

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 17, 2014, - 5:30 p.m.

Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Austin, Texas

Christopher Kite, Chair

Peggy Maceo (Vice-Chair)

Len Newsom

Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4

Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3

Council Member Bill Spelman, Place 5

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Nicholas Classen

Ryan Fleming

Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2

Keith Brown

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheryl Cole, Place 6

Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2

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 November 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

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 -- Public Works Department.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing on City of Austin Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Presenter: Justice Jones, Austin Fire Department.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Make recommendation on City of Austin Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

- 1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update November 2014. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
- 2. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update November 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
- 3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Report November 2014. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Urban Forestry Board, please contact Angela Hanson at angela.hanson@austintexas.gov or by phone at 974-9551.