



URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

Wednesday, September 21, 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

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of August 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

E. BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing on the Loop 360 Landfill Remediation project – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Policy Project Mgr, Watershed Protection Department.
2. Briefing on Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan – Meredith Bossin, Planner III Planning and Review Department
3. City Arborist Program Monthly Update: Michael Embesi – Presenter
4. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Staff Report: Ray Henning – Presenter
5. Briefing on Decker Lake Preserve and Indian Grass Wildlife Preserves presentation by Forestry interns – Regina Ramos and Ana Gonzalez

F. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT

1. Urban Forestry Program Staff Report – Update on Invasive Species Management Plan progress. (The full document can be viewed at: http://www.wildflower.org/docs_coa/)
Walter Passmore, Urban Forestry Program Manager; Angela Hanson, Forester

G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion and Action Item:** Compile recommendations to PARD regarding future volunteer projects and professional service donations
2. **Action Item:** Draft and approve a request to City staff to provide references as to the establishment of City owned preserves and natural areas and their intended use strategies.

3. **Action Item:** Approve rescheduling of October board meeting due to schedule conflict for Board Chair.
4. **Action Item:** Review and approve letter to PARD requesting presentation and written report to list and describe current and planned projects implemented or administered by PARD, which impact vegetation within preserves, parks, greenbelts and other open spaces.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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