



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 19, 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 October 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

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

- Austin Urban Forest Plan Implementation Monthly Update
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.
- Update on migration of the Urban Forestry Office
- Update -- Public Works Department.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing on City of Austin Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Presenter: Justice Jones, Austin Fire Department.
2. Discuss meeting dates and meeting location for calendar year 2015. Presenter: Chris Kite, UFB Chair.
3. Review draft resolution to require the use of green infrastructure and sustainability incentives within the development of CodeNext. Presenter: Board Member Brewer.
4. Future Urban Forest Grant Program project proposal. Presenter: Allison Orr, Forklift Danceworks.
5. Discussion on *Protecting and Retaining Trees: A Guide for Municipalities and Counties in North Carolina*. Presenter: UFB Board Vice-Chair Maceo.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Make recommendation on City of Austin Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
2. Approve meeting dates and meeting location for calendar year 2015.
3. Approve draft resolution to require the use of green infrastructure and sustainability incentives within the development of CodeNext. Presenter: Board Member Brewer.
4. Make recommendation to approve Future Urban Forest Grant Program project proposal.
5. Action on *Protecting and Retaining Trees: A Guide for Municipalities and Counties in North Carolina*. Presenter: UFB Board Vice-Chair Maceo.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. University of Texas student project presentation:
2. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – October 2014. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
3. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update October 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
4. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Report – October 2014. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.

6. Update from Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

J. ADJOURNMENT

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