



**Urban Forestry Committee Meeting
March 28th, 2024 at 10:00 AM
Permitting And Development Center, Events Center, Room 1401
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive
Austin, Texas 78752**

Some members of the Urban Forestry Committee will be participating by videoconference.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone.

To register to speak remotely, call or email Elizabeth Funk, Watershed Protection Department, at (512) 568-2244, Elizabeth.Funk@austintexas.gov, no later than noon, the day before the meeting. The following information is required: speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Richard Brimer (Committee Chair)
Mariana Krueger
Colin Nickells
Melinda Schiera

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 5 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Committee Meeting of October 12, 2023

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing heritage tree administrative variance procedures – Jim Dymkowski, Division Manager, Community Tree Preservation, Development Services Department

3. Staff briefing on overall tree preservation numbers – Jim Dymkowski, Urban Forestry, Development Services Department
4. Staff update on drafted tree preservation incentives in HOME code amendments – Jim Dymkowski, Urban Forestry, Development Services Department Emily King, Urban Forestry, Development Services Department

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Discuss ghost trees and how they are addressed in the current heritage tree ordinance– Richard Brimer
6. Discuss Committee goals for the upcoming year – Mariana Krueger

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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