



URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Rm. 1029
Austin, Texas 78701

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS

Patrick Brewer, Chair
Nicholas Classen

Tom Hayes, Vice Chair
Peggy Maceo

Ryan Fleming
Christopher Kite

REVISED AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of July 17, 2011.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

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.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

New board member – Christopher Kite

E. BRIEFINGS

1. Activities of Park Rangers in Preserves and Greenbelt: Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Park Rangers – Presenter
2. Briefing on Shoal Creek Trail Project – Robert Brennes – Project Manager, PARD
3. Urban Forestry Summer Intern Project – Brian Angell and Greg Mast – Presenters
4. City Arborist Program Monthly Update: Michael Embesi – Presenter
5. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Staff Report: Ray Henning – Presenter

F. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT

1. Urban Forestry Program Staff Report – Walter Passmore, Urban Forestry Program Manager
2. Briefing on current status of tree watering at cemeteries – Walter Passmore, Urban Forestry Program Manager

G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion Item:** Briefing from Board Member Maceo regarding Heritage Trees and report of pecan tree on Bowie Street.
2. **Discussion Item:** Review and discuss the Austin Street-Tree Resource Project Proposal for Fall 2011 offered by Texas State University.

3. **Discussion and Action Item:** Approve letter to Mayor and Council addressing concerns with recommendations for the watering of public cemetery trees.
4. **Discussion and Action Item:** Discuss and approve a letter to PARD and Council with recommendations for changes in the public cemetery tree maintenance contract.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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