



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

**The Environmental Board convened a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

Environmental Board Members in Attendance:

**James Schissler**  
**Robert Deegan**  
**Marisa Perales**  
**Robin Gary**  
**Jennifer Walker off dais at 8:15 p.m.**  
**Mary Gay Maxwell**  
**Mary Ann Neely arrived at 7:30 p.m.**

Staff in Attendance:

**Jim Dymkowski**  
**Chris Herrington**  
**Sue Barnett**  
**Sylvia Pope**  
**Brent Lloyd**  
**Kirk Scanlon**  
**Andy Linseisen**  
**Jean Drew**  
**Marilla Shepherd**  
**Mateo Scoggins**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:07 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. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of November 6, 2013.  
**Board member James Schissler moved to approve the minutes of Environmental Board meeting of November 6, 2013 with an amendment to item 5c to correct the vote to read [4-0-1-2]. Robert Deegan seconded. Vote: 5-0-1-1 Board members Mary Ann Neely was not present and Board member Marisa Perales abstained.**

- b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions –  
Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department **no report this week.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTPONED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2013**

- a. **Name:** Boat Dock for 5 Humboldt Lane  
**Applicant:** Braun and Gresham Attorneys at Law  
**Location:** 5 Humboldt Lane  
**Staff Reviewer:** Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review Department and Sylvia Pope, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural)  
**Ordinance:** Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance  
**Request:** Variance request is as follows:
  - 1. To allow construction of a boat dock and the associated access trail within a Critical Environmental Feature buffer, LDC Section 25-8-281(C)(1)(a).**Staff Recommendation:** Recommend approval with conditions  
  
**Board member Marisa Perales moved to postpone to 12/18/13. Robin Gary seconded. Vote 4-2-0-1; Board member Mary Ann Neely was not present. The Environmental Board wants to see more information about the 1979 Restrictive Covenant in the backup material at the next meeting.**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **Name:** Regents West Campus SP-2012-0427C  
**Applicant:** Hanrahan-Pritchard Engineering Inc.  
**Location:** 3231 Travis Country Circle  
**Staff Reviewer:** Jim Dymkowski, Planning and Development Review Department  
**Watershed:** Barton Creek Watershed (Barton Springs Zone) Drink Water Protection Zone  
**Ordinance:** Save our Springs Ordinance (Current Code)  
**Request:** Variance request is as follows:
  - 1. To allow cut greater than 4 feet not to exceed 15 feet LDC Section 25-8-341
  - 2. To allow fill greater than 4 feet not to exceed 8 feet LDC Section 25-8-342**Staff Recommendation:** Approval with conditions  
  
**Board member Robert Deegan moved to approve with conditions and Mary Ann Neely seconded. Vote 7-0; See attached motion.**
  
- b. **Name:** Lakeside Villas SP-2013-0092D  
**Applicant:** Garrett-Ihnen Civil Engineering – Agent Jevon Poston, P. E.  
**Location:** 4300 Mansfield Dam Road  
**Staff Reviewer:** Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review Department  
**Watershed:** Lake Austin Watershed (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Ordinance:** Watershed Protection Ordinance (current code)

**Request:** Variance requests are as follows:

1. To allow cut to exceed 4 feet. LDC Section 25-8-341 (A)
2. To allow fill to exceed 4 feet. LDC Section 25-8-342 (A)
3. To allow construction of a building on slopes in excess of 25%, but less than 35%. LDC Section 25-8-302(A)

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommend approval

**Board member Robert Deegan moved to approve with conditions and James Schissler seconded. Vote 6-0; Board member Jennifer Walker was off the dais. See attached motion.**

c. **Name: Lakeside Villas II SP-2013-0093D**

**Applicant:** Garrett-Ihnen Civil Engineering – Agent Jevon Poston, P. E.

**Location:** 4301 Mansfield Dam Road

**Staff Reviewer:** Liz Johnston, Planning and Development  
Review Department

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

**Ordinance:** Watershed Protection Ordinance (current code)

**Request:** Variance requests are as follows:

1. To allow cut to exceed 4 feet. LDC Section 25-8-341 (A)
2. To allow fill to exceed 4 feet. LDC Section 25-8-342 (A)
3. To reduce a Critical Environmental Feature buffer of a canyon rimrock to less than 150 feet. LDC Section 25-8-281(C)(1)(a).

