



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

MINUTES

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Wynn Anderson

Staff Present

Barry Russell, Assist. Dir.
for Parks
Lucy Martinez, Rec. Secret.

Others Present:

Josette Flores, Assist. City
Attorney
Brent Pearson, Street Dept.
Mark Grissom, Develop. Services

1. **Meeting called to order by Charlotte Johnson, Chairperson at 3:35 p.m.**
2. **Motion to approve June 12, 2006 minutes made by Eileen Karlsruher with correction on item #2 where Eileen Karlsruher's name appears in error; seconded by Oscar Mestas; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
3. **Update and Discussion on Memorial Tree Program:** Charlotte Johnson will have an addition to the Memorial Tree Program. As per Brent Pearson, the Artwork at this time is being handled by Pat Dalbin with Arts Resources and is still in the design phase. The artwork will be going out for everyone's input and ideas. Ms. Johnson stated that the statue would not be in place for October's Arbor Festival.
4. **Update and Discussion on Approved Tree and Plant List: As per Brent Pearson, no modifications at this time.**
5. **Discussion and Action on Tree Care Ordinance:** Oscar Mestas stated that simple corrections with additions or deletions are being made to the Ordinance at this time. It must be tied in with the existing Tree Protection Ordinance and the proposed Landscape Ordinance. The Ordinance will be placed in Chapter 18 behind the Landscape Ordinance. **Mark Grissom of Development Services** stated that the Tree Care Ordinance looks good and both Tree Care and Landscape Ordinance would be presented the end of August and early September to get the approval from DCC to CPC (City Planning Commission) and directly to City Council for final approval.

Brent Pearson stated that the next order of business for the Tree Care Ordinance is the Tree Plant List. **Oscar Mestas** mentioned that in order to apply to Tree City USA an application must be turned in by November but the Ordinance must be in effect for at least one year.

6. **Open Comment Period: Barry Russell, Assistant Director for Parks and Recreation Department** discussed the “Trees for Me Program” which is a program that gives away two trees for your front yard. The group is in need of corporate sponsors. The program is sponsored by the Texas Forest Service Grant which ends by September, 2006. An extension can be given to do your planting in October/November. Mr. Russell would like the Tree Board to take on this program as a project or be a part of and help promote. More on the policies and information will be brought back in the September 2006 Tree Board Meeting.
7. **Motion to adjourn made by Eileen Karlsruher; seconded by Raymond Bader; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**