



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 20150520 007b

Date: May 20, 2015

Subject: Changes to Environmental Board Enabling Ordinance

Motion By: Robert Deegan

Second By: Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

Whereas, the description of duties of the Environmental Commission had inaccuracies regarding the purview of the Urban Forestry Board in sections (F)(4), (G)(2), and (H)(15),

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the request for the changes in the enabling ordinance for the Environmental Commission, Ordinance #20141211-204 to read as follows (see attached text).

Staff Conditions: none

VOTE 7-0-0-0

For: Maxwell, Neely, Schissler, Deegan, Redmond, Smith and Perales

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair

Suggested Changes to Ordinance #20141211-204

PART 20. City Code Section 2-1-144 (*Environmental Board*) is amended to read:

“§2-1-144 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION [BOARD]”

(B) The Environmental Commission [~~Board membership~~] should [~~may~~] include: [~~a Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District board member or staff person who has professional expertise in geology, hydrology, or ecology; and members who have:~~]

(1)[~~Persons who have:~~] Members who have demonstrated concern for and the desire to improve the status of the natural resources and living environment of the City;

(2)[~~A person who has~~] One or more persons who have professional expertise or who have demonstrated expertise in geology, hydrology, civil engineering, land planning, ecology, arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape architecture; and

3) [~~Expertise in arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape architecture~~] One Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District board or staff person who has professional expertise in geology, hydrology, or ecology.

(C) A member described in Subsection (B) (3) need not be a City resident.

(D) Not more than [~~three~~] five members should be employed in land development or related activities.

(E) The department director and the director of the Development Services Department [~~the urban forester, the city arborist, and the director of the Parks and Recreation Department~~] are [~~shall be an~~] ex officio members of the commission [~~board~~] for the purpose of deliberation on a matter relating

to ~~[the]~~ their respective departments. ~~[for which each of them works.]~~

(F) The commission may:

(4) ~~[Study, investigate, plan,]~~ Advise and make recommendations on any [action, program, plan, or legislation] issue which the commission determines necessary or advisable for the [care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs and other landscaping in public parks, along streets, and in other public areas.] enhancement and stewardship of the urban forest, both public and private.

(G) The commission shall:

(2)~~[Develop,]~~ Oversee the development[, establishment] and implementation of a comprehensive [urban forest] plan for the planting, maintenance, and replacement of trees [in parks, along streets and in other public areas] within the city's jurisdiction, and revise as necessary. When a portion of the plan has been developed and established, it shall be submitted to the city council for adoption before implementation.

(H)

(15) ~~[and]the [all matters pertaining to the City's]~~ urban forest, both public and private.