

# URBAN FORESTRY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 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, 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 March 20, 2013.
- 2. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board (UFB) Special Called meeting of April 13, 2013.
- 3. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of April 17, 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. **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.
  - Urban Forestry Program's partnership with Texas State University's GIS Program and Overview of completed products.

# F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

- 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.
- 2. PARD FY14 Budget. Presenter: Angela Means, Parks and Recreation Department, Financial Services Division Manager.

# G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Consider action regarding proposed Shoal Creek Trail project at Pease Park. Presenter: Board Chair Patrick Brewer.
- 2. Review, edit and approve letter to City Council recommending additional resources allocated to PARD Forestry. Presenter: Board Chair Brewer.

# H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

- 1. Reclaimed Water Infrastructure. Presenter: Dan Pederson, Reclaimed Project Manager, Austin Water Utility.
- 2. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
- 3. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
- 4. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
- 5. Update on Urban Forestry Board Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.
- 6. Monthly Status Briefing and Discussion of 2013 Urban Forestry Board Strategic Goals. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.
- 7. 2012 Strategic Goal Briefing. Presenter: Peggy Maceo, Board Member.

# I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Duncan BMX Park Working Group Update. (Board Chair Brewer, Board Members Fleming and vanTreeck).

Firewise Program Working Group Update. (Board Vice-Chair Hayes, Board Member Fleming, Park Ranger Supervisor Sledd).

## J. ADJOURNMENT

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