



**Environmental Board Regular Meeting
August 21, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
301 West Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

AGENDA

Robert Deegan
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 July 17, 2013
- b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics, and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
 - i. Drainage Utility Fee hearing at Council on August 22, 2013
 - ii. Future report on 10-1 Council districts and watershed boundaries

4. BOARD PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation to Schuyler Schwarting in recognition of outstanding service and contributions to environmental protection.

5. SPECIAL STAFF REPORT AND ACTION

- a. Austin Water Utility presentation and update of new growth-related capital improvement projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone.- Kristi Fenton, Austin Water Utility

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS POSSIBLE AND ACTION

- a. **Name:** Spicewood Springs Office Project SP-2013-0018C
Applicant Longaro and Clarke, Alex Clarke, P.E., Agent
Location: 4714 Spicewood Springs Rd

Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Watershed: Bull Creek Watershed, Water Supply Suburban Drinking Water Protection Zone

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Request:

1. To allow construction of a driveway on slopes in excess of 15% [LDC 25-8-301(A)]
2. To allow construction of a building on slopes in excess of 25% [LDC 25-8-302(A)(1)]
3. To allow construction of 0.14 acres of a building on slopes from 15 to 25% [LDC 25-8-302(B)(1)]
4. To allow cut to exceed 4 feet [LDC 25-8-341(A)]
5. To allow fill to exceed 4 feet [LDC 25-8-342(A)]
6. To reduce a CEF setback [LDC 25-8-281(C)(1)(a)]

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval with conditions

b. Name: Stoneridge SP-2013-0096D

Applicant LOC Consultants, LLP

Location: 8907 FM 2244 Road

Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Watershed: Barton Creek Watershed (Barton Springs Zone) Drinking Water Protection Zone

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Request:

1. To omit the roadway deduction from the calculation of allowable impervious cover for this site plan. LDC Section 25-8-65

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval with conditions

c. Name: 1015 E. 12th Street

Applicant: Austin Stowell

Location: 1015 E. 12th Street

City Arborist Staff: Keith Mars, 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 inches as allowed under LDC 25-8-643

Staff Recommendation: Though not an imminent hazard, the subject tree should not be preserved due to tree condition and location on the lot. The variance request meets approval criteria for the City Arborist per LDC 25-8-624(A) (2).

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Consider a petition requesting City consent to the creation of the Cascades Municipal Utility District No. 1 and make a recommendation to Council on the petition – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
- b. Provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission on the draft Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. at Festival Beach Park Master Plan – Chris Yanez, Parks and Recreation Department
- c. Discuss and consider for recommendation a site-specific amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Article 12 (Save Our Springs Initiative) for Garza Tract, generally located at 3712 Ben Garza Lane –Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
- d. Discuss and consider for recommendation a site-specific amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Article 12 (Save Our Springs Initiative) for Encino Trace, Generally located at 5707 Suthwest Parkway., –Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker, James Schissler Report results of joint committee meeting on August 6, 2013.
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales. Report results of meeting that occurred on August 20, 2013.
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Robin Gary & Mary Ann Neely - No report this week.
- d. Development Committee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler. No report this week. Report results of meeting that occurred on August 20, 2013.
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, &Jennifer Walker. No report this week.
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, and Mary Ann Neely No report this week.

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.