



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012**

### **Urban Forestry Board**

#### **The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:**

May study, investigate, plan, advise, report, and recommend any action, program, plan, or legislation which the board determines necessary or advisable for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs and other landscaping in public parks, along streets, and in other public areas. Develop and establish a comprehensive urban forest plan for the planting, maintenance, and replacement of trees in parks, along streets, and in other public areas, and submit it to city council for adoption before implementation. See Section 2-1-183 of the City Code for additional duties.

1. **Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**
  - We compiled and sent a report to council regarding the maintenance of trees at Cemeteries
  - We developed recommendations regarding the use of donations with regard to licensed services on parkland
  - We established a working group to provide recommendations on tree and vegetation protection during new trail development (ongoing)
  - We made a recommendation regarding the acquisition of land to preserve a heritage tree at [undisclosed location]
  - We made recommendations to council to uphold city code regarding tree protection and preservation in development agreements
  - We approved an Urban Forest Grant application for irrigation and

- materials for the Arbor Day tree planting at Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail
- We approved a Standard of Care for public trees
- We submitted comments on the proposed Urban Wildland Interface code to lessen fire hazards in the Austin Area
- We approved and submitted to council comments regarding changes to the Barton Springs Grounds Improvement Plan.

**2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**

The Board's actions through the year did comply with the mission statement of the Board.

**3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

1. *To complete recommendations for tree and vegetation protection during trail development*
2. *To review parameters for tree planting to make recommendations for supporting underserved areas and aging tree stands*
3. *To make recommendations for improving soil volume and quality standards for downtown and urban core tree planting*
4. *To seek and improve public engagement in the development of the Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan*
5. *To promote and support collaborative defense of tree preservation including prominent trees and tree protection regulations*
6. *To complete the Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan*