



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
June 15, 2011. The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on
Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street,
Austin, Texas 78701**

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Anderson, Robin Gary, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, and James Schissler.

Staff in Attendance:

Jeb Brown, Jean Drew, Joe Hoepken, David Johns, Charles Lesniak, Keith Mars,
Ingrid McDonald, Theis Perkins, Mike Personett, and Marilla Shepherd.

Others in attendance: Dave Anderson and and Ray Brainard of Black and Veach.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Speaker should sign up to speak prior to the meeting called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment To address to your concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Bill Bunch signed up to speak on agenda item 6a, Water Treatment Plant 4.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on June 1, 2011.

The minutes of the Environmental Board meeting on June 1, 2011 were approved on Board member Jon Beall motion and Board member Mary Ann Neely's second on a vote of [4-0.] Board members Robin Gary and Bob Anderson abstained because they were absent on 6/1/11. Board Member Eva Hernandez absent

3. 10 MINUTES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTPONED FROM THE JUNE 1, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

a. **Name:** Block at 26th SP-2011-0032C.SH

Applicant: Lynn Ann Carley, P. E. Armbrust and Brown, PLLC

Location: 900 West 26th Street

City Arborist: Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review Department

Ordinance: Heritage Tree Ordinance

Request: The variance request is as follows:

The applicant is requesting to remove a heritage tree with a stem greater than 30 inches as allowed under Land Development Code 25-8-643.

Recommendation: The request does not meet City Arborist approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A).

The applicant requested to postpone this public hearing until the July 20, 2011 regular meeting. There was no objection by the Environmental Board that item 5a postponed to the July 20, 2011 Environmental Board regular meeting. Board members Eva Hernandez was absent.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. **Name:** Senna Hills Section 10 CJ8-92-0080.07.1B(R1)

Applicant: Axiom Engineers Contact: Alan D. Rhames, P. E.

Location: Senna Hills Drive

Staff Person: Jeb Brown, Planning and Development Review Department

Request: To allow fill up to a maximum of 13.0 feet (Ordinance Number: 840301-G) Section 13-3-651

Watershed: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone

Recommendation: Recommended for approval with conditions.

The Environmental Board recommended approval with conditions Approved on Board member Jon Beall's motion with Board member Bob Anderson's second. Vote [5-1] Board member James Schissler Dissenting, Board member Eva Hernandez was absent. See attached motion.

b. **Name:** Robertson Hill Multifamily Development Permit #10597946

Applicant: Zach Hunter , Bury + Partners

Location: 813 East 11th Street

City Arborist: Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review
Department

Ordinance: Heritage Tree Ordinance

Request: The variance request is as follows:

The applicant is appealing the denial of an administrative variance request to remove a 26 inch diameter heritage tree, as allowed under Land Development Code Section 25-8-644.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval based on the condition of the tree and overall tree preservation and replanting.

The Environmental Board recommended approval with conditions Approved on Board member Bob Anderson motion with Board member Jon Beall's second. Vote [5-0] Board member Eva Hernandez was absent. See attached motion.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing from staff on Jollyville Transmission Main environmental analysis, design, and environmental protection measures. Chuck Lesniak, Robyn Smith, Watershed Protection Department and Joe Hoepken, P. E. Austin Water Utility
This item was conducted as posted, no action taken.

7. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall & Mary Ann Neely.
- 2) Urban Growth Policy subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E. , Jon Beall & Eva Hernandez
- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, Jon Beall, & Mary Ann Neely.
- 4) Development Subcommittee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell & James Schissler.
- 5) Water Quality Regulations subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, and Robin Gary.
- 6) Watershed Protection Budget subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Jon Beall and Bob Anderson
- 7) Reports from Board representative to other committees.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Urban Growth Policy Committee

Request: Consider to convene the Environmental Board Urban Growth Policy Committee.

- **The Urban Growth Policy meeting scheduled for 6/17/11 at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Grand Opening of the Watershed Protection Pond – Mary Ann Neely.**
- **Special Called Environmental Board Meeting Retreat is on 6/22/11 at 6:00 p.m.**

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD 0615114A

Date: June 15, 2011

Subject: Block at 26th Street SP-2011-0032C.SH

There were no objections by the Environmental Board to Lynn Ann Carley's request to postpone the Block at 26th Street SP-2011-0032C.SH until the next regular meeting July 20, 2011.

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Mary Gay Maxwell,
Environmental Board Chair.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 061511 5a

Date: June 15, 2011

Subject: Senna Hills Section CJ8-92-0080.07.1B(R1)

Motioned By: Jon Beall

Seconded By: Bob Anderson

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions to Senna Hills Section CJ8-92-0080.07.1B(R1).

Board Conditions:

Applicant will make a donation to the Austin Parks Foundation in the amount of \$30,000.00, with the understand that part of this grant will go to Tree Folks for the planting of trees.

Rationale:

Applicant has agreed to a \$30K donation to Austin Parks Foundation.

Vote: 4-0-1-1-1

For: Anderson, Beall, Gary, and Maxwell

Against: Schissler

Abstain: None

Absent: Hernandez

Recusal: Neely

Board member Mary Ann Neely recused due to a potential conflict of interest.

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell,
Environmental Board Chair.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 061511 5b

Date: June 15, 2011

Subject: Robertson Hill Multifamily Development Permit #1059746

Motioned By: Bob Anderson

Seconded By: Jon Beall

The Environmental Board recommends approval with conditions to the Robertson Hill Multifamily Development Permit #1059746. Applicant to transplant Cedar Elm trees from the site to count towards the 44 inches short fall of mitigation inches.

Staff Conditions:

- A comprehensive, two-year tree care plan is provided for the 25" Live Oak to remain onsite.
- A certified arborist performs any necessary pruning for construction.
- The ½ critical root zone (25' diameter or 491.0 ft²) is to receive a 3" layer of hardwood mulch.
- If possible, 26 caliper inches of trees are to be planted in TxDOT right-of-way adjacent to the property and upgradient from IH-35. If not possible, then landscape requirement trees are to be increased in diameter to the point that the inches of trees replanted satisfies both landscape and mitigation requirements. Based on conceptual plans the applicant has a shortfall of 44 inches of mitigation inches. Therefore, this condition would result in 44 of the proposed 92 trees to be increased by 1" diameter at the time of planting.

Board Conditions:

In addition, applicant to transplant cedar elm trees, if possible from the site to count towards the 44 inches short fall of mitigation inches.

Rationale:

Saving the Heritage Tree # 4381 and the Cedar Elms onsite if possible, will work to preserve the urban forest.

Vote: 6-0-0-1

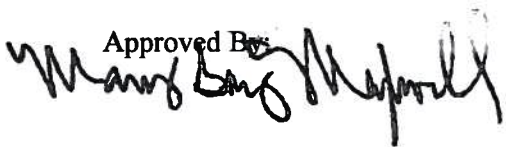
For: Anderson, Beall, Gary, Maxwell, Neely and Schissler

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hernandez

Approved By:

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Mary Gay Maxwell,
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