



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 16, 2013

The Environmental Board convened a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Environmental Board Members in Attendance:

James Schissler
Jennifer Walker
Mary Gay Maxwell
Robert Deegan
Robin Gary
Marisa Perales

Environmental Board Member absent.

Mary Ann Neely

Staff in Attendance:

Angela Hanson
Chris Charles
Chuck Lesniak
Craig Hiatt
Jim Dymkowski
Leah Haynie
Liz Johnston
Lucia Athens
Marilla Shepherd
Michael Embesi
Mike McDougal
Sue Barnett
Thais Perkins

Others present:

Phil Moncada
Chris Kite

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the Environmental Board meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

Speaker 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.

No citizens signed up to speak during citizens' communication.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Board member James Schissler moved to approve the minutes of Environmental board regular meeting of October 2, 2013; Marisa Perales seconded. Vote: 6-0; Board member Mary Ann Neely was absent.**

b. Environmental Board Officer Elections: Secretary, Vice-Chair and Chair
The Environmental Board accepted nominations to retain current officers Chair Mary Gay Maxwell and Secretary James Schissler for an additional year. Marisa Perales was elected Vice Chair.

[Vote 6-0]; Board member Mary Ann Neely was absent.

c. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions –
Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department

- Water Treatment Plant No. 4

This item was conducted as posted. No action was taken.

- Reznicek Field

This item was conducted as posted. Mr. Lesniak will evaluate how the process for the use of the park works and if the plan would be reviewed by the Environmental Board prior to City Council.

Damon Howze signed up to speak about Reznicek Field.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. **Name: J & K Park Addition C8J-2013-0031.0A**

Applicant Perales Engineering, LLC - Jerry Perales, Agent

Location: 1300 Mount Larson Rd

Staff Reviewer: Mike McDougal, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Watershed: Bee Creek Watershed; Water Supply Rural; Drinking Water Protection Zone

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Request:

1. To allow single family density to exceed one unit for two acres
[LDC 25-8-454(B)(1) / LDC 30-5-454(B)(1)]

Staff Recommendation: Recommended

Board member Robert Deegan moved to approve and James Schissler seconded. Vote 6-0; Board member Mary Ann Neely was absent.

b. **Name:** 15101 Debba Drive SP-2013-0110D

Applicant: Prossner and Associates Kurt Prossner Agent

Location: 15101 Debba Drive

Staff Reviewer: Liz Johnston, PDRD Environmental Reviewer

Watershed: Running Deer Creek; Water Supply Rural; Drinking Water Protection Zone

Ordinance: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (current Code)

Request:

1. To allow fill in excess of 4 feet not exceeding 14 feet, LDC 25-8-342(A)

Staff Recommendation: Not Recommended

Motion to recommend disapproval made by Board member Marisa Perales and seconded by Jennifer Walker. Motion approved.

Vote 5-1-0-1; Board member Mary Ann Neely was absent.

- c. **Name:** Overlook At Davenport SPC-2012-0425C
Applicant: Hanrahan Pritchard Engineering Inc.
Location: 6001 Bold Ruler Way
Staff Reviewer: Jim Dymkowski, PDRD Environmental Reviewer
Watershed St. Stephen's Creek Watershed (Water Supply Rural) Drinking Water Protection Zone
Ordinance: Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance (840301-F)
Request:
 1. To allow fill greater than 4 feet not exceeding 9.2 feet, Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance Section 9-10-409(a)**Staff Recommendation:** Approved with conditions

At the request of the applicant, this item was postponed until the next Environmental Board meeting on November 6, 2013.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing and request for recommendation on the Austin Urban Forest Plan – Patrick Brewer, Urban Forestry Board and Leah Haynie, Parks and Recreation Department
Board member Robert Deegan moved to commend the work, recommend changes and request the amended report be presented to the Board and Marisa Perales seconded. Motion approved. Vote 6-0; Board member Mary Ann Neely was absent. See attached motion. Zoila Vega signed up to speak about the Urban Forest Plan.
- b. Briefing on Tree Survey – Michael Embesi, Planning and Development Review Department
This item was conducted as posted. Board member James Schissler made a motion to commend the City's work and Robert Deegan seconded. Motion was approved [Vote 6-0]. Board member Mary Ann Neely was absent. See attached motion.
- c. Briefing and request for recommendation on staff report regarding the use of aggregate in landscaping; Council Resolution number 20130523-078 – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
This item was conducted as posted. Board member Robert Deegan made a motion to approve with conditions [Vote 6-0]. Board member Mary Ann Neely was absent. See attached motion. Eric Schultz signed up to speak about the use of aggregate in landscaping.

Eleanor McKinney signed up to speak about the use of aggregate in landscaping.

- d. Briefing on water conservation and the drought – Drema Gross, Austin Water Utility

At the request of the Environmental Board, this item was postponed until the next Environmental Board meeting on November 6, 2013.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Jennifer Walker and James Schissler **No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E. and Marisa Perales. **No report this week.**
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Robin Gary and Mary Ann Neely - **No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan and James Schissler. **No report this week**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Chair, Robin Gary and Jennifer Walker. **No report this week.**
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, and Mary Ann Neely
No report this week.
- g. Other reports from Board member
No report this week.

7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items

- 1. Adopt the 2014 meeting calendar at the 11/6/2013 Environmental Board meeting.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.