



CITY OF EL PASO TREE BOARD
City Hall, 6th Floor
2 Civic Center Plaza
Monday, June 11, 2007 @ 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson
Wynn Anderson
Tammy Bendele
David Morales
Raymond Bader

Members Absent

John White
Lewis Wright
Lois Balin
Oscar Mestas

Staff Present

Barry Russell, Assistant
Director
Brent Pearson, Street Dept.
Lucy Martinez, Recording
Secretary

1. **Meeting called to order at 3:59 p.m. by Chairperson, Eileen Karlsruher.**
2. Approval of minutes for April 9, 2007: **Motion to approve minutes made by Wynn Anderson; seconded by Tammy Bendele; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
3. **Discussion and Action on Arbor Day Activity and Location for October 2007 and April of 2008: No Action taken at this time.** Brent Pearson will work with the Parks Department to partner with a school, neighborhood association or Fort Bliss for the next Arbor Day activity; preferably in the Northeast area dealing with an elementary school. Arbor Day activities will be held in the Fall of 2008 eliminating the Spring Arbor Day Celebration.
4. **Update and Discussion State Arbor Day Ceremony for 2008:** Discussion on location and a possible Tree City USA designation to be in place before the next State Arbor Day Ceremony to be held the last Friday in April. Further discussion needed.
5. **Update and Discussion on Status of Tree Care Ordinance:** Tree Care Ordinance past unanimously June 5, 2007 going into effect October 1, 2007.
6. **Discussion and Action on Modification to Tree and Plant List:** The Tree and Plant list was approved January of 2007. Comments on the Tree and Plant list must be completed and placed on the Web site. **No Action taken at this time.**
7. **Update and Discussion on Memorial Tree Sculpture:** As per Brent Pearson, Pat Dalbin of the Art's Department commissioned an artist to give a conceptual idea on a Memorial Tree sculpture to be voted on. Examples were distributed to the Tree Board. Public Art money would be used. This item will be further discussed.

8. **Update and Discussion on Ban of Mulberry Trees:** Dr. Galvan, Interim of the City/County Health Department, Extension Service and AMA need to be contacted for their position on Mulberry trees being allergens and their ban. Brent Pearson will send out letters to the above people asking for their input in the banning of Mulberry trees.
9. **Information Only:** Annual Financial Disclosure Statement forms for the Tree Board are due no later than June 30, 2007.
10. **Open Comment Period: David Morales**, member of the Tree board would like to send all the Neighborhood Associations a copy of the Landscape and Tree Ordinance to educate and keep them aware. Barry Russell suggests making a packet and sending information to Community Development and have them hand the information out to the community in their meetings with the neighborhood associations.
Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson asked the board if the time and day of the Tree Board is convenient for all the board members or would they consider a change. Mondays are fine but changing the time from 3:00 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. was discussed by the board.
11. **Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.**