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommend approval

**Board member Robert Deegan moved to approve with conditions and James Schissler seconded. Vote 6-0; Board member Jennifer Walker was off the dais. See attached motion.**

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. 2012-2013 Town Lake Park, Annual Concession Report – Kirk Scanlon, Contract Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department

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

b. Briefing on the Watershed Protection Department rescued plant nursery and the possibility of plant rescues as mitigation for variance requests– Mateo Scoggins, Watershed Protection Department

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Board requests to convene the Water Quality Regulations Committee to discuss mitigation strategies.**

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, Jennifer Walker, and James Schissler, P.E. Update from the last meeting of the Joint Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely & Jennifer Walker. **This item was not conducted.**

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, P.E. - **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 members. **No report this week.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**

- 1. Request for information about the Regents increased bio monitoring for cave x preconstruction and during construction status.**
- 2. Board Member Robin Gary announced that her last Environmental Board meeting will be December 18, 2013.**
- 3. December 4, 2013 Environmental Board meeting is canceled.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.**



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20131120 005a

Recommend approval of variance request at 3231 Travis Country Circle SP-2012-0427C Regents West Campus

1. To allow cut greater than 4 feet not to exceed 15 feet LDC Section 25-8-341
2. To allow fill greater than 4 feet not to exceed 8 feet LDC Section 25-8-342

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has met the Findings of Fact.

And whereas, the additional cut will provide needed material for proposed approved floodplain modifications minimizing need for importing fill.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the variance request with the following Staff and Environmental Board conditions:

Staff conditions:

- 1) Restrict future development on the west campus by limiting the overall impervious cover to 15% of the net site area.
- 2) The applicant has agreed to and already provided a site specific turf management plan/IPM for the football field that details the use of fertilizer and pesticide application, soil maintenance, and irrigation schedule related to its use as a re-irrigation area for the required SOS water quality control.

Board conditions:

Ensure IPM is extended to Baseball Field Campus. Irrigation will follow City of Austin Water restrictions and drought restrictions regardless of water source (City water or Well water).

Date of Approval: November 20, 2013

Record of the Vote [7-0-0-0]

For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales, Schissler and Walker

Against: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Attested by: Mary Beth Kelly



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20131120 005b

Recommend approval of variance request at 4300 Mansfield Dam Road SP-2013-0092D

1. To allow cut to exceed 4 feet. LDC Section 25-8-341 (A)
2. To allow fill to exceed 4 feet. LDC Section 25-8-342 (A)
3. To allow construction of a building on slopes in excess of 25%, but less than 35%. LDC Section 25-8-302(A)

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has met the Findings of Fact.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the variance request with the following Environmental Board conditions:

Cut and fill will not exceed 8 feet.

Date of Approval: November 20, 2013

Record of the Vote [6-0-0-1]


For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales and Schissler

Against: None

Abstained : None

Absent: Walker was off the dais.

Attested by



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BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Recommendation Number: 20131120 005C

Recommend approval of variance request at 4300 Mansfield Dam Road SP-2013-0093D

1. To allow cut to exceed 4 feet. LDC Section 25-8-341 (A)
2. To allow fill to exceed 4 feet. LDC Section 25-8-342 (A)
3. To reduce a Critical Environmental Feature buffer of a canyon rimrock to less than 150 feet. LDC Section 25-8-281(C)(1)(a).

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has met the Findings of Fact.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the variance request with the following Environmental Board conditions:

Extend the critical environmental feature buffer on uphill side of rimrock to cover area between the currently proposed buffer, existing electric easement, and currently proposed Limit of Work.

Cut and fill will not exceed 8 feet.

Date of Approval: November 20, 2013

Record of the Vote [6-0-0-1]

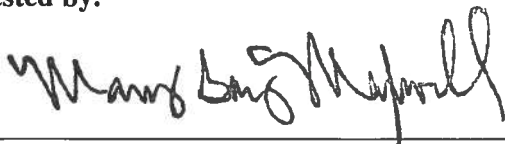
For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Neely, Perales and Schissler

Against: None

Abstained : None

Absent: Walker was off the dais.

**Attested by:**



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