

**Urban Forestry Commission Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 14, 2025**

**1. Call to Order of the Urban Forestry Commission**

Co-Chairperson Lugene Jones called the regular meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission to order at 4:31 PM, Wednesday, May 14, 2025, in Matt Terry Hall at the Public Safety Center (100 E First St) in Edmond, Oklahoma. The agenda for this meeting was posted in the City First Administration Building on May 9, 2025 at 12:17 PM.

**Members Present:** Co-Chairs Lugene Jones and Kurt Atkinson, Ed Cunliff, Dena Blecker.

**Members Absent:** Justin Scott.

**Staff Present:** Leigh Martin, Ken Bryan, Zach Paty

**2. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Ed Cunliff, seconded by Dena Blecker to approve meeting minutes from April 9, 2025.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Introduction of Guests.**

None.

**4. Urban Forestry Progress Report.**

Leigh Martin gave an overview of information in the Urban Forestry Activity Report.

- Continuation of Spring Events.
- ReLeaf Program – Project Learning Tree curriculum expanding throughout the Edmond School District; Tree Maintenance program starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Urban Forest Scavenger Hunt concluded.
- Additional trees at Edwards Streetscape to add some shade to the area.
- Removed six trees and pruned thirty-six trees. Six out of eight utility pruning areas have been completed.
- Met with Kimley Horn and Parks to identify preliminary trail alignment.

**5. Discussion of Tree Removal Permit Outreach.**

Ken Bryan spoke about possible fee structure for Tree Removal Permit and the next steps regarding the Permit Outreach. There were questions regarding how to enforce rules on developers and how to eliminate clear cutting. Ken stated that they can investigate enforcement while discussing fee structure as well.

**6. Discussion of Community Forestry Plan.**

Tree Planting in tandem with Route 66 Centennial may be taking place with a new grant to Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. Leigh will be in touch with the new fire chief, Jesse Benne, regarding wildfire prevention. Possibly updating and adding South Wrap Fire Prevention to the COE website. There was discussion regarding eastern red cedar tree removal and reducing risk of fires. Will add goals discussion to the agenda for next meeting.

7. **Citizen Comments.**

None.

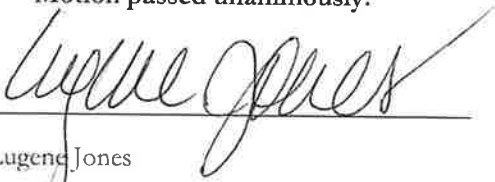
8. **Comments from the Urban Forestry Commission Chair and Members.**

Lugene Jones stated that her HOA was very appreciative of the new trees in their entry way and that they look very nice.

9. **Adjournment.**

Motion made by Dena Bleeker, seconded by Ed Cunliff to adjourn the Urban Forestry Commission meeting at 5:12 PM.

**Motion passed unanimously.**



Lugene Jones

Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission



Kurt Atkinson

Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission