



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 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 April 16, 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

E. URBAN FORESTER EXECUTIVE LIAISON REPORT – Angela Hanson, Urban Forester, including:

- Report on the Change in Urban Heat Island Effect in Austin from 2001 to 2011
- Briefing on Final Report from University of Texas Professor Sara Dooling, PhD, class Topics in Sustainable Development titled *A Framework for Tree Species Selection in Austin*
- Update on Tree Protection Training conducted by Urban Forestry Program Staff
- Briefing on Park Tree Proactive Maintenance Planning and Implementation
- Draft Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District for Tree Planting
- Update -- Public Works Department.
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.
- Cemetery Tree Inventory Progress Report

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. UFGP Grant Application for Management Plan for Lady Bird Lake and Butler Trail. Presenter: Susan Plettman Rankin, The Trail Foundation.
2. Urban Trails Master Plan. Presenter: Nadia Barrera, Public Works Department.
3. Review UFB Working Group recommendations on Urban Trails Master Plan. Presenter: Vice-Chair Maceo.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider approval of UFGP Grant Application for Management Plan for Lady Bird Lake and Butler Trail.
2. Consider approval of Urban Trails Master Plan.
3. Consider approval of recommendations from UFB Urban Trails Working Group.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Upcoming USDA Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) project in Austin. Presenter: Brad Hamel, Texas A&M Forest Service.
2. Food Forest Plan. Presenter: Meredith Gray, Conservation Program Coordinator, PARD.
3. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – April 2014. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
4. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update April 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
5. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree 2013 Annual Report. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
6. Update on formation of Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

PARD Budget Report. Presenter: Angela Means, Division Manager, Financial Services, PARD. June 2014 meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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