



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 23, 2019

The Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 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:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Emily King
Keith Mars
Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Joseph Osbourne
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 July 24, 2019
The minutes of the July 24, 2019 Urban Forestry Committee Meeting were approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Neely was absent.
 4. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - a. Continued discussion on process for permitting and constructing nature trails by volunteers in parks and green belts and the impact to trees
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
 - b. Discuss Austin Energy policy concerning trees no longer allowed in transmission easement and near transmission structure
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. City Arborist Report including Heritage trees—Naomi Rotramel, City Arborist, Development Services Department (DSD)
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- d. Urban Forestry Program Update—Emily King, Urban Forestry Program Manager, DSD
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- e. Update on Land Development Code Revision—Keith Mars—Community Tree Preservation Division Manager, DSD
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

Speakers

Zoila Vega

5.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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