



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES **Wednesday, July 24, 2019**

The Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at One Texas Center in the Cavern Conference Room at 505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Wendy Gordon
Linda Guerrero
Peggy Maceo
Mary Ann Neely
Pam Thompson

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Emily King
Lisa Killander
Kaela Champlin
D'Anne Williams
Atha Phillips
Naomi Rotramel

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Commissioner Peggy Maceo called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M.
 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Committee Meeting of April 10, 2019
The minutes of the April 10, 2019 Urban Forestry Committee Meeting were approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 5-0 vote.
 4. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Process for permitting and constructing nature trails by volunteers in parks and green belts and the impact to trees – D'Anne Williams, Project Manager, Parks and Trails, Parks and Recreation Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - b. New City Arborist introduction—Naomi Rotramel, City Arborist, Development Services Department (DSD)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. Discuss reasonable use determination process and variance checklist review – Naomi Rotramel, City Arborist, DSD

Speakers

Lauren Ice

A motion to adopt the Heritage Tree Ordinance Checklist was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 5-0 vote.

- d. Urban Forestry Program Update – Emily King, Urban Forestry Program Manager, DSD
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- e. Discuss Council mandated Urban Forestry Grant Programs
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

5.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Peggy Maceo adjourned the meeting at 12:43 P.M.

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