

Memorandum



DATE June 11, 2009

TO Chairpersons of City of Dallas Boards, Commissions and Committees

SUBJECT Urban Forest Advisory Committee

As you may be aware, the City of Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee (UFAC) was established by resolution of City Council in December 2005. The Committee worked diligently for over three years to become organized, establish relations with critical partners, complete one to five year strategic plans and develop, as well as educate, a large group of volunteer Citizen Foresters which are a tremendous asset to the city.

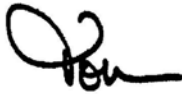
The attached list of appointed members for 2009 provides a testament to the wide diversity of experience and knowledge that the UFAC provides to the City. According to the resolution establishing the Committee, they are challenged "to provide professional, pro bono leadership on matters of public policy concerning the management of trees citywide, especially on all City-owned property, particularly the Great Trinity Forest ... The Urban Forest Advisory Committee will serve in an advisory capacity on matters of environmental stewardship, specifically concerning the care and planting of trees and the urban forest by advocating sound arboricultural and urban forest management practices."

Section two of the resolution states "the duties of the Urban Forest Advisory Committee shall include, but not be limited to the development of a public awareness program that educates the public regarding the benefits, proper care and maintenance of trees; provides professional and technical leadership to the City on matters of public policy including the management of trees citywide, particularly the Great Trinity Forest; and promotes the planting and conservation of trees by working with staff and the City's Urban Forester to develop a comprehensive tree planting program and apply for available public or private grants to augment the City's efforts."

As a result of the duties, authority and challenges contained in the Council resolution, I would respectfully request that your board, commission or committee seek advice or a position from the Urban Forest Advisory Committee regarding

all tree or urban forest ecosystem affairs. The Committee will make every effort to respond to your request within a two week period. The request must be directed to Mr. Steve Houser, Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee Chair, #16 Steel Road, Wylie, Texas 75098, Office: 972-442-1524, Cell: 972-877-0361, Fax: 972-429-0012.

Your support for the Committee and urban forestry will leave a legacy of a cooler and greener Dallas for future generations to enjoy. Working together, we can make a difference.



Tom Leppert
Mayor

Cc: Members of the City Council
Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
Deborah Watkins, City Secretary
Tom P. Perkins, Jr., City Attorney
Craig Kinton, City Auditor
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Ramon F. Miguez, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
A. C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
Forrest Turner, Interim Assistant City Manager
Helena Stevens-Thompson, Assistant to City Manager
Rebecca Dugger, Director, Trinity River Corridor Project
Paul Dyer, Director, Park and Recreation
Ricardo Galceran, P.E., Director, Public Works and Transportation
Eric Griffin, Interim Director, Office of Environmental Quality
Kelly High, Director, Street Services Department
Mary Nix, Director, Sanitation Services
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Development Services
Karen Rayzer, Director, Environmental & Health Services

Attachment: List of Appointed Committee Members for 2009

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