



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY
April 18, 2012**

The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at City Hall Council Chambers. 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Anderson, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, Marisa Perales, James Schissler and Jennifer Walker

Board Member Absent:

Robin Gary

Staff in Attendance:

Mike Personett, Jacqueline Ramos, Nathan Bendik, Michael Embesi and Keith Mars

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 for concerns not posted

On the agenda.

There were no citizens signed up to speak under this item.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environment Board regular meeting on March 7, 2012 and April 4, 2012.

The minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting were approved. April 4, 2012 minutes were postponed for approval on the May 2, 2012 meeting on Board Member James Schissler's motion and Board Member Jennifer Walker second [Vote 5-1-1] Board Member Robin Gary absent.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on recent discovery of new Jollyville Plateau Salamander site. - Nate Bendik, Watershed Protection Department
Conducted as posted - no action taken

4. BOARD BUSINESS

- a. Discuss BCCP response to Board request for biologist review of Regents School cave. – Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair Environment Board, postponed discussion of this issue until May 2, 2012, when staff can be present to discuss.

- b. Update on the ongoing work of the Development Committee on the Heritage Tree issues in the Austin downtown area. – Bob Anderson, Chair Development Committee

Conducted as posted – no action taken. See attached report.

5. OLD BUSINESS REPORTS, AND ACTION

- 1) Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, and Jennifer Walker.

MaryAnn Neely:

The big issue was about the art work and where to put it. The outcome of the discussion we will have a site visit to walk around and look at the potential sites so we can get the feel of what's best of by actually being there and look out over the pool. AIPP commissioned an artist/sculptor for the project.

- 2) Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and Marisa Perales

No report this week.

- 3) Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair, Bob Anderson, & Mary Ann Neely.

No report this week.

- 4) Development Committee – Bob Anderson, Chair, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, & James Schissler.

No report this week.

- 5) Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary & Jennifer Walker

No report this week.

- 6) Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, & Bob Anderson.

New member added: Mary Ann Neely. Meeting date, May 10, 2012

- 7) Reports from Board representative to other committees.

No report this week.

6. CLOSING REMARKS:

Dr. Maxwell postponed the retreat until further planning with board members can be completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm