



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.
City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1029
Austin, Texas 78701

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:	APPOINTMENT	:
Patrick Brewer, Chair	Mayor Lee Leffingwell	
Tom Hayes, Vice Chair	Council Member Bill Spelman, Place 5	
Nicholas Classen	Mayor Pro-Tem Sheryl Cole, Place 6	
Ryan Fleming	Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2	
Christopher Kite	Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4	
Peggy Maceo	Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3	
Vacant		

URBAN FORESTRY EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	:
Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department	
Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department – Director Designee	
Angela Hanson, Acting Forestry Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department	
Jessica Wilson, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department – Director Designee	

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of August 15, 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. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and consideration of approval of an Urban Forest Grant application for irrigation and materials for the Arbor Day tree planting at Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail. Grant applicant: The Trail Foundation. Presenter: Angela Hanson, Acting Urban Forestry Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

2. Review and discuss the current care plan for the trees at Republic Square Park.
3. Discussion and possible action on rules and procedures for conducting Urban Forestry Board meeting. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, UFB Chair.
4. Discussion and recommendation of possible action for submittal of UFB comments on the proposed Urban Wildland Interface code to lessen fire hazards in the Austin area.
UFB Working Group: Urban Wildland Interface Working Group sent this item to the board for discussion and possible action.
5. Discussion and Recommendation on working group pilot program proposal to address City Council Resolution 20120426-076, regarding tree care along transit corridors and in the urban core. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, UFB Chair.
6. Provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements.
7. UFB Review and update on Strategic Goals Progress Report.
8. Exploration of the Online Tree Board University Training. Presenter: Board Member Kite.
9. Discussion and recommendation for moving remaining 2012 Urban Forestry Board meeting dates and/or time to allow for a different meeting space. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, UFB Chair.

F. BRIEFINGS

10. Auction Oaks Tree Care Project at Republic Square Park – Presenter: Daniel Woodroffe, Austin Parks Foundation.
11. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy, Monthly Update.
12. City Arborist Program Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.

G. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT

Urban Forestry Program Staff Briefing – Angela Hanson, Acting Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, Urban Forestry Program, including:

- Ready, Set, Plant tree seedling planting initiative; report on 2011-12 and plans for 2012-13.
- Update on Cemetery Tree Maintenance.
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety hazard.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Urban Forestry Board, please contact Angela Hanson at angela.hanson@austintexas.gov or by phone at 974-9551.