



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

**The Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee convened in a public meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at One Texas Center in the Big 12 Conference Room at 505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

Mary Ann Neely  
Peggy Maceo  
Linda Guerrero  
Pam Thompson

### **Commissioners Absent:**

Wendy Gordon

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Kaela Champlin  
Michael Embesi  
Christopher Dolph  
Emily King  
Chuck Lesniak  
Keith Mars  
Lara Schuman

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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 January 31, 2017  
**The minutes of the January 31, 2017 Urban Forestry Committee Meeting were approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was absent.**
  - 4. STAFF BRIEFINGS\***
    - a. CodeNEXT update – Keith Mars, City Arborist, Development Services Department (DSD)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
    - b. PARD Forestry Program Report (this quarter's public lands management guest presentation) – Lara Schuman, Urban Forestry Program Manager, PARD  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- c. City Arborist Program Report (including Heritage Tree data) – Keith Mars, City Arborist, DSD  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- d. Urban Forestry Program Report (including update on Urban Forest Plan) – Emily King, Urban Forester, DSD  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- e. Legislative Report (time permitting) – Keith Mars, City Arborist, DSD  
**Item taken first. No action taken.**

**5.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Peggy Maceo adjourned the meeting at 12:36 P.M.**

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