



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, June 19, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.  
Northwest Recreation Center  
2913 Northland  
Austin, Texas**

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MEETING MINUTES**

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Board Chair Patrick Brewer, Board Members Nick Classen, Christopher Kite, Peggy Maceo.

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Parks and Recreation Department:**

Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department – Director Designee

Angela Hanson, Forestry Program Manager, UFB Executive Liaison

Leah Haynie, Climate Protection Coordinator

Alan Halter, Forester, Forestry Unit

**Austin Energy Department:**

Ray Henning, Line Clearance Supervisor

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 5:38P.M.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion made by Board Member Classen, Seconded by Board Member Kite to approve the Urban Forestry Board meeting minutes of May 15, 2013. All Board members present in favor. Board Vice Chair Hayes and Board Members Fleming and vanTreeck absent.

**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.

Sharon Blythe – Blythe Cemetery Tree – requesting feedback from PARD Forestry Unit regarding who is responsible for the care of this tree.

Zoila Vega – Austin Heritage Tree Foundation -- Grow Austin – spoke on possible renaming of the Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan.

#### **D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Firewise documents have been reviewed by the task force.

Risk of fires near creeks – Document created in response to concerns from residents who live near parks where the City has established Grow Zones. Will be posted on the Riparian Restoration webpage. Hard copies to be distributed by City staff to concerned neighbors.

Firewise posted to be distributed and mailed to homeowners in areas having higher risk of wildfire.

Positive Impact on Climate and Community (PICC) funding – Connect local projects with funding from organizers of large events. See [www.austintexas.gov/departments/positive-impact-climate-community](http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/positive-impact-climate-community).

Reclaimed Water Media Event scheduled for this Friday, Krieg Field, 10:00A.M.

#### **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. Information handed out at meeting.
- Monthly briefing from Public Works Department. No information.
- Update on Urban Forestry Board Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan. Angela Hanson, staff of the PARD Forestry Unit, and Board Member Kite presented the information on progress made concerning the CUFP. “Keep Austin Shaded”. There will be a Special Called Meeting, Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 5:30P.M., PARD Annex, 919 W. 28 ½ Street to vote on the direction the plan is progressing as well as renaming the Plan for marketing purposes.

#### **F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS**

1. Update on Urban Forestry Board Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan. Presenter: Board Chair Brewer. Please see Urban Forester Executive Liaison Report.

#### **G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

#### **H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing**

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.  
Mr. Henning presented the monthly report. No discussion.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.  
Angela Hanson presented the monthly information for Michael Embesi. No discussion.
3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.  
Angela Hanson presented the monthly information for Michael Embesi. No discussion.
4. Monthly Status Briefing and Discussion of 2013 Urban Forestry Board Strategic Goals. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.  
Nothing to report at this time.
5. Duncan BMX Park Working Group Update. Presenter – Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.

Nothing to report at this time.

**I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board member Classen will be unable to attend the July 17, 2013 UFB meeting.

Firewise Program Working Group Update. Presenter: Board Vice-Chair Hayes. July 2013 regular meeting.

Resignation of Patrick Brewer from the Board Chair position. Elect new Board Chair. July, 2013 regular meeting.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Brewer adjourned the meeting at 7:45P.M. with no objection.

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