



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.
City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street
Executive Session Room #1027
Austin, Texas 78701**

<u>URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	:
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	
Keith Brown	Council Member Chris Riley, Place 1	

<u>URBAN FORESTRY EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</u>	:
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	
John Clement, Environmental Program Coordinator, 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 December 18, 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 -- Public Works Department.
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.
- Urban Forest Plan Update.
- Planting For The Future Fund – Last three year expenditure report.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Discuss items related to the Austin Urban Forest Plan.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider approval of items related to the Austin Urban Forest Plan. (The Urban Forestry Board will recess so members may attend the Environmental Board meeting for the related item regarding the Urban Forest Plan on that agenda, then reconvene to complete the scheduled Urban Forestry Board meeting).
2. Initiate a request to have staff provide a summary of trees planted and/or distributed from 2009-2013, with detail to include the number, species type, location type (e.g., parks, right-of-ways), and the names of partnering organizations involved.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – December, 2013. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update – December, 2013. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update – December, 2013. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
4. Update on formation of Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Soil Volume Resolution – To be scheduled for March or April 2014 Agenda, with possible May 2014 presentation to City Council.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Urban Forestry Board, please contact Angela Hanson at angela.hanson@austintexas.gov or by phone at 974-9551.