



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, November 16, 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
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 October 26, 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. City Arborist Program Monthly Update: Michael Embesi – City Arborist, Planning and Review Development Department
2. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Staff Report: Ray Henning – Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy
3. Suitability analysis for new park location and Shade Index analysis on streets and sidewalks– Chaz Armijo, Intern, Urban Forestry Program
4. Festival Beach tree inventory and planting space opportunities for public building – Nathan Wise, Intern, Urban Forestry Program

F. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT

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

1. Urban Forestry Program 2011 Accomplishment Report
2. Follow – Up on Items from October meeting:
 - a. Street Tree Maintenance
 - b. Comprehensive Urban Forest Management Plan
 - c. Initial planting date for the Ready, Set, Plant Initiative; tentatively scheduled for 12/03/11 to include 3 sites and 1800 tree seedlings
3. Preserve management plans

4. Water use patterns – data has been acquired and is being analyzed. Consider a presentation of findings for December board meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion and Action Item:** Discuss and take action on meeting schedule for 2012.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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