

TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*State of Texas Building, 401 E. Franklin, 5th Floor
Monday, July 18, 2005*

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

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

2. Approval of Minutes –

Motion by John White, seconded by Wynn Anderson to approve the June 13, 2005 Minutes. All in favor.

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

West Texas Urban Forestry Council will be taking over the sculpture project. There is a meeting tomorrow at 6:30 at Tammy's house, and after that meeting will have more information.

Brent Pearson reported funds in the Memorial Tree Program account to date are \$2450.

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

There were no applications for modification.

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

Copies of a draft (red-lined) of the ordinance dated 6/22/05 were distributed. The Chair thanked sub-committee and Lupe Cuellar for all their work on getting this draft together. There was some discussion on the procedures manual. Will get the bare minimum from the manual to apply to the ordinance. The manual should be ready when the ordinance is ready. Sub-committee will need to meet with Daryl Cole, and Dr. Merrifield and City Manager before taking this to City Council. A meeting will be scheduled when Oscar Mestas returns.

The timeline to get this completed is November 2005. Will need to approve this in the September Tree Board meeting. After ordinance is passed Ms. Johnson would like for Daryl Cole to have a training session with their employees to discuss the ordinance; specifically, parking under public trees and the consequences.

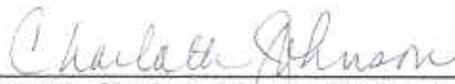
Ms. Johnson asked that the Board members read through the draft and if they have any questions to call her, or send e-mail to Oscar Mestas and copy her.

6. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Eileen Karlsruher asked if the Tree Board is interested in getting involved in the Landscape Ordinance again. City Manager made comment that she wants to bring it forward again. Lupe will get information before following up with the City Manger and Pat Aduato (Deputy City Manager), and try to get a copy of the most recent draft.

John White asked about trees planted on a City easement, if it has grown out and is blocking traffic, can it be removed; is it covered under this ordinance? Per Brent Pearson the City is already cutting back these trees when obstructing traffic. The property owner is responsible for removing trees on City right of way in front of their properties.

7. Motion by Wynn Anderson, seconded by John White to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



Approved: Charlotte Johnson, Chairman

Date: 8-8-05

Rosemary G. Borrego, Secretary

