

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Austin, Texas

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:	APPOINTMENT	:
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Christopher Kite, Chair

Peggy Maceo (Vice-Chair)

Len Newsom

Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4

Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3

Council Member Bill Spelman, Place 5

Patrick Brewer Mayor Lee Leffingwell

Nicholas Classen

Ryan Fleming

Keith Brown

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheryl Cole, Place 6

Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2

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
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 January 15, 2014

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

Urban Forestry Board Annual Internal Review Report due March 31, 2014.

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.
- Planting For Future Fund 3-year report of species and planting sites.

• Cost of water from water trucks, meter specific.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

- 1. Overview of TreeFolks Programs Presenter: Carly Blankenship, Program Manager and Acting Executive Director, TreeFolks.
- 2. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update January 2014. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
- 3. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update January 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
- 4. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update January 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
- 5. Update on formation of Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group.
- 6. Soil Volume Resolution. Presenter Board Member Brewer.

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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