



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
September 18, 2013**

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Environmental Board Members in Attendance:

**James Schissler
Jennifer Walker
Mary Ann Neely
Mary Gay Maxwell
Robert Deegan
Robin Gary**

Environmental Board Members Absent:

Marisa Perales

Staff in Attendance:

**Jean Drew
Matt Hollon
Joe Pantalione
Robin Smith
Thais Perkins
Chuck Lesniak
Marilla Shepherd**

Others present:

Richard Suttle

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and subsequently passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Robin Gary to chair the remainder of the meeting.

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 on item 3b.

There were no citizens signed up to speak under citizens communication general.

3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting of September 4, 2013.

The September 4, 2013 minutes were approved on Board member James Schissler's motion and Mary Gay Maxwell's second. [Vote 4-0-2-1] Board member Marisa Perales was absent

- b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
- River Hills Sports Complex
The following speakers signed up:
 1. **Bill Moriarty signed up to speak about River Hills Sports Complex. The Environmental Board requested Mr. Moriarty to send the alternatives to the Environmental Board.**
 2. **Sue Silverman signed up to speak about Rivers Hills Sports Complex**
 3. **Carol Torgrimson signed up to speak about River Hills Sports Complex**
 - Status on Reznicek Field drainage project and future use .
This item was conducted as posted.
 - Status on the downtown tree survey – presentation in October 2013.
This item was conducted as posted.

4.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Annual report on the Watershed Protection Master Plan Implementation Status – Jean Drew, and Mat Hollon Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken

5.

ITEMS POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS 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 – Virginia Collier, Planning and Development Review Department and Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell motioned to postponed to the October 2, 2013 regular meeting and refer to the Urban Growth Policy Committee meeting. [Vote 6-0-0-1] Board member Marisa Perales was absent.

6.

STAFF BRIEFINGS 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., and Thais Perkins, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.

7.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker, James Schissler **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, Robin Gary and Mary Ann Neely - **No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan, and James Schissler. **No report this week**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary, and Jennifer Walker. **No report this week.**
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**

8.

NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- a. **Presentation on the River Hills Sports Complex and address the water supply, impervious cover and regulations.**
- b. **Request for a water conservation discussion from the Austin Water Water Utility to discuss LCRA and Matagorda Bay**

9.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Robin Gary adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.