

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, September 10, 2008,



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY,
September 20, 2008.**

**The Environmental Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday,
September 10, 2008, One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Road 2nd Floor Room
#240, Austin Texas**

Board Members in Attendance:

Rodney Ahart, Dave Anderson, Jon Beall, Mary Gay Maxwell, Phil Moncada and Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Marilla Shepherd, Ingrid McDonald, Patricia Foran, Craig Carson, Chris Herrington, Ray Windsor, Kevin Shunk, P. E., Gopal Guthikonda, P. E., Mateo Scroggins, and Pat Murphy.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Anderson called the Board Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

- a. Carol Torgrimson made an appeal to the Environmental Board members to consider postponing agenda item 4 a Vaught Ranch Road**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the August 20, 2008 regular meeting.

The minutes for the regular minutes on August, 2008 were approved on Board member Phil Moncada' motion and Board members Ahart's second. [Vote 5-1 Board member Beall was off the dais, one vacancy]

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT CASES

- a. Name: Austin Del Valle Motorcross Park SP-2007-0613D**

Applicant: Espey Consultants, Inc. (Ron Crane)

Location: 14600 Pearce Road

Staff Person: Patricia Foran – Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

Request: Variance request to Land Development Code 25-7-61(A) (5) (b)); 1) alter the floodplain. (LDC 25-8-211(B)); 2) not provide water quality controls. LDC 25-8-282;

3) encroach within wetland critical environmental features and associated setback (LDC 25-8-342); 4) unstabilized fill up to 16 feet (LDC 25-8-392); 5) construct up to 3.59 acres of impervious cover (track), and construct water quality controls within the Critical Water Quality Zone. (LDC 25-8-393(A)); 6) exceed 30% impervious cover in the Water Quality Transition Zone by constructing up to 2.61 acres (11,362 square feet) impervious cover, 1.74 acres (75,795 square feet) of which is in the 100-year floodplain.

Staff Recommendation: Not recommended for all variance requests because the findings of fact have not been met.

The motion to withdraw agenda item 3a was approved on Board member Dave Anderson motion and Board member's Moncada's second [Vote 5-1 Board member Beall was off the dais. One vacancy]

b. Name: 328 Heartwood SP-2008-0091D

Applicant: King Engineering Associates, Inc. (Aaron Googins)

Location: 328 Heartwood Drive

Staff Person: Craig Carson- Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

Request: Variance request to Land Development Code Sections 25-8-382 1) To allow development in the Critical Water Quality Zone and; 2) Land Development Code Section 25-8-392 - To allow fill up to 7.5 feet.

Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended

The Environmental Board recommended conditional approval to a variance request to Land Development Code 25-8-382 1) To allow development in the Critical Water Quality Zone and; 2) Land Development Code Section 25-8-392 - To allow fill up to 7.5 feet. The motion was approved on Board member Mary Ann Neely's and Board Member Mary Gay Maxwell's second. RATIONALE- 1. The owner attempted in good faith to get permits. 2. Impacts to water quality and flood plain are negligible. [Vote 4-1] Board member Moncada had a conflict with this item and recused himself from the dais. One vacancy.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Service Extension Request for Vaught Ranch Road Water #2768 and Wastewater #2769- Robbie Botto- Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The motion to postpone agenda item 4a Vaught Ranch Road SER #2768 Water and 2769 Wastewater to September 17, 2008 was approved on Board member

Dave Anderson's motion, and Board member's and Board Member Mary Ann Neely's second [Vote 6-0 one vacancy]

b. Joint Environmental Board and Urban Forestry Board Tree Resolution – Dave Anderson Chair.

The Environmental Board, along with the City of Austin Tree Task Force, and the Urban Forestry Board, offer the attached resolution to address recent damage to the urban tree canopy, and to recognize this resource as an important infrastructure component to the City of Austin. [Board member Mary Ann Neel motion and Board Member Moncada' second] [Vote 6-0 one vacancy]

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Briefing on the Austin Clean Water Program – Gopal Guthikonda, P. E., Austin Water Utility

This item was conducted as posted.

b. Presentation on Environmental Integrity Index Scores (EII Scores) - Ingrid McDonald, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

This item was conducted as posted.

c. Presentation on Bull Creek District Park- Chris Herrington, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

This item was conducted as posted.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee Update – Dave Anderson, P.E.

Mary Ann Neely reported on this item the next meeting is Monday September 15, 2008 at 6:15 p.m.

b. Erosion and Sedimentation Controls Update – Dave Anderson, P.E.
Phil Moncada reported on this item.

Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Group Update
Mary Ann Neely

Mary Ann Neely reported on this item

c. Waterfront Overlay Taskforce – Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell
Mary Gay Maxwell reported on this item.

d. 2008 Work Plan Review –Dave Anderson, P. E.
No report this week on this item.

e. Rosewood Dumpsite Update – Rodney Ahart
Rodney Ahart reported on this item

7. NEW BUSINESS

Request for future agenda items:

- a. Rodney Ahart is requesting Ingrid McDonald to place Matt Hollon's analysis the packet.
- b. Mary Ann Neely requested a short presentation and tour from staff at BCP.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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