



URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Wednesday, October 30 2013 - 5:30 p.m.
Old Quarry Library
7051 Village Center Drive
Austin, Texas 78731

**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

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OCTOBER 30, 2013**

Board Members in Attendance:

Board Chair Chris Kite, Board Vice-Chair Peggy Maceo, Board members Patrick Brewer, Nick Classen, Ryan Fleming, Len Newsom, one vacant position.

Staff in Attendance:

Parks and Recreation Department:

Angela Hanson, Forestry Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, UFB Board
Executive Liaison

Leah Haynie, Climate Protection Coordinator, Forestry Unit

Alan Halter, Forestry Intern, Forestry Unit

Planning and Development Review Department:

Keith Mars, Environmental Program Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kite called the meeting to order.

B. 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.

- Michael Fossum – General communication and update on Taco Bell tree.
- Zoila Vega – Austin Urban Forest Plan.

C. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Update on Urban Forestry Board Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan. Presenter: Board Member Brewer, Angela Hanson, Urban Forester.
Updates to Austin's Urban Forest Plan were discussed.

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider approval of items related to Urban Forestry Board Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan. Presenter: Board Member Brewer, Angela Hanson, Urban Forester.
Motion made by Board member Brewer, Seconded by Board member Fleming, to have Austin Urban Forest Plan not address private trees except in a cover letter or a line item suggesting the strategy be created in the Austin Urban Forest Plan. Board members Brewer, Classen, Fleming, Kite, Newsom in favor, Board member Maceo opposed.

Latest changes to the Austin Urban Forest Plan proposed by the working group were discussed. Motion made by Board member Brewer, Seconded by Board member Fleming to approve amended draft of the Urban Forest Plan as brought by staff with changes made at this meeting. Board members Brewer, Classen, Fleming, Kite, Maceo and Newsom in favor.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kite adjourned the meeting at 8:51PM with no members opposed.

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