



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland
Austin, Texas**

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:	APPOINTMENT	:
Christopher Kite, Chair	Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4	
Len Newsom	Council Member Bill Spelman, Place 5	
Patrick Brewer	Mayor Lee Leffingwell	
Nicholas Classen	Mayor Pro-Tem Sheryl Cole, Place 6	
Ryan Fleming	Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2	
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 meeting of July 17, 2013.
2. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board special called meeting of August 13, 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 briefing from Public Works Department.
- Update on items related to the Austin Urban Forest Plan.
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.
- Overview of new standard methodology for tree risk assessment.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Discuss items related to Urban Forestry Board Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan.
2. Consider Approval of Letter to City Council Regarding Soil Volume, Quality and Planting Standards for Public Landscapes, Especially in the Urban Core.. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, UFB Board Member

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider approval of items related to Urban Forestry Board Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan.
2. Review Letter Regarding Soil Volume, Quality and Planting Standards for Public Landscapes, Especially in the Urban Core. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, UFB Board Member

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Update on the Austin Fire Department Wildfire Division's activities and plans regarding vegetation management. Presenter: Josh Portie, Fire Captain, Austin Fire Department.
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. City Council Resolution on Prominent Trees At Risk. Presenter: Peggy Maceo, UFB Board Member.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Annual Election of Officers – October 16, 2013 meeting. Presenter: Chris Kite, Board Chair.
- Downtown Tree Inventory Report – October 16, 2013 meeting. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist.
- Announce meeting locations for 2014 – November 20, 2013 meeting. Presenter: Chris Kite, Board Chair

J. ADJOURNMENT

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