



**Environmental Board Regular Meeting
December 3, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.
301 W. 2nd Street, City Hall Council Chambers
Austin, Texas 78701**

Agenda

Robert Deegan
Place 1 Appointee

Marisa Perales, Vice Chair
Place 2 Appointee

Ruthie Redmond
Place 3 Appointee

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair
Place 4 Appointee

Brian Smith
Place 5 Appointee

James Schissler, P. E., Secretary
Place 6 Appointee

Mary Ann Neely
Mayor's Appointee

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Speakers 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.

3. SPECIAL STAFF REPORT

a. Report on Proposed Restructure of the Drainage Charge – Victoria Li, Director, Watershed Protection Department

4. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION

a. Air Quality Report on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Proposal to Lower the Ground-level Ozone Standard –Cari Buetow, Transportation Department

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board Work Session and regular meeting of November 5, 2014.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION**

Name: 2908 Scenic Drive SP-2013-0295DS

Applicant: Moncada Consulting – Agent Phil Moncada

Location: 2908 Scenic Drive

Staff Reviewer: Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review Department and Sylvia Pope, Watershed Protection Department

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

Request:

1) To modify the standard 150-foot width Critical Environmental Feature buffer in order to allow removal of existing stairs and construction of a tram within a corridor 10 feet wide and 55 feet long that spans a canyon rimrock, 25-8-281(C)(1)(a).

Staff Recommendation: Recommend for approval

7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Presentation on the Habitat Management Plan for the Barton Springs and Austin Blind Salamanders that Watershed Protection Department recently submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for review – Tom Devitt, Environmental Scientist, and Nathan Bendik, Watershed Protection Department
- b. FY 2013-2014 Town Lake Park Annual Concession Report – Kirk Scanlon, AICP, Parks and Recreation Department
- c. Briefing on the Wildfire Protection Plan - Ryan Hebrink, Watershed Protection Department

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, and James Schissler, P.E. **No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., Marisa Perales and Ruthie Redmond **No report this week.**
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, 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, and Chair, Brian Smith. **No report this week.**
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell Marisa Perales, and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- g. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond and Mary Gay Maxwell **Mary Ann Neely will report on this item.**
- h. Other reports from Board members

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

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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