

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD CITY TREE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT THE LAKE CARLSBAD RECREATION AREA ON APRIL 16, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M.

Voting Members Present:	Ken Britt	Chairperson
	Sandra K Nunley	Member
	Lynn Atwood	Member
	Kelly Calicoat	Member
	Damian Armijo	Member
	Dave Rogers	Member
	Julia Williams	Member
Voting Members Absent:	None	
Board Secretary Present:	None	
Others Present:	Kadee Wachholz	Public Works Secretary
	Patrick Cass	PW Field Maintenance Supt.
	Frank Silva	NM State Forestry
	Dale Janway	Mayor
	Cheyenne Methola	Assistant to Mayor
	LaVerne Thomas	Citizen
	Mandy Frintz	Citizen

**The meeting was called to order by Ken Britt @ 4:35 pm**

**ITEM 1- ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Present - Atwood, Nunley, Armijo, Rogers, Britt, Calicoat, Williams; Absent - None

**ITEM 2- APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Dave Rogers and seconded by Julia Williams to approve the agenda.

The vote was as follows: Yes – Atwood, Nunley, Armijo, Rogers, Britt, Calicoat, Williams; No - None; Abstain – None; Absent - None; The motion carried.

**ITEM 3- APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD MARCH 19, 2013**

Motion was made by Lynn Atwood and seconded by Sandra Nunley to approve the March 19, 2013 Minutes.

The vote was as follows: Yes – Atwood, Nunley, Armijo, Rogers, Britt, Calicoat, Williams; No - None; Abstain - None; Absent - None; The motion carried.

**ITEM 4- TREE CEREMONY IN HONOR OF ARBOR DAY**

Frank Silva of the State Forestry Department congratulated the City on being a Tree City (Attachment 1). He mentioned that the Forestry Department also has a grant program with funds

available to purchase trees, if the City is interested. Mayor Janway thanked Lynn Atwood for her hard work and the Board for doing a good job. Ken Britt said he appreciates the Mayors and City Councils support and the Board is thankful to have Luis Renterias' expertise.

Dave Rogers invited everyone to attend the Golden Services memorial tree dedication on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

**ITEM 5 – SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Public Works Conference room.

**ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Dave Rogers and seconded by Julia Williams to adjourn the meeting.

The vote was as follows: Yes – Atwood, Nunley, Armijo, Rogers, Britt, Calicoat, Williams; No - None; Abstain – None; Absent - None; The motion carried.

  
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Ken Britt, Chairman

## New Mexico Tree City USA

## Presentation Script

Thank you for inviting the New Mexico State Forestry Division here today to celebrate the City of Carlsbad's achievement as a Tree City USA for the **3rd year** in a row! On behalf of New Mexico State Forestry and the Arbor Day Foundation, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the City of Carlsbad on your accomplishments in 2012 that resulted in your designation as a Tree City USA.

As a select community of 13 Tree City USA's in New Mexico, and only 3,400 Tree City USA communities in the nation, your City staff and volunteers accomplished the following in 2012 to show your dedication to Carlsbad's community forest:

1. You have a **tree board or department** charged with the care of your community's trees
2. You have a **tree care ordinance** that ensures proper care and protection of you community's trees.
3. The **Community Forestry program has shown budget expenditures of at least \$2 per capita** toward the care of community trees
4. You **celebrated Arbor Day with an observance and Proclamation by your Mayor**

In addition to meeting the four Tree City USA core standards, you've demonstrated a commitment to caring for and managing your public trees not only the environmental benefits they provide, but also the social and economic benefits they provide to your citizens and Carlsbad's economy. On average, one large tree growing here in the southwest provides \$3,100 dollars in environmental and economic benefits over its lifetime. That means the City of Carlsbad receives a 450% return on investment for every tree that is planted and cared for!

Healthy trees and community forests mean:

- Healthy people – Annually 100 large mature city trees
  - Remove 31 tons of carbon dioxide (Co2)
  - Remove 458 pounds of pollutants from the air
  - Capture 124,500 gallons of rainwater
- Healthy communities – Tree-filled neighborhoods
  - Report lower levels of domestic violence
  - Are safer and more sociable
- Homeowner savings –
  - One strategically placed large tree provides an average savings of \$24 in heating and cooling costs per year.
- Better Business – Tree lined commercial districts experience
  - More frequent shopping
  - Longer time spent shopping
  - An increase of as much as 12% in goods purchased
- Higher Property Values –
  - Each large front yard tree adds 1% to the sales price of a home
  - Large specimen trees can add up to 10% to property values

Please take this time to recognize the accomplishments from 2012 and look forward to how you, as a citizen, community member, and city government can help make your community a better place through the promotion and care of your environment in 2013 and years to come.