



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 20 2015**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, May 20 2015 at City Hall Boards & Commissions, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan, Ruthie Redmond, Mary Ann Neely, James Schissler and Brian Smith

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Staff in Attendance:**

Charlie Kaough  
Chuck Lesniak  
Connie Campos  
Jessica Coronado  
Joe Pantalione  
Jose Guerrero  
Michael Simmons-Smith  
Mike McDougal  
Mike Personett  
Sylvia Pope  
Victoria Li

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
**Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.**
  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.  
**There were no speakers.**
  3. **10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**
    - a. None
  4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
    - a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of May 6, 2015.  
**The May 6, 2015 meeting minutes were approved on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board Member Brian Smith's second with Marisa Perales and James Schissler off the dais. Vote 5-0-0-2.**
    - b. Environmental Officer's report on past Board actions and hot topics– Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department  
**This item was conducted as posted. No action was taken.**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Live Oak Trails SP-2014-0459C.SH  
**Applicant:** Doucet and Associates, Inc.  
**Agent:** Ted McConaghy  
**Location:** 8500 W Hwy 71  
**Staff Reviewer:** Mike McDougal, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff;  
Michael Simmons-Smith, Development Services Department /Case Manager  
**Watershed:** Williamson Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, and Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** Variance request as follows:
  - 1 – Modify LDC 25-8-341(A) to allow cut up to 8 feet; and
  - 2 – Modify LDC 28-8-342(A) to allow fill up to 8 feet.**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** Findings of fact have been met.  
**Recommendation for approval was made on Board Member James Schissler’s motion and Board Member Marisa Perales’ second. Robert Deegan recused. Vote 1-6-0-0-0.**

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. FY14 Annual report – Victoria Li, Director, Watershed Protection Department  
**This item was conducted as posted. No action was taken.**
- b. Briefing on Watershed Protection Department’s Buttermilk Creek Erosion Project – Charlie Kaough, P.E., Engineer C., Watershed Protection Department  
**This item was conducted as posted. No action was taken.**

**7. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Discuss and consider for action a recommendation to the Austin City Council regarding the proposed construction of SH45 Southwest – Mary Ann Neely, Chair Water Quality Regulations Committee  
**This item was postponed to the June 3, 2015 Environmental Board meeting.**
- b. Discuss and review changes to the Environmental Board enabling ordinance - Mary Gay Maxwell, Board Chair  
**Recommendation for approval was made on Board Member Robert Deegan’s motion and Board Member Mary Ann Neely’s second. Vote 7-0-0-0.**

**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. **No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee – Robert Deegan, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales and James Schissler, P.E. **A new meeting will be scheduled prior to the June 3 Environmental Board meeting to discuss a recommendation to City Council regarding the South Lamar Corridor.**

- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond and Brian Smith. **A new meeting will be scheduled prior to the June 3 Environmental Board meeting to discuss a recommendation to City Council regarding SH45 SW.**
- 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. **These meetings will be held regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 3pm for the remainder of the year with the next meeting scheduled for June 9.**
- h. Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell. **No report this week.**
- i. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS –**  
**Mary Ann Neely requested a project update from staff regarding the hydrodynamic study and how it affects sediment definition at Barton Springs.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**  
**Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.**

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