



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, April 15, 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, Development Services Department	
Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department – Director Designee	
Vacant, Urban Forester, Development Services Department	
John Clement, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department – Director Designee	

**AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of March 18, 2015.

**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, Interim Urban Forester, Development Services Department, including:

- Austin Urban Forest Plan Implementation Monthly Update
- Status of Prominent Tree Care Program approved by UFB in September 2014

**F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS**

1. Present Urban Forestry Board 2014 Annual Internal Review. Presenter: Chris Kite, Urban Forestry Board Chair.
2. Draft Cemetery Master Plan: Presenter: Kim McKnight, Project Coordinator, Park Planning and Design Unit, Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Heritage Tree Removal at Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt. Presenter: Lara Schuman, Urban Forest Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Planting of appropriate tree species on land managed by Public Works. Presenter: Rob Grotty, Urban Forest Program Manager, Public Works.

**G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation regarding the Urban Forestry Board 2014 Annual Internal Review. Presenter: Chris Kite, Urban Forestry Board Chair.
2. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to the City Council on the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan related to trees and vegetation. Presenter: Urban Forestry Board Member Nicholas Classen.
3. Discuss and provide recommendations regarding removal of Heritage Tree at Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt. Presenter: Peggy Maceo, Urban Forestry Board Vice-Chair.
4. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council on planting of appropriate tree species on land managed by Public Works. Presenter: Peggy Maceo, Urban Forestry Board Vice-Chair.

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

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – March 2015. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update March 2015. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Development Services Department.
3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Report – March 2015. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Development Services Department.
4. Update from Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, UFB Board Member.
5. Public Works Department Urban Forestry Program Monthly Update. Presenter: Rob Grotty, Urban Forest Program Manager, Public Works.

6. Parks and Recreation Department Urban Forestry Program Monthly Update. Lara Schuman, Urban Forest Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.
  - A. Removal of Protected Size Trees on Parkland.
  - B. Update on Cyclo-Cross Race Remediation Work at Zilker Park.

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

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

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