



CITY OF EL PASO TREE BOARD
City Hall, 6th Floor
2 Civic Center Plaza
Monday, April 10, 2006 @ 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Charlotte Johnson, Chairperson
Oscar Mestas, Vice Chairman
John M. White
Raymond Bader
Dr. Tammy Bendele
Eileen Karlsruher
Lewis Wright

Members Absent

Wynn Anderson

Staff Present

Barry Russell,
Assist. Dir. For Parks
& Recreation Dept

Josette Flores, Assist.
City Attorney

1. **Meeting called to order by Charlotte Johnson, Chairperson at 3:30 p.m.**
2. **Motion to approve February 13, 2006 minutes made by Eileen Karlsruher; seconded by Ray Bader; all in favor; motion past unanimously. Motion to approve March 13, 2006 minutes made by John White, seconded by Ray Bader; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
3. **Update and Discussion City Council Approval of Amended Tree Board Ordinance by Assistant City Attorney, Josette Flores:** Ms. Flores stated that Ordinance 16.3.14 was approved by City Council on March 28, 2006. Items accomplished were membership terms increased from 3 to 4 years, the Texas Forest Service Representative was removed from an actual board member and transferred to be an Ex-Officio member, the City Arborist is an Ex-Officio member, and both Ex-Officio members are exempt from the prohibition against holding any other public office of honor, trust or profit in the government of the city, county or state during his/her term of office.
4. **Motion to move Item #7 up next to Update and Discussion of Tree Care Ordinance by Oscar Mestas to #7; John White seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.** Oscar Mestas stated that DCC feels the manual has a conflict with the new Landscape Ordinance. Enforcement is an issue with manpower. Larry Nichols, Deputy Director of Building Services stated that conflicts with the Amended Landscape Ordinance include enforcement and citations/appeals, whether the Tree Care Ordinance addresses public right of way landscape and not private, it references the specification manual which conflict with Landscape Ordinance in

regard to tree list and sizes, also planter sizes are an issue. The Tree Care Ordinance Committee will work with the Building Services and the Proposed Landscape Ordinance in establishing policies.

5. **Update and Discussion on Memorial Tree Program by Brent Pearson:** Mr. Pearson stated that the Memorial Tree Program received one more donation for a total of 28 and has brought in a total of \$2,775.00. Mr. Pearson is now working with Pat Dalbin of the Museum and Cultural Affairs Department on the process to select the artist for the sculpture, location and timeline-action steps to be taken.
6. **Update and Discussion on approved Tree & Plant List by Brent Pearson:** No modifications as per Brent Pearson.
7. **Update and Discussion on Arbor Day Celebration by Tammy Bendele:** Ms. Bendele stated that she submitted the proclamation to Mayor's Office but will not be read on the April 25th but will be read at the Arbor Day Celebration. A program was read with all the activities to be held at Chester Jordan Park on Friday, April 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.
8. **Open Comment Period:** None Given
9. **Motion to adjourn made by Ray Bader; seconded by Lewis Wright; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.**