



## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - October 13, 2011 MINUTES.**

**The Environmental Board convened in a Development committee meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 301 West Second Street, Austin Texas 78701 at City Hall in the Board and Commission Room & Work session in Staff Bull Pen**

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Bob Anderson, Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler and Mary Ann Neely

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Sue Edwards, Jean Drew, Michael Embesi, Marie Sandoval and Jacqueline Ramos

### **CALL TO ORDER.**

**The meeting was called to order by Development Committee Chairman at 1:00 p.m.**

#### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

#### **2. STAFF BRIEFING**

The Environmental Board Development subcommittee will meet to discuss different types of Heritage Trees.

Informal work session style discussion with stakeholders - round table and brainstorming throughout the meeting of ideas/what will work and won't work/experiences/where do "we" go from here.  
Downtown GIS map visual displayed along with Rainy Street GIS map for reference.

Key discussion points/highlights/comments:

- How we balance density & other existing policies & priorities
- Balance tree ordinance w/Downtown Plan
- San Antonio – "urban oasis"
- Keep carving out – water front overlay, downtown plan, capitol view corridor
- Decide on vision for downtown
- Make sure we don't lose sight of the fact that trees have multiple benefits (health, etc...not just aesthetic)
- Design a system that incentivizes saving the tree
- Include survival possibility in criteria (of tree – size, location, type)
- Looking for ideas on what might work
- Will people accept mitigation (any)
- Establish a classification system for preserving exceptional trees (Treaty Oak)
- Waller Creek – TIF/private development/natural setting

A follow up stakeholders meeting will be set up in the near future.

#### **2. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at approx. 3:00 p.m.**