



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY  
May 1, 2013**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday,  
May 1, 2013, at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

Board Members in Attendance:

**Bob Anderson, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, James Schissler and Jennifer Walker**

Board Members Absent

**Robin Gary and Marisa Perales**

Staff in Attendance:

**Kelly Gagnon**

**Chris Herrington**

**Chuck Lesniak**

**Bart Jennings**

**Laurie Dries**

**Colleen Kirk**

**Mitzi Cotton**

**Marilla Shepherd**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Mary Gay Maxwell Chair of the Environmental Board called the meeting to order  
at 6:12 p.m.**

**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.

**Mike Hebert signed up to speak about new construction along Waller Creek. He is  
concerned about newly:approved site plans for new construction and protecting the  
Waller Creek watershed.**

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

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on April 3, 2013  
**The April 3, 2013 and April 17, 2013 Environmental Board minutes were  
postponed to the May 15, 2013 Environmental Board meeting due to the lack  
of a quorum of members present for that meeting.**
- b. Environmental Officer's report on, hot topics, and past Board actions – Chuck  
Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department  
**No report this week**

4. **10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**

Briefing on Revised Board and Commission Recommendation Process – Bob Guz, City Clerk’s Office.

**This item was conducted as posted.**

5. **STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Publication of amended City of Austin Barton Springs Habitat Conservation Planning Federal Register and Federal Public Comment Process – Chris Herrington, P. E., Watershed Protection Department  
**The Environmental Board motioned to support the Barton Springs Pool Habitat Conservation Plan. Motioned by Bob Anderson and seconded by Mary Ann Neely. [Vote 5-0-0-2]. See attached motion**
- b. Briefing on Water Service Extension Request #3151 Landmark Conservancy – Kelly Gagnon, Watershed Protection Department.  
**The Environmental Board recommends approval of Service Extension Request #3151. [Vote 4-0-0-3] Board members Gary and Perales were absent. Board member James Schissler was off the dais. See attached recommendation.**
- c. Briefing on Wastewater Service Extension Request #3152 Landmark Conservancy – Kelly Gagnon, Watershed Protection Department.  
**The Environmental Board recommends approval of Service Extension Request #3152. [Vote 4-0-0-3] Board members Gary and Perales were absent. Board member James Schissler was off the dais.**

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Recommend to City Council an amendment to City Code section 2-1-144 (*Environmental Board*) to provide for Environmental Board review of the environmental elements of planned unit developments.

**The Environmental Board recommends to City Council to consider an amendment to Land Development code 2/1/144 to provide for Environmental Board review of Environmental elements of Planned Unit Developments (PUD’s). [Vote 5-0-0-2] See attached recommendation..**

7. **OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.  
**No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales.  
**No report this week.**
- c. .Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Robin Gary & Mary Ann Neely.  
**No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler.

- e. **Chair Mary Gay Maxwell reported that City Arborist Michael Embesi will have a report for the Environmental Board in the near future.**
- f. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, & Jennifer Walker.  
**No report this week.**
- g. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely & Bob Anderson  
**The Environmental Board Budget Committee convened on 4/29/13 and will receive a full Board presentation from Watershed Protection Department at the next meeting on 5/15/13.**
- h. Reports from Board representatives to other committees.  
**Mary Gay Maxwell reported that the 2012 Annual Report is completed and will be posted online to review.**

8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. **Staff presentation about Planned Unit Development will be conducted at the 5/15/13 Environmental Board meeting.**
- 2. **Staff presentation on Green Water Quality treatment Controls will be conducted at the 5/15/13 Environmental Board meeting.**
- 3. **Staff presentation on new construction, approved site plans for new construction and protecting the Waller Creek watershed will be given at the 5/15/13 Environmental Board meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.**