



**Environmental Commission Regular Meeting
August 5, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Boards & Commissions Meeting Room, 301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

COMMISSIONERS:

Andrew Creel (D-1)	Erin Gooch (D-4)	Richard Grayum (D-10)	Peggy Maceo (D-7)
Mary Gay Maxwell (D-9)	Michael Moya (D-6)	Mary Ann Neely (D-5)	Marisa Perales (D-2)
Hank Smith (D-8)	Brian Smith (Mayoral)	Pam Thompson (D-3)	

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - 2. COMMISSION BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Officer Elections
 - 3. 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.
 - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of June 17, 2015.
 - b. Environmental Officer's Report and hot topics – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer
 - i. Discuss Commission backup material distribution
 - ii. Discuss Commission meeting location
 - 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Discuss and consider for recommendation the City of Austin contract with Austin Youth River Watch – R. Brent Lyles, Executive Director, Austin Youth River Watch
 - 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**
 - a. Land Development Code Common Terms and Acronyms – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

- b. Overview of Land Use Review and the Development Process – George Adams, Andy Linseisen, Sue Barnett, Development Services Department, Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
- c. Tree Protection: Regulations and Review Process – Keith Mars, Development Services Department
- d. Planned Unit Developments – Wendy Rhoades, Planning and Zoning Department, Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Name:** 8818 Big View #4 SP-2014-0227D
Applicant: Raj and Santosh Singla; Bruce Aupperle, P.E., engineer
Location: 8818 Big View Drive #4
Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Rosemary Avila, Development Services Department/Case Manager; Brent Bellinger, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff
Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: To allow dredging up to 56 cy. 25-8-652(E).
Staff Recommendation: Deny
- b. **Name:** Caven Boat Dock SP-2015-0202DS
Applicant: Caven Hubbard Scott Jr Trust; Phil Moncada agent
Location: 2806 Scenic Drive
Staff Reviewer: Atha Phillips, Development Services Department/Environmental Reviewer; Christine Barton-Holmes, Development Services Department/Case Manager; Sylvia Pope, Watershed Protection Department/ERM Staff
Watershed: Taylor Slough North (Water Supply Suburban), Drinking Water Protection Zone
Request: To allow the construction of a boat dock within a 150 foot Critical Environmental Feature buffer (Canyon Rimrock/Bluff). 25-8-281(C)(2) (B).
Staff Recommendation: Approve

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee
- b. Other reports from Commissioners

9. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items

10. ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Environmental Board, please contact **Jessica Coronado**, Watershed Protection Department, at (512) 974-3443.



Future Agenda Items Requested by Board, as of July 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	August
6/3/15	10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION: Isolating fecal bacteria sources in Austin creeks	Staff	Chris Herrington	WPD	Pending
5/6/15	Update on the voluntary buyout program	Environmental Board		WPD	After June 4
4/15/15	Update on the Zucker report and outline of the structure of the two departments: Development Services Department and Planning &	Environmental Board	Rodney Gonzalez George Adams	Development Services Department and Planning & Zoning	After June 30 th

	Zoning Department			Department	
6/17/15	Discuss possible action regarding the use of neonicotinoids in the City	Environmental Board	Chris Herrington Luke Metzger	WPD Environment TX	After July
7/15/15	Introduction of Texas A&M's Central Texas Regional Urban Forester	Environmental Officer	Brad Hamel		August 19
7/10/15	Mayes Boat Dock - SP-2014-0182D	Staff	Mike McDougal	DSD	August 19
7/27/15	Appointment to Joint Sustainability Committee	Council			August 19
6/17/15	Approve revisions to Chapter 6-5 of the Code applicable to watercraft and marinas.	Staff	Michael Carolan	AWU	August 19
2/18/15	Briefing from City Clerk on new Council Committee structure and procedures	Environmental Board		Clerk's Office	Pending
4/6/15	SOS Amendment for the Eliza Springs Daylighting	Staff	Chris Herrington	WPD	Pending
5/20/15	Briefing on spring flow and spring rehab study	Environmental Board	Mike Personett	WPD	Pending
6/3/15	Update on Shady Hollow annexation and W/WW service	Environmental Board		WPD AWU	Pending
6/3/15	Update on local flooding along Hemphill and E 33 rd Street	Environmental Board		WPD	Pending
6/3/15	Update on Green Infrastructure and CodeNEXT	Environmental Board		WPD	Pending
6/3/15	Update on Imagine Austin and the overlay on watersheds	Environmental Board		WPD	Pending