



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010, 6:30PM
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MAIN OFFICE, BOARD RM.
200 S. LAMAR BLVD.
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2009 & February 17, 2009

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 4 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) Forestry
- b. Austin Energy
- c. Planning and Development Review Department

6. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Briefing on Urban Forest Management Plan–Walter Passmore, PARC
- b. Strategic Work Plan
- c. Oak wilt education and outreach – Board Members Donnelly and Halley
- d. Professional licensing of tree care professionals – Board Members Donnelly, Fleming and Wilson
- e. Urban Forest Open Source Map Status – Board Members Halley and Babberney
- f. Education sign about why we leave snags – Board Member Fleming and Wilson
- g. Review/refinement of letter to City Council that will propose the creation of a Cemetery Oversight Working Group – Board Members Classen and Wilson (Board Member Classen in ongoing talks with PARC staff Joe Washington regarding tree care)
- h. Discussion of possible acquisition of city maintenance funds for Gateway Oaks – Board Members Halley and Maceo
- i. Report on the passage of the Heritage Tree ordinance and its creation of new responsibilities for the Urban Forestry Board – Board Members Halley and Babberney

7. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Presentation regarding construction to take place for new Zachary Scott Theater Center by Nick Naccarato, Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office
- b. Discussion of the state of the Urban Forest Summit – Board Member Halley
- c. Discussion of Council agenda item about removal of trees for electrical substation at Morris-Williams Golf Course for Mueller Development – Board Member Halley
- d. Presentation developed by Michael Embesi, PDRD and presented by environmental reviewer regarding Heritage Tree variances– Board Member Maceo

- e. Developing a policy for information that COA arborists provide citizens – Board Members Babberney and Donnelly
- f. Organizing a workday schedule for Urban Forest Steward graduates – Board Members Babberney and Donnelly
- g. Request for new agenda items

8. ADJOURNMENT

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