



**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**

**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014**

Board Members in Attendance:

Board Chair Chris Kite, Board Vice-Chair Peggy Maceo, Board Members Patrick Brewer, Nick Classen.

Board Members Absent:

Board Members Ryan Fleming, Len Newsom, Keith Brown

Staff in Attendance:

Parks and Recreation Department:

Angela Hanson, Forestry Program Manager, UFB Executive Liaison

Robert Clawson, UFB Staff Liaison

Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Nature Based Programs, Ex-Officio Designee

Planning and Development Review Department:

Michael Embesi, City Arborist

Watershed Protection Department:

John Clement, Environmental Program Coordinator (replacing Jessica Wilson), Ex Officio Designee

Austin Energy Department:

Ray Henning, Line Clearance Supervisor

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kite called the meeting to order at 5:38P.M. It was announced that the meeting would be recessed for Board members to attend the Environmental Board meeting to discuss the Austin Urban Forest Plan Agenda item, and would convene after discussion. The UFB recessed at 6:12P.M. to attend the Environmental Board, and reconvened at 7:18P.M.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of December 18, 2013.
Motion made by Board member Brewer, Seconded by Board member Classen to approve the meeting minutes of the Urban Forestry Board December 18, 2013. Approved by four Board members present. Board members Fleming, Newsom and Brown 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.

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Wilson -- Landscape Professional Training to be held this Summer.

October 13, 2013, Watershed Protection Ordinance passed. Moving to Phase II meeting.

John Clement replacement as Watershed Protection Department Ex-Officio Designee.

Angela Hanson – Austin Urban Forest Plan on Consent Agenda for January 30, 2014 City Council meeting.

Christmas Tree Recycling Event. Distributed 1,950 saplings, 1,100 tree information posters.

Cemetery Master Plan – RFP completed. To City Council January 30, 2014 to approve vendor.

Michael Embesi – Austin Energy Science Fair on 2/20/14.

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. Information presented.
- Urban Forest Plan Update.
- Planting For The Future Fund – Last three year expenditure report. Information presented on backup document. Board member Maceo requested a list of species and planting locations of the 11,000 trees for the three years. Angela Hanson will provide the information. Board member Brewer asked if planting containerized or container grown trees. Container grown are planted.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Discuss items related to the Austin Urban Forest Plan.
No discussion.

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. The Austin Urban Forest Plan was approved by the Environmental Board this date. No further discussion.
3. 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. Requested by Board member Maceo. Motion made by Board member Maceo, Seconded by Board Member Classen. Board Chair Kite and Board members Maceo and Classen in favor. Board member Brewer opposed. Board members Brown, Fleming and Newsom absent. Motion failed.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – December, 2013. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
Ray Henning presented the information.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update – December, 2013. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
Michael Embesi presented the information.
3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update – December, 2013. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
No information this meeting. December 2013 and January 2014 information will be presented at the February 19, 2014 regular Urban Forestry Board meeting.
4. Update on formation of Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Board member Brewer to Chair. Goal is to develop management plan for Treaty Oak.

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.

Overview of TreeFolks Programs. February 19, 2014 meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:28:P.M.

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