



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY July 17, 2013

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday,
July 17, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

Environmental Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Gay Maxwell

Robin Gary

James Schissler

Mary Ann Neely

Marisa Perales

Robert Deegan

Jennifer Walker

Staff in Attendance:

Ben Mengden

Brian Long

David Johns

Jean Drew

Joe Pantalione

Kelly Gagnon

Kristi Fenton

Marilla Shepherd

Matt Hollon

Robyn Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:10 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.

There were 3 citizens signed up to speak under Citizen Communication and 4 citizens signed up to speak on other items on the agenda.

- **Nico Hauwert signed up to speak about the River Hills Sportsplex**
- **Suzy Silerman signed up to speak about the River Hills Sportsplex**
- **Ted Siff signed up to speak about the City of Austin's 10-1 re-districting plan, and discussed City of Austin government drawing the redistricting boundary lines using WPD's mapping lines on the Watershed Protection map.**
- **Michael Fossun affiliated with Austin Heritage Tree Foundation signed up to speak agenda item 6.**
- **Annie Armbrust affiliated with Real-estate Council of Austin (RECA) signed up to speak on item 6.**

- Cynthia Wilcox signed up to speak on item 6.
- Roy Whaley affiliated with Sierra Club signed up to speak on item 6.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on June 19, 2013

The June 19, 2013 Environmental Board minutes were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely vote 6-0-0-1. Board member Jennifer Walker was absent.

- 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 CONTINUING EDUCATION

Report on Earth Camp and Earth School- Susan Wall, Watershed Protection Department.
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

5. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Water Treatment Plant 4 Jollyville Transmission Main monthly project status report - Robyn Smith, Public Works Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Water Treatment Plant 4 Jollyville Transmission Main monthly report on Environmental Commissioning – David Johns, P. G.- Watershed Protection Department

This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. 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

This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board requests to convene the Development Committee to discuss and review items with Austin Water Utility staff. This item will be posted on the August 7, 2013 Environmental Board regular meeting.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION FOR RECOMMENDATION

- a. Consider making a recommendation regarding the Watershed Protection Ordinance, amending sections in Chapters 25-7, 25-8, 30-4, and 30-5 relating to drainage and water quality; amending various sections of Titles 25 and 30 relating to environmental protection, and establishing a water supply mitigation fund and riparian zone fund. – Matt Hollon, Watershed Protection Department

The Environmental Board recommends approval of the recommendation regarding the Watershed Protection Ordinance. Motioned by Board member James Schissler and seconded by Board member Mary Ann Neely. Vote 7-0-0-0. See attached motion.

COMMITTEE 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 –Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler. **No report this week.**
 - 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, & Mary Ann Neely **No report this week.**
 - g. g. Reports from Board representatives to other committees. **No report this week.**
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7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. **Briefings on how considerations for how 10-1 district lines will be drawn.**
 - a. **Discuss the idea of the use of Watershed lines to define new districts.**
 - b. **Briefing on any Board and Commission changes and updates to Bylaws as a result of the new 10-1 districts.**
 - c. **Provide opportunities for public comment on the 10-1 division**
- 2. **Briefing on Imagine Austin Plan as it related to the Watershed Protection Ordinance.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20130717 006A

Date: July 17, 2013

Subject: Consider making a recommendation regarding the Watershed Protection Ordinance, amending sections in Chapters 25-7, 25-8, 30-4, and 30-5 relating to drainage and water quality; amending various sections of Titles 25 and 30 relating to environmental protection, and establishing a water supply mitigation fund and riparian zone fund.

Motioned By: James Schissler, P., E.

Seconded By: Mary Ann Neely

Recommendation:

Whereas City of Austin staff has done an exceptional job inviting and incorporating public input and comment, keeping the process transparent, and analyzing how policy options would affect current residents and the environment, and

Whereas the Watershed Protection Ordinance revisions reflect a good balance of encouragement of smarter and more responsible development patterns,

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the Watershed Protection Ordinance.

Environmental Board Conditions:

1. Remove section 25-8-25 (2) and 30-5-24(2) from ordinance
2. Add transit stops for buses or trains to 25-8-6(C), 25-8-211, 25-8-516, 30 -5-65, 30-5-211 and 30-5-516 in addition to intersection upgrades and bicycle lane additions.
3. Revise language to clarify that trails are allowed in the half Critical Water Quality Zone outside the Erosion Hazard Zone only if there is not space outside the half Critical Water Quality Zone.
4. Revise language to have maximum trail width of 12 feet in the Critical Water Quality Zone.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

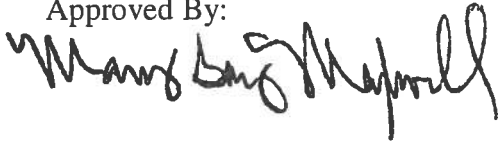
For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales, Schissler and Walker

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gay Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M'.

Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair