



**Environmental Board
April 3, 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

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 Environment Board regular meeting on March 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. Update on the Grow Zone program creek restoration program – Mateo Scoggins, Watershed Protection Department

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTPONED ON 3/20/13 AND ACTION

- a. **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)
Zone

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 12 feet.
2. Variance from LDC 25-8-342 – To allow fill up to a maximum of 12 feet

Staff Recommendation: Not recommended.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION

- a. **Name:** ThinkEAST PUD C814-2012-0128.SH

Applicant: ThinkEAST Austin Mgmt, LLC. Richard deVarga - Agent

Location: 1141 Shady Lane

City Staff: Liz Johnston, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Ordinance Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Watershed: Boggy Creek and Tannehill Creek (Urban), Desired Development Zone

Request: Review and consider for recommendation rezoning the subject property from LO-MU-CO-NP, SF-3NP to PUD-NP. The following environmental code exception is requested:

1. To allow removal of a Heritage Tree; [LDC Section 25-8-641]

Staff Recommendation: Recommended

- b. **Name:** Estancia Hill Country Planned Unit Development C814-2012-0085

Applicant: Metcalfe Wolf Stuart & Williams, LLP Michele Rogerson Lynch - Agent

Location: 12814 S IH 35 SVRD SB

City Staff: James Dymkowski, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Ordinance Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Watershed: Onion Creek (Suburban) Desired Development Zone

Request: Review and consider for recommendation the proposed Planned Unit Development. The following environmental code exceptions are requested.

1. Modify 25-8-41 (Land Use Commission Variances); 25-8-301(Construction of a Roadway or Driveway), Subsection(A); and 25-8-302 (Construction of a Building or Parking Area), Subsection (A)(2) to authorize the Director to grant administrative variances after making the determinations required under 25-8-41.
2. Modify 25-8-394 (C) (Uplands Zone), Subsection (C) to allow a maximum impervious cover limit of 70% for multifamily residential and 90% for commercial developments.
3. Modify 25-8-643 (*Land Use Commission Variance*) to allow the Director to grant a variance to allow removal of a heritage tree after making the determinations required under 25-8-643.

Staff Recommendation: Recommended for approval

7. 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.

8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

9. 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.