

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.

Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Austin, Texas

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS: APPOINTMENT

Patrick Brewer, Chair Mayor Lee Leffingwell

Tom Hayes, Vice Chair

Nicholas Classen

Ryan Fleming

Council Member Bill Spelman, Place 5

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheryl Cole, Place 6

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

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 (UFB) meeting of December 19, 2012.
- 2. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board (UFB) meeting of January 16, 2013.

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. Review and approval of Urban Forestry Board Document Procedures. Presenter: Tom Hayes, Board Vice-Chair.

F. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

- **2.** Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update (to include December and January reports)-- Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
- 3. Update on Gracywoods Park Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
- 4. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
- 5. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
- 6. Update on Urban Forestry Board Management Plan Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.

G. URBAN FORESTER EXECUTIVE LIAISON REPORT – Emily King, Environmental Program Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, Urban Forestry Program, including:

 Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.

H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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