



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 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

REGULAR AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of June 20, 2012.

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. Overview briefing on Airport Blvd Form-Based Code Initiative – Jorge Rousselin, Development Services Process Coordinator, Urban Design, Planning and Development Review Department
2. City Arborist Program Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department
3. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Staff Report – Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy
4. Overview of Early Drafts of Amendments Related to the Possible Adoption of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code -- Representative(s) from Austin Fire Department

F. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT

Urban Forestry Program Staff Briefing – Angela Hanson, Forester, PARD Urban Forestry Program

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion and Action Item:** Review and recommend action regarding draft letter to Art in Public Places “AIPP” concerning artwork planned within the critical root zone of a tree.
2. **Dicussion and Action Item:** Review and recommend action to City Council regarding a city-wide contract for tree trimming and removal services.
3. **Disussion Item:** Report to UFB on working group’s progress on developing a pilot program in response to City Council Resolution 20120426-076, regarding tree care along transit corridors and in the urban core.
4. **Discussion Item:** Review and update on Strategic Goals Progress Report
5. **Discussion and Action:** Review and agree on recently updated procedures involving the timely delivery of future UFB- approved documents (letters, reports, etc.) as recommendations to City Council and other UFB-approved recipients
6. **Discussion and Action Item:** Discuss possible submittal of UFB comments on the proposed Urban Wildland Interface code to lessen fire hazards in the Austin area. This report was requested at the June UFB meeting. A draft report and two supporting documents are posted.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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