



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 31, 2017

The Environmental Commission Urban Forest Committee convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2017 at One Texas Center in the Cavern Conference Room at 505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Mary Ann Neely
Peggy Maceo
Linda Guerrero

Commissioners Absent:

Pam Thompson

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Michael Embesi
Christopher Dolph
Emily King
Rob Grotty
Keith Mars

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Commissioner Peggy Maceo called the meeting to order at 11:00 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. None
 4. **STAFF BRIEFINGS***
 - a. Briefing on the Urban Forestry Program (including the status of the Urban Forest Plan implementation and Urban Forest Replenishment Fund)—Emily King, Urban Forester, Development Services Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - b. Briefing on the City Arborist Program and Heritage Tree Report—Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - c. Briefing on Public Works Forestry Program—Rob Grotty, Urban Forest Program Manager, Public Works
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- d. Briefing on CodeNEXT tree related items—Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discuss the capture of “poor health” removals for reports

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Peggy Maceo adjourned the meeting at 12:35 P.M.

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