

Environmental Commission
Urban Forestry Committee Meeting
October 3, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.
One Texas Center
505 Barton Springs Road 12<sup>th</sup> Floor
Big 12 Conference Room
Austin, Texas 78767

# Agenda

### **COMMISSIONERS:**

Pam Thompson (D-3) Mary Ann Neely (D-5) Peggy Maceo (D-7) Linda Guerrero (D-9)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.

## 3. STAFF BRIEFINGS\*

- a. Briefing on the status of the Urban Forest Program: report card, maintenance of operations of PW, WPD, AE, and PARD Emily King, Urban Forest Program Manager, Development Services Department
- b. Briefing on the City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Report Keith Mars, City Arborist and Urban Forest Conservation Program Manager, Development Services Department
- c. Briefing on the Tree Preservation and Replenishment Report Keith Mars, City Arborist and Urban Forest Conservation Program Manager, Development Services Department

## 4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss and consider the mission and scope of the Urban Forestry Committee
- b. Discuss and consider reasonable use variances and preservation rates, including the tally, removals, species, size, and address
- Discuss and consider allowances and impacts of recent heritage tree loss at Riverside Drive and IH-35

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

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