



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland
Austin, Texas**

**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014**

Board Members in attendance:

Board Chair Chris Kite, Board Vice-Chair Peggy Maceo, Board Members Patrick Brewer, Keith Brown, Nick Classen, Ryan Fleming, Len Newsom. (Board member Brown arrived at 5:50 P.M.)

Staff in attendance:

Parks and Recreation Department:

Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Nature Based Programs
Angela Hanson, Forestry Program Manager, UFB Executive Liaison
Robert Clawson, Nature Based Programs Division, UFB Staff Liaison

Planning and Development Review Department:

Keith Mars, Environmental Program Coordinator

Austin Energy Department:

Ray Henning, Line Clearance Supervisor

Watershed Protection Department:

John Clement, Environmental Program Coordinator

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kite called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of April 16, 2014.
Motion made by Board member Fleming, seconded by Board member Brewer to approve the meeting minutes of the UFB meeting of April 16, 2014 with the addition of the announcement of newly hired A.I.S.D. Forester Lisa Schissler and change "planting" to Texas Tree "Climbing" competition. Approved by Board Chair Kite, Board Vice-Chair Maceo, and Board Members Brewer, Classen, Fleming and Newsom. (Board Member Brown had not arrived). Motion passed.

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.

- Sharon Blythe, Agenda Item G2 and G3.
- Zoila Vega – Agenda Items G2 and G3 – Approve only with UFB Working Group recommendations.
- Michael Fossum – Agenda Items G2 and G3 – Approve only with UFB Working Group recommendations.
- Erick Benz – Agenda Items F2 and G2 – Support Urban Trails Master Plan.
- Bonnie Twidwell – Agenda Items G2 and G3 – Deny.
- Dorsey Twidwell – Agenda Items G2 and G3 -- Deny

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Grow Green Cool Spaces pamphlet.
- Angela Hanson will not be at the June 2014 UFB Meeting. Emily King, Environmental Program Coordinator, PARD Forestry will attend.
- Urban Forestry Austin featured in National Geographic for National Arbor Day, as one of nine cities that loves it's trees.
- Contender for SXSW Eco panel, October 2014. Proposed panel members are Angela Hanson, Robert Patterson, University of Texas, Patrick Brewer, Sarah Dooling, University of Texas, Paul Johnson, Texas A&M Forest Service. Panel discussion on how to use urban forest data to make decisions.
- Keep Austin Beautiful has created a new staff position, Community Programs Coordinator, and has placed Ivey Kaiser in this role. Ivey will be coordinating the Adopt-A-Creek program and helping to integrate it more closely with the Watershed Protection Department's Grow Zone Riparian Restoration program, as well as assisting with other programs such as Clean Lady Bird Lake. Ivey has 2-1/2 years of experience working with KAB.
- June 12, 2014, Council member Tovo will be presenting a proclamation to Trammel Crow, City departments, and City Arborists and other individual groups responsible for saving green trees at Green Treatment Plant. Also, on June 26, 2014, people that worked on saving Taco Bell tree will be honored.
- ASLA, Texas chapter has put out position a paper on CodeNext. Some concerns. To be placed on June 18, 2014 UFB Board Meeting Agenda.

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. Presentation given. See back up materials.
- Briefing on Final Report from University of Texas Professor Sarah Dooling, PhD, class topics in Sustainable Development titled *A Framework for Tree Species Selection in Austin*. Presentation given. See back up materials.
- Update on Tree Protection Training conducted by Urban Forestry Program Staff, Presentation given.
- Briefing on Park Tree Proactive Maintenance Planning and Implementation. Presentation given. See back up materials.
- Draft Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District for Tree Planting. Verbal information presented.
- Update -- Public Works Department. Verbal presentation presented.
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk. Presentation given. See back up materials.
- Cemetery Tree Inventory Progress Report. Presentation given.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

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

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider approval of UFGP Application for Management Plan for Lady Bird Lake and Butler Trail. Motion made by Board member Fleming, Seconded by Board Member Brown to support the UFGP Grant Application in the amount of \$45,145. All members in favor. Motion carries.
2. Consider approval of Urban Trails Master Plan. No action taken.
3. Consider approval of recommendations from UFB Urban Trails Working Group. Motion made by Board Member Brewer, seconded by Board Vice-Chair Maceo to approve the Urban Trail Master Plan recommendations drafted by Urban Forestry Board working group with changes made at tonight's meeting. All members in favor. Motion carries.

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. Presentation given.
2. Food Forest Plan. Presenter: Meredith Gray, Conservation Program Coordinator, PARD. Presentation given.
3. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – April 2014. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy. Presentation given.
4. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update April 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department. Presentation given.
5. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree 2013 Annual Report. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department. Agenda Item postponed to June 18, 2014 UFB meeting. Agenda item tabled. To be presented at June 18, 2014 Urban Forestry Board meeting.
6. Update on formation of Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer. Update to be presented at June 18, 2014 Urban Forestry Board meeting.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

PARD Budget Report. Presenter: Angela Means, Division Manager, Financial Services, PARD. June 2014 meeting.
CodeNext
Barton Springs Pool Tree Court Update.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kite adjourned the meeting at 9:00P.M.

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