



**Environmental Board Regular Meeting
May 6, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

BOARD MEMBERS:

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair

Marisa Perales, Vice Chair

James Schissler, P. E., Secretary

Robert Deegan

Mary Ann Neely

Ruthie Redmond

Brian Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers 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. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

- a. The Role of Zero Waste in Making Watershed Protection More Sustainable – Tom Ennis, Business Process Consultant Sr., Watershed Protection Department

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of April 15, 2015.
- b. Environmental Officer's Report and hot topics– Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer
 - i. SH45 Southwest Update

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** Cottages of Lantana
Applicant: EuroAmerican Holdings, Ltd. (Jean Pelisserro); Janet Wier Rourke; Linda Kay Wier.
Agent: Smith, Robertson, Elliott & Douglas, L.L.P. (Mary Stratmann)
Location: 5610 and 5804 Wier Hills Road
Staff Reviewer: Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department; and Wendy Rhoades, Planning & Zoning Department
Watershed: Williamson Creek Watershed-Barton Springs Zone (Contributing Zone)

Request: LO-NP zoning to SF-6-NP zoning and to amend the 1987 Restrictive Covenant
Staff Recommendation: Recommended, with conditions.

- b. **Name:** Sunfield Planned Unit Development C814-2014-0083

Applicant: Coats Rose, PC

Agent: John Joseph

Location: 1901 Turnersville Road

Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review

Department/Environmental Staff; Wendy Rhoades, Planning and Zoning Department/Case Manager

Watershed: Onion, Rinard, and Plum Creek Watersheds (Suburban) Desired Development Zone

Request: Review and consider for recommendation environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development including the requested environmental code exception and environmental superiority elements.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval

Reasons for Recommendation: The proposed PUD meets the requirements of City Code (25-2, Div. 5, 1.1) to be environmentally superior to the development that could otherwise be built under current applicable regulations.

- c. **Name:** 3337 Far View Drive SP-2014-0135D

Applicant: Aupperle Company

Agent: Bruce S. Aupperle, PE

Location: 3337 Far View Drive

Staff Reviewer: Pamela Abee-Taulli, PDRD/Environmental Staff; Christine Barton Holmes, PDRD/Case Manager

Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Suburban), Drinking Water Protection Zone

Ordinance: Watershed Protection Ordinance (current Code)

Request: To modify the standard 150-foot width Critical Environmental Feature buffer in order to allow construction of a tram within a Critical Environmental Feature (rimrock and seep) buffer corridor 10 feet wide and 420 feet long that spans 2 canyon rimrocks and a seep, 25-8-281(C)(2)(b).

Staff Recommendation: 1. Recommended, with the following conditions:

Per the recommendations of the geotechnical engineer, (MLAW Forensics, Inc.), footing holes should not be drilled into the limestone rock if an obvious fracture exists running through the proposed drill location; and 2. A footing-separation distance of 1 foot above and 2 feet below the canyon rimrock CEF will be observed.

Reasons for Recommendation: The findings of fact have been met.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on Watershed Protection Buttermilk Creek Erosion Project – Morgan Byers, Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department
- b. 2014 Heritage Tree Report – Keith Mars, Environmental Program Coordinator, Development Services Department

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and consider a recommendation to the Austin City Council regarding the proposed construction of SH45 Southwest

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, James Schissler, P.E., and Brian Smith. **No report this week.**

- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler, P. E. **No report this week.**
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell and Mary Ann Neely. **Mary Gay will provide an update.**
- d. Development Committee – Robert Deegan, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales and James Schissler, P.E. **Mary Gay will report on this item.**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond and Brian Smith. **No report this week.**
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- g. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond, and Mary Gay Maxwell. **Mary Ann Neely will report on this item.**
- h. Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell. **Mary Gay will report on this item.**
- i. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

9. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Future Agenda Items Requested by Board, as of April 2015					
Request Date	Topic	Requestor	Staff	Agency	EB Meeting Date
Standing item WILL BE COMPLETED SPRING 2015	WTP4 TM Quarterly report on project status and Environmental Commissioning	Board	Robyn Smith, Chuck Lesniak	PW, WPD	Quarterly
11/5/14 **	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION Provide information for new Council members regarding the Environmental Board functions	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	Pending
11/5/14	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION Presentation about environmental issues for each district	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	July/August 2015
11/5/14	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION Watershed Protection Department to brief the Environmental Board with the same presentation material provided to new City Council	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	July/August 2015
3/4/15	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION How the ozone is formed	Mary Ann Neely/ Environmental Board	Pharr Andrews Cari Beutow	ATD ATD	Pending
2/18/15	Briefing from City Clerk on new Council Committee structure and procedures	Environmental Board		Clerk's Office	Pending
3/23/15	Status report from River Watch	Victoria Li	Brent Lyles	Austin Youth River Watch	Pending
4/6/15	SOS Amendment for the Eliza Springs Daylighting	Staff	Chris Herrington	WPD	Pending
4/15/15	Update on the Zucker report and outline of the structure of the two departments:	Environmental Board	Rodney Gonzalez George Adams	Development Services Department and Planning	May 20

	Development Services Department and Planning & Zoning Department			& Zoning Department	
4/20/15	FY14 Annual report/Environmental Board Report	WPD		WPD	May 20
4/20/15	FY16 Budget Process	CFO			May 20