



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland
Austin, Texas**

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:	APPOINTMENT	:
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	

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 June 18, 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:

- Austin Urban Forest Plan Implementation Monthly Update
- Upcoming tree maintenance at city-operated cemeteries, along Roy and Ann Butler Hike and Bike Trail, and Zilker Park
- Update -- Public Works Department.
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Review Urban Forestry Board 2013 Annual Internal Review. Presenter: Chris Kite, UFB Board Chair.
2. Possible formation of UFB working group to monitor the implementation of Austin's Urban Forest Plan.
3. Review and possible recommendations on Boards and Commissions Transition Taskforce Report.
4. Response to City Council Resolution 20130627-070 – Care, Maintenance, and Planting of Public Trees. Presenters, Angela Hanson, Emily King, and Mike Personett, Resolution Response Staff Working Group
5. Review grant funding application process for private entities to provide maintenance services on prominent public trees. Presenter: Peggy Maceo, UFB Board Vice-Chair.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

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3. Approve Recommendations on Boards and Commissions Transition Taskforce Report.
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H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – June and July 2014. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update June and July 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.

3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Report – June and July 2014. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
4. Update from Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

J. ADJOURNMENT

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