



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, December 17, 2014, - 5:30 p.m.  
Northwest Recreation Center  
2913 Northland  
Austin, Texas**

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MEETING MINUTES**

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Board Chair Chris Kite, Board Vice-Chair Peggy Maceo( left meeting at 7:05P.M.), Board Members Patrick Brewer, Nick Classen (arrived 6:02P.M), Ryan Fleming (arrived 5:52P.M.), Len Newsom

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Parks and Recreation Department**

Lara Schuman, Acting Program Manager, Forestry Unit

Robert Clawson, Nature Based Programs Division, UFB Staff Liaison

**Planning and Development Review Department:**

Angela Hanson, City of Austin Urban Forester, UFB Executive Liaison

Keith Mars, Environmental Program Coordinator

**Austin Energy Department:**

Ray Henning, Line Clearance Supervisor

**Public Works Department:**

Rob Grotty, Urban Forestry Program Manager

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Kite called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of November 19, 2014.  
Motion made by Board Member Newsom, seconded by Board member Brewer to approve the meeting minutes of November 19, 2014. Approved by Board Chair Kite, Board Vice-Chair Maceo and Board members Brewer and Newsom. Board Member Classen and Fleming not arrived. Board member Brown absent.

**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.

None.

#### **D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Angela Hanson has accepted position with City of Austin Office of Innovation effective January 2015.

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

- Austin Urban Forest Plan Implementation Monthly Update. Presentation given.
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk. Presentation given.
- Update -- Public Works Department. No information.

#### **F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS**

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

#### **G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. Make recommendation on City of Austin Community Wildfire Protection Plan.  
Motion made by Board Member Brewer, seconded by Board Member Fleming to make recommendation to City Council that before a Wildfire Protection Plan is made as a part of broader management plan on any public lands, that this board or an appropriate board be allowed to review it and make comments. Board Vice-Chair Maceo, and Board Members Brewer, Classen, Fleming and Newsom approve. Board Chair Kite out of the meeting room. Board member Brown absent.

#### **H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing**

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

#### **I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Update from Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer. February meeting.  
2014 Annual Tree Preservation and Replenishment Report – February meeting.  
Review Urban Forestry Board ByLaws. Presenter: Board Chair Kite.  
Discuss possible Special Called Meeting with Environmental Board (perhaps in February) to discuss transition.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Kite adjourned the meeting at 7:25P.M.

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