



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 28, 2015, - 5:30 p.m.  
Northwest Recreation Center  
2913 Northland  
Austin, Texas**

<b>URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>:</b>
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	

<b>URBAN FORESTRY EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>	<b>:</b>
Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department	
Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department – Director Designee	
Vacant, Urban Forester, Planning and Development Review 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 December 17, 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** – Emily King, Environmental Program Manager, Planning, Development and Review Department, including:

- Austin Urban Forest Plan Implementation Monthly Update
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.
- Summary of impacts to tree roots in Zilker Park from the U.S.A. Cycling Cyclo-Cross National Championships that occurred from January 7-12, 2015.
- Update -- Public Works Department.

**F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS**

1. Overview of UFB By-Laws and functions to prepare for possible special called meeting with Environmental Board related to transfer of UFB responsibilities to Environmental Commission. Presenter: Chris Kite, UFB Board Chair

**G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion and possible action on UFB By-Laws and functions to prepare for possible special called meeting with Environmental Board related to transfer of UFB responsibilities to Environmental Commission. Presenter: Chris Kite, UFB Board Chair

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

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – December 2014. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update December 2014. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Report – December 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.  
Grant application requesting \$30,000.00 for vertical mulching on the Shoal Creek Restoration Project.  
Presenter: Watershed Protection Department. February meeting.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

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