



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland
Austin, Texas**

<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 February 19, 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.
- Preliminary iTree Eco Assessment Results

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Discussion regarding operational modifications within PARD regarding the safeguard of critical root zones in response to recent trenching incidents. Presenter: Angela Hanson, Urban Forester
2. Discuss Urban Forest Grant proposal (Category: Disease or Pest Control) for an oak wilt suppression project on Rae Dell Ave. Presenter: Chris Dolan, City Arborists Office, Planning and Development Review Department

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider action regarding operational modifications within PARD regarding the safeguard of critical root zones in response to recent trenching incidents.
2. Consider approval of an Urban Forest Grant proposal (Category: Disease or Pest Control) for an oak wilt suppression project on Rae Dell Ave.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Austin Community Trees tree planting program. Presenter: Margaret Valenti, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Review Department.
2. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – February 2014. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
3. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update February 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
4. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update – January and February 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 April 2014 Agenda, with possible May 2014 presentation to City Council.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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