



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

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:	APPOINTMENT	:
Christopher Kite, Chair	Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4	
Peggy Maceo (Vice-Chair)	Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3	
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	
Vacant	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 November 20, 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 Forester, including:

- Monthly update on Public Works Department items.
- Presentation of Texas State University GIS Analysis Project: Socioeconomic Impacts of Austin Tree Canopy
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.
- Urban Forestry Program 2013 Year in Review
- Urban Forest Plan update

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Discuss possible formation of a task force to address needed maintenance on the Treaty Oak.
2. Discuss items related to the Austin Urban Forest Plan.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider approval of forming a task force to address needed maintenance on the Treaty Oak.
2. Consider approval of items related to the Austin Urban Forest Plan.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – September, October, and November, 2013. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update – September, October, and November, 2013. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update – September, October, and November, 2013. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
4. Downtown Tree Inventory Report. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Soil Volume Resolution in March or April 2014, with possible May 2014 presentation to City Council.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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