



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1 2015

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, April 1 2015 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Chuck Lesniak
Craig Russell
Jessica Coronado
Jim Dymkowski
Liz Johnson
Mike McDougal
Nadia Barrera
Scott Hiers
Sue Barnett

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 four speakers that signed up to speak. Aamer Shaukat spoke on the Idlewild water drainage issues. Roy Waley spoke on the SH45 SW update. Zoila Vega spoke on the Urban Trail Project Master Plan. Michael Fossum donated his time to Zoila Vega.
 3. **10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**
 - a. None
 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of February 18, 2015.
The March 4, 2015 meeting minutes were approved on Board Member Marisa Perales' motion and Board Member Robert Deegan's second. Vote 6-0-0-1. Board Member James Schissler was absent for the March 4, 2015 meeting.
 - b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer
 - i. Update on SH45 SW, including final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer

This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board will take action at a future meeting.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** 70 Pascal Lane SP-2014-0144D
Applicant: Armbrust & Brown, LLP – Amanda Morrow
Location: 70 Pascal Lane
Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review Department; and Scott Hiers, Watershed Protection Department
Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Suburban), Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: To allow the construction of a tram within a 150 foot Critical Environmental Feature buffer (Canyon Rimrock/Bluff) to provide a single point of shoreline access to a proposed boat dock that is outside of the buffer. 25-8-281 (C) (2) (B).
Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval.
- b. **Recommendation for approval was made on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board Member James Schissler's second. Vote 5-1-0-1. Board Member Marisa Perales made the dissenting vote and Board Member Mary Ann Neely was absent.**
- c. **Name:** Heinrich Bulkhead SP-2014-0090DS
Applicant: Moncada Consulting - Agent Phil Moncada
Location: 4101-1/2 Rivercrest Dr.
Staff Reviewer: Brad Jackson
Watershed: Lake Austin Watershed (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: Courtesy Environmental Board briefing and request for a recommendation to allow fill in Lake Austin [LDC Section 25-8-652(A) of the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance]
Staff Recommendation: Recommended for consent with conditions.
Recommendation for approval was made on Board Member Robert Deegan's motion and Board Member Ruthie Redmond's second. Vote 6-0-0-1. Board Member Mary Ann Neely was absent.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Urban Trail Project Master Plan – Nadia Barrera, Public Works Department
This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Onion Creek buyout policy – Victoria Li, Watershed Protection Department
This item was indefinitely postponed.
- c. Review Changes to Environmental Board enabling ordinance – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
Recommendation for approval of the request for changes was made on Board Member Mary Gay Maxwell's motion and Board Member James Schissler's second. Vote 6-0-0-1. Board Member Mary Ann Neely was absent.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely and James Schissler, P.E. **No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., Marisa Perales, and Ruthie Redmond. Chair Maxwell read into the record the correction stating Ruthie Redmond is not a member of this committee. **Marissa Perales will report on this item Re: special events permitting process and its impact on parks.**

- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan, and James Schissler, P.E. **Robert Deegan provided a report on the South Lamar Corridor Study.**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely and Brian Smith. **No report this week. Chair Maxwell read into the record the correction stating Ruthie Redmond is a member of this committee.**
- 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. Ruthie Redmond provided the report on the CAPCOG’s presentation of the Clean Air Coalition’s comments on the EPA’s proposal to revise the ozone standards.**
- h. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

8. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

- 1. Board Member Brian Smith will be included as a member of the City’s Environmental Board and Parks & Recreation Board Joint Committee.**
- 2. Include a set place on the agenda for a report on the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee.**
- 3. Take action regarding SH45 SW FEIS.**
- 4. Recommendations for the Parkland Events Task Force.**
- 5. Take action regarding the USA Cycling restoration efforts of Zilker Park.**

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting to order at 8:41 p.m.

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