommended with conditions.

b. **Name:** Steiner Ranch MU-11 SP-2012-0175D

**Applicant:** Crocker Consultants

**Location:** 4200 Steiner Ranch Blvd.

**Staff Reviewer:** Brad Jackson, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

**Watershed** Bear West (Lake Austin) Watershed (Water Supply Rural)

**Ordinance:** Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance, as amended by the Steiner Ranch Subdivision Settlement Agreement

**Request:**

1. Variance from LDC 25-8-341 – To allow cut up to a maximum of 16 feet.
2. Variance from LDC 25-8-342 – To allow fill up to a maximum of 14 feet

**Staff Recommendation:** Not recommended

c. **Name:** 507 W. 23rd Street Tree Permit No. 1088486

**Applicant:** Mike McHone

**Location:** 507 W 23rd Street

**City Arborist Staff:** Keith Mars, Environmental Program Coordinator, Planning and Development Review Department

**Ordinance** Heritage Tree Ordinance LDC 25-8-641

**Request:** The applicant is requesting to remove a heritage tree with a stem greater than 30" in diameter.

**Staff Recommendation:** The request to remove the 31" Pecan meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A), thus the variance is recommended if transplanting is not a viable option. Variance is recommended.

d. **Name:** 2818 Rio Grande Street Tree Permit No. 10827869

**Applicant:** Mike McHone

**Location:** 2818 Rio Grande

**City Arborist Staff:** Keith Mars, Environmental Program Coordinator, Planning and Development Review Department

**Ordinance** Heritage Tree Ordinance LDC 25-8-641

**Request:** The applicant is requesting to remove a heritage tree with a stem greater than 30" in diameter.

**Staff Recommendation:** The request to remove the 30" Pecan tree meets the City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A). Variance is recommended.

6. **STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION POSTPONED FROM 2/20/13**

- a. Briefing on the 2012 Heritage Tree Report – Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review Department

7. **STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Briefing on Water Treatment Plant4 costs associated with environmental protection issues – Stacie Long, Public Works Department

**8. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Robin Gary & Mary Ann Neely.
- d. Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler.
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, & Jennifer Walker.
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely & Bob Anderson
- g. Reports from Board representatives to other committees.

**9. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Board may take items in any order, and may take action on any item except citizen's communication. Direct any questions on this agenda or the Board to Marilla J. Shepherd, 974-3443 of the Watershed Protection Department. The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided. Please call 974-3443 for information. For a sign language interpreter, please call immediately.

**Future Agenda Items as of 2/26/13**

<b>Request Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Requestor</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>EB Meeting Date</b>
Standing item	WTP4 TM Monthly report on project status and Env. Commissioning	Board	Robyn Smith, Thais Perkins	PW, WPD	2nd mtg of ea. month
2/6/13	WTP4 Committee	Mary Gay Maxwell	Stacie Long	PWD	3/5/13
2/12/13	211 S. Lamar PUD C814-2012-0160		Lee Hickman	PDRD	3/20/13
1/16/13	Types and function of CoA water quality controls (Note: Possible initial presentation to WQR Committee first)	Andy Linseisen	Andy Linseisen	PDRD	TBD (late March?)
4/21/2010	Operating Permit regulatory terms and their meaning	Board	Matt Hollon	WPD	TBD
8/1/12 EB Retreat	Watershed Characterization (EII Scores)	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	WPD	TBD
8/1/12 EB Retreat	Neighborhood Plans how many are there, where, who enforces? Are environmental concerns addressed in them.	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	PDRD	TBD
8/1/12 EB Retreat	Grandfathering flow chart & list of things not protected under Ch. 245.	Mary Gay Maxwell	Lesniak	PDRD	TBD
8/1/12 EB Retreat	Mission priorities/ green infrastructure based on J. Pantalion master plan presentation	Board	Lesniak	WPD	TBD
8/1/12 EB Retreat	Land Acquisition Programs/ Water Quality Integration based on J. Pantalion master plan presentation	Board	Lesniak	WPD	TBD
8/1/12 EB Retreat	Clean Water Program based on J. Pantalion master plan presentation	Board	Lesniak	WPD	TBD
8/1/12 EB Retreat	EPA/ Imagine Austin based on J. Pantalion master plan presentation	Board	Lesniak	WPD	TBD