



CITY OF EL PASO TREE BOARD
Garden Club Center
3105 Grant
Monday, March 13, 2006 @ 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Charlotte Johnson, Chairperson
Oscar Mestas, Vice Chairman
Wynn Anderson
Raymond Bader
Dr. Tammy Bendele
Eileen Karlsruher

Members Absent

John M. White
Lewis Wright

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 3:44 p.m.**
2. **No motion was made to approve the February 13, 2006 minutes.**
3. **Update and Discussion on the Memorial Tree Program by Brent Pearson:** Mr. Pearson stated that there are no more additions to the Memorial Tree Program. City Manager, Joyce Wilson would like Debbie Hamlyn, Deputy City Manager and Yolanda Alameda, Art's Resources Director to give final approval to proceed with the Memorial Tree Sculpture. The location was verified with Bill Blazik. Dedication of Sculpture is anticipated to coincide with the October Arbor Celebration when commemoration of the memorial tree recipients is done. Charlotte Johnson, Chairperson stated that the West Texas Urban Forrest Council has the funds to produce the sculpture along with Green Sweep who originally championed the portrait. The City Street Department will hand the actual cost of installation and the installation itself. The Parks and Recreation Department will do the maintenance.
4. **Update and Discussion on Approved Tree & Plant list by Brent Pearson:** No modifications were done.

5. **Update and Discussion on Arbor Day Celebration by Oscar Mestas:** Mr. Mestas stated that March 29, 2006 is the next meeting at the Jane Hambric Elementary School at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the program and where the tree planting will take place. The State will give the school a tree and the student a \$500 savings bond and the Forestry Council will give the student's teacher \$150 gift certificates to Barnes & Noble. El Paso Water Utilities would also like to plant trees at certain parks on Arbor Day with Park's permission. **Frank Villasana with TWR Group** asked if his group could donate trees to the Park at Student Memorial Park. Park's staff will be consulted and contact Mr. Villasana. The Arbor Day Celebration will be held the last Friday, April 28, 2006 at Chester Jordan Park.

6. **Update and Discussion on the Tree Care Ordinance by Oscar Mestas:** As per Oscar Mestas, the manual has been completed. Mr. Mestas stated that the next step would be taking it back to DCC and get a recommendation. **Eileen Karlsruher makes a motion to go forward to DCC with the document prior to the last revisions for their recommendation; no second; motion dies. Wynn Anderson makes a motion to have a Special Meeting to review the Tree Care Manual before the Tree Care Ordinance is presented to DCC; Raymond Bader seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.**

7. **Open Comment Period:** Assistant City Attorney, Josette Flores stated that the Amended Ordinance will be presented in the City Council Agenda, Tuesday, March 14, 2006 that will be the introduction of the Ordinance and if introduction goes well, the Ordinance is heard two weeks after. As per Ms. Flores, the only question that might come up is the length of the terms.

8. **Motion made by Wynn Anderson to Adjourn Meeting; seconded by Oscar Mestas; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.**

Approved: Charlotte Johnson, Chairperson

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