

Urban Forestry Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2026

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 4:30 PM, Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in Main Street Conference Room A at the City Hall (22 E Main St) in Edmond, Oklahoma. The agenda for this meeting was posted in the City Hall Breezeway, January 09, 2026 at 8:29 am.

Members Present: Co-Chairs Lugene Jones and Kurt Atkinson, Ed Cunliff, Dena Bleeker, Stefanie Harris, Justin Scott, and Esen Yildirim, Youth Member.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leigh Martin, Ken Bryan, Zach Paty, and MaryAnn Blakely.

2. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Ed Cunliff, seconded by Dena Bleeker to approve meeting minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Introduction of Guests.

John Harkess, Edmond Citizen and Edmond Mobility Commission Member.

4. Urban Forestry Progress Report.

Leigh Martin discussed updates to the activity report template and gave an overview of information in the Urban Forestry Activity Reports from December 2025.

5. Discussion of Urban Forestry's 2025 Year in Review.

Leigh Martin went over the highlights of 2025.

6. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Suggested Updates to the Urban Forestry Commission Ordinance found in Section 2.92 of the Edmond Municipal Code.

The Commission went over the suggested changes to Urban Forestry section of the Edmond Municipal Code.

Motion made by Dena Bleeker, seconded by Ed Cunliff to allow staff to make suggested changes to Section 2.92 of the Edmond Municipal Code and approve.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion of Urban Forestry Commission Annual Goals.

There was discussion regarding Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Grant and where the trees should be along Route 66.

Stefanie Harris suggested a community garden near Ida Freeman Elementary and possibly adding fruit trees to the list of trees available at tree give-a-ways.

8. Discussion of Arbor Week Planning.

Leigh Martin discussed the upcoming Arbor Week ideas.

Arbor Week Planning will start at the beginning of 2026.

There will be a volunteer tree planting at the Senior Center in Mitch Park.

The sketch and stroll will be moved to the evening.

9. Citizen Comments.

None.

10. Comments from the Urban Forestry Commission Chair and Members.

Lugene Jones states that she likes the Community Garden idea and that she is looking forward to Arbor Week.

11. Adjournment.

Motion made by Ed Cunliff, seconded by Stefanie Harris to adjourn the Urban Forestry Commission meeting at 5:43 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.


Lugene Jones
Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission


Kurt Atkinson
Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission