



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Rm. 1029  
Austin, Texas 78701

**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS**

**Patrick Brewer, Chair**  
**Nicholas Classen**  
**April Rose**

**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 September 21, 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 – April Rose

**E. BRIEFINGS**

1. Briefing on Street Trees – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department
2. City Arborist Program Monthly Update: Michael Embesi – City Arborist, Planning and Review Development Department
3. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Staff Report: Ray Henning – Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy
4. Update on Invasive Species Management Plan progress. (The full document can be viewed at: [http://www.wildflower.org/docs\\_coa/](http://www.wildflower.org/docs_coa/)) – Angela Hanson – PARD Forester, Damon Waitt, LBJ Wildflower Center

**F. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT**

Urban Forestry Program Staff Briefing – Walter Passmore, Urban Forestry Program Manager

1. Tree planting season including Arbor Day, introduction of the Treevolution vision, and the Ready, Set, Plant initiative.
2. Supplemental watering neighborhood/partner agreement and guideline for public tree care.

3. Status of information requested from September meeting for projects and practices affecting trees.
4. State of the “Urban Forest Report”
5. Briefing on management plan for two City of Austin preserves.
6. Briefing on Grant application for inventory of Heritage Trees with the “Downtown Business District”
7. Volunteer projects management

#### **G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Action Item:** Discuss and approve endorsement for Invasive Species Management Plan.
2. **Action Item:** Discuss and approve a recommendation to request PARD to investigate water usage patterns of trees in parks.
3. **Action Item:** Election of Officers

#### **H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

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