



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 17, 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	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	

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, 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

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. URBAN FORESTER EXECUTIVE LIAISON REPORT – Angela Hanson, Urban Forestry 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 risk.

- Update on the 2012-2013 Ready, Set, Plant! tree seedling planting program.
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan update

F. ACTION ITEMS BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Overview and Process for Submitting Board Recommendations to City Council. Presenter: Bob Guz, Office of the City Clerk.
2. Duncan Park BMX area: tree impacts and future plans. Presenter: Marty Stump, Project Management Supervisor, Park Planning, Design and Construction, Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Cutting of vegetation by volunteers and others on city properties adjacent to residential areas implemented as part of Firewise program. Presenter: Michael Sledd, Park Ranger Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Duncan Park BMX area: tree impacts and future plans. Presenter: Board Chair Patrick Brewer.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding cutting of vegetation by volunteers and others on city properties adjacent to residential areas implemented as part of Firewise program. Presenter: Board Chair Patrick Brewer.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

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

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

1. Update regarding proposed Shoal Creek Trail project at Pease Park. Presenter: Christina Calvery, Project Manager, Public Works Department; and Morgan Byars, Civil Engineer, Watershed Protection Department.

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.

