



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

**The Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at One Texas Center in the Cavern Conference Room at 505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

Linda Guerrero  
Peggy Maceo  
Mary Ann Neely  
Pam Thompson

### **Commissioners Absent:**

Wendy Gordon

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Kaela Champlin  
Michael Embesi  
Leah Haynie  
Emily King  
Keith Mars  
Kirsten Schneider  
John Robinson  
Amanda Ross

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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.*

**None**

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Committee Meeting of May 16, 2017

**The minutes of the May 16, 2017 Urban Forestry Committee Meeting were approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Neely's second on a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Thompson was off the dais. Commissioner Gordon was absent.**

#### **4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Parks Forestry Program Summary—Kirsten Schneider, Acting Forestry Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department

**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- b. Urban Forestry Program Report (including Urban Forest Plan update) – Emily King, Urban Forester, Development Services Department (DSD)

**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- c. Update on Work Plans addressing each program's implementation of the findings from the Urban Forest Sustainability and Management Review – Emily King, Urban Forester, DSD  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- d. City Arborist Program Report (including Heritage Tree data) – Keith Mars, City Arborist, DSD  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- e. Monthly Fluctuations with Administrative Variances for Heritage Trees – Keith Mars, City Arborist, DSD  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- f. CodeNext Update – Keith Mars, City Arborist, DSD  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

**5.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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