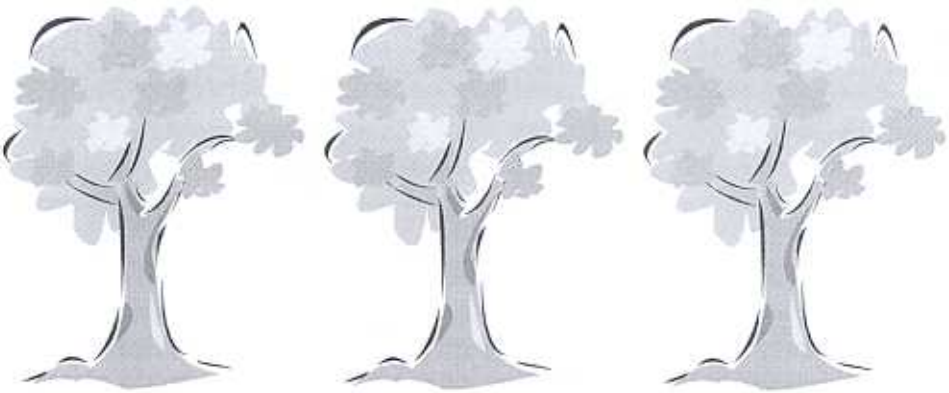

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TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

State of Texas Building, 401 E. Franklin, 5th Floor

Monday, December 12, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:	OTHERS:	MEMBERS ABSENT:
Charlotte Johnson, Chair - Parks Board	Josette Flores, Assistant City Attorney	John White, Arborist
Oscar Mestas, Vice Chair – Texas Forest Service	Barry Russell, Parks & Recreation Department	Lewis Wright, Landscape Architect
Dr. Tammy Bendele, Horticultural Background	Brent Pearson, Arborist - Street Department	Raymond Bader, West Texas Urban Forestry Council
Eileen Karlsruher, At Large	Rosemary G. Borrego, Secretary – Street Dept.	One Vacancy
Wynn Anderson, At Large		

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes –**

   Motion by Wynn Anderson, seconded by Eileen Karlsruher to approve the October 10, 2005 Minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

3. **Update and Discussion on the Memorial Tree Program – Parks Department / Brent Pearson**

   Mr. Pearson stated that there were no honorees added in the last two months. He expressed the need to reinvigorate the program. The Green Sweep Committee who originated the program was to pass out information but as it no longer exists, that maybe the Forestry Council may want to take over the task of passing out information on the Memorial Tree Program. Mr. Oscar Mestas stated that if he had brochures with him when he attended a garden club meeting, that he would have passed them out, and would not mind dropping off brochures at different locations. Mr. Pearson stated he had plenty of brochures and will give each Board member some to hand out as needed.

   Dr. Tammy Bendele and Brent Pearson met with Beto O'Rourke (City Representative D-8) in reference to the Memorial Tree sculpture. Mr. Barry Russell, Parks & Recreation Department, asked for the dimensions of the sculpture. The Chair stated that she would like to invite Rita Gomez, who has the model, to the next meeting or we can pick up the model sculpture to show at the Board meeting. Brent Pearson acknowledged that the Parks Department may eventually take over the Memorial Tree Program when asked by Ms. Karlsruher.

4. Update and Discussion on Arbor Day Celebration / Memorial Tree Dedication – Dr. Tammy Bendele

Dr. Bendele stated that the Arbor Day celebration went really well. They had two different families and they had honorees.

It was suggested that we should have a check list for things needed in future celebrations, e.g., a mike.

5. **Update and Discussion on the Approved Tree & Plant List – Brent Pearson**

There were no applications for modification.

6. **Update and Discussion on the Tree Care Ordinance – Oscar Mestas**

Before discussing the Tree Care Ordinance Mr. Brent Pearson introduced Josette Flores, Assistant City Attorney. She replaced Lupe Cuellar as Attorney for the Tree Board, and mentioned that Lupe Cuellar is still working on the revisions to the ordinance.

Mr. Russell and his staff reviewed the draft ordinance and commented that it looked good to them. Mr. Daryl Cole still needs to review it. Mr. Russell asked that Mr. Pearson make him copies to hand out at DCC on Wednesday

7. **OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Ms. Johnson commented that half of the Board members are coming to an end of their terms in February and asked that they contact their representative to get reappointed. Rosemary will send out letters asking for reappointments. There is still a vacancy in D-4 (Representative Melina Castro).

8. Motion by Wynn Anderson and seconded by Oscar Mestas to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting January 9, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Charlotte Johnson

Approved: Charlotte Johnson, Chairman

Date: 1-9-06

Rosemary G. Borrego, Secretary