



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, December 19, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1029  
Austin, Texas 78701**

<b>URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>:</b>
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	
Daniel VanTreeck	Council Member Chris Riley, Place 1	

<b>URBAN FORESTRY EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>	<b>:</b>
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 (UFB) meeting of November 14, 2012.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

The first 4 (four) speakers signed up prior to the calling of the meeting to order are allowed a three-minute allotment each to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

### **D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. 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. Presenter: UFB Working Group – Urban Wildland Interface working Group.
2. Provide recommendations to City Council on the Barton Springs Grounds Improvement Plan. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.

3. Discuss and make recommendations for staff about vegetation issues in the Lower Shoal Creek and Seaholm Developments. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.
4. Discussion and action to request more time to review and refine the process for implementing the Pilot Program for Prominent Trees. Presenter: Board Member Maceo.

#### **F. BRIEFINGS**

4. Briefing on Lower Shoal Creek and Seaholm Developments. Presenter: Cynthia Jordan, Project Manager, Public Works Department and Marty Stump, Project Management Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update -- Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
6. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
7. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
8. Update on Republic Square Master Plan. Presenter: Philip Koske, Design Workshop.
9. UFB Review and update on Strategic Goals Progress Report. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.
10. Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan Update. Presenters: Leah Haynie, Program Coordinator, Forestry, and Angela Hanson, Acting Forestry Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

#### **G. URBAN FORESTER EXECUTIVE LIAISON REPORT -- Angela Hanson, Acting Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, Urban Forestry Program, including:**

- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety hazard.
- Update on Invasive Species Management Plan implementation.

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

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

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