



**CITY OF EL PASO TREE BOARD**  
**City Hall, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**2 Civic Center Plaza**  
**Monday, September 11, 2006 @ 3:30 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

### **Members Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

None

### **Staff Present**

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

### **Others Present:**

Brent Pearson, Street Dept.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Charlotte Johnson at 3:39 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes for July 10, 2006: **Motion to approve minutes made by Wynn Anderson; seconded by Eileen Karlsruher; all in favor; motion past unanimously**
3. **Update and Discussion of the Fall Arbor Day Celebration:** Barry Russell, Assistant Director for Parks and Recreation Department will check on the plans for Fall Arbor Day, date to be held, recipients and the artwork. Mr. Russell will also be checking on a Park on the Westside and check to see when the Mayor will be available. Proclamation wording will be worked on by Brent Pearson and Dr. Tammy Bendele.
4. **Update and Discussion on Memorial Tree Program:** Barry Russell, Assistant Director for Parks and Recreation stated that Certificates for recipients of the Memorial Tree Program will be handed out at the Celebration to those present and mailed out to the people that could not attend. Mr. Russell will be working with other organizations for funding of certificates.
5. **Update and Discussion on Approved Tree and Plant List:** No modification at this time as per Brent Pearson, Street Department. Mr. Russell stated that the Landscape Ordinance will be presented to City Planning Commission in October and to City Council in November

with implementation date of January 1, 2007. As per Oscar Mestas, the manual is ready but the Ordinance is being re-worded and get the title changed by the Attorneys office. Dr.

6. **Discussion and Action on the Tree Care Ordinance:** The Tree list can be amended before it becomes an Ordinance. Dr. Tammy Bendele stated that the Landscape Ordinance is not required to use the plant list but credit is given when the plant list is used for plants using lower or medium water. Dr. Bendele would also like to have the Magnolia Tree removed from the Plant List. Next board meeting will have a revised plant and tree list ready. The Tree Care Ordinance should follow the Landscape Ordinance in October/November. **No Action Taken**
7. **Update and Discussion on Landscape Ordinance:** The plant list will be an addendum to the Landscape Ordinance as per Barry Russell. The revised Plant and Tree list should go along with the Landscape Ordinance.
8. **Discussion and Information on the Future of Tree Board:** Barry Russell stated that he and Dr. Merrifield, Director for Parks Department and Attorney Josette Flores discussed the future of the Tree Board. The thought was, unless there was any resistances from the Tree Board, this board become a subcommittee to the Parks Advisory Board which is active now; nothing has begun or initiated at this time until the Park Master Plan is approved. Research is being done at this time with no immediate danger of disbanding The Tree Board. The Tree Board would like to stay as it is at this time.
9. **Open Comment Period:** None Given
10. **Motion to adjourn meeting made by Eileen Karlsruher; seconded by Oscar Mestas; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.**