

Urban Forestry Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 13, 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, May 13, 2026, in Main Street Conference Room B at the City Hall (22 E Main St) in Edmond, Oklahoma. The agenda for this meeting was posted in the City Hall Breezeway, May 08, 2026 at 11:29 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Lugene Jones, Vice Chair Kurt Atkinson, Ed Cunliff, Dena Bleeker, Justin Scott, Andrea Sampley, Mae Kiggins, and Esen Yildirim, Youth Member.

Members Absent: Stefanie Harris

Staff Present: Leigh Martin, Ken Bryan, Shain Armstrong, and Jesse Benne.

2. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Dena Bleeker, seconded by Ed Cunliff to approve meeting minutes from April 08, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Introduction of Guests.

John Harkess and Mike Scharrer, Edmond Citizens

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 April 2026.

5. Presentation of Progress on Community Wildfire Protection Plan by Jesse Benne, Fire Marshall.

Jesse Benne, City of Edmond Fire Marshall, gave an overview of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and how it could affect and help protect the Edmond area in the future.

6. Discussion of Urban Forestry Commission Goals.

1. Leigh had a meeting with Jodi, Visit Edmond, to discuss Keep Oklahoma Beautiful and she will check on grant opportunities in the future.
2. Educational campaign for Fire Wise and a link to FireWise.org on the Edmond website.
3. Amanda Thomas will help with outdoor programming and educational programming at the Preserve.

7. Citizen Comments.

Mike Scharrer shared information regarding defensible space and additional terminology that he feels should be included in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

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

The new members, Andrea Sampley and Mae Kiggins, introduced themselves and were welcomed to the Commission.

9. Adjournment.

Motion made by Ed Cunliff, seconded by Esen Yildirim to adjourn the Urban Forestry Commission meeting at 5:40 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.



Lugene Jones

Chair, Urban Forestry Commission



Kurt Atkinson

Vice Chair, Urban Forestry Commission