Urban Forestry Management Plan
Urban Forestry Subcommittee Work Session
Meeting Summary
August 20, 2012 (4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Subcommittee Members Present: Jim Buck
Richard Byers
Mike Heilman, Chair
Delwayne Rassi
Keith Warren

Council Liaison: Councilor Kilian

Staff Present: Tina Osterink (Staff Liaison)

1. Introduction and Roll Call
The Urban Forestry Subcommittee (UFS) work session was called to order at 4:36 pm, by Chair Heilman.

2. Minutes
Keith Warren moved to approve the minutes from July 16, 2012 as presented, Jim Buck seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5–0.

3. Chair Update
Chair Heilman shared that five volunteers, including him, filled and distributed about 100 10-gallon bags at Gradin Arboretum. The group decided to re-water end of August or September if needed.

Chair Heilman also informed the group about a recent field trip he participated in at Nadaka Nature Park. The field trip was intended to ground truth reports of 40 trees infected with laminated root rot. There was discussion but no agreement about which trees would need to be removed first, although, the perimeter trees may need to go first. There was discussion about:

- Potential to replace with a Hogan Cedar grove
- Two trees need immediate removal by Parks
- Potential to harvest and chip removed trees
- Phasing of removal

4. Council Update
Councilor Kilian reminded the UFS about the upcoming November 2012 Council Citizen Advisory Committee coordinating meeting. The date and time is TBD.

5. Staff Update
Staff recently introduced the Tree Code Project and code issues at a Planning Commission work session and at a Community Forum that was attended by Keith

Warren and Glenna Borg. Tina sent the UFS an invite to sign up for a free Tree Risk Assessment seminar at Gresham City Hall on Sept. 13 hosted by the Oregon Department of Forestry. Chair Heilman requested Tina re-send him the flyer. She also reminded the UFS members to send her their volunteer time numbers for the last month.

6. Significant Tree Process
Tina informed the UFS that she is working on the staff report for the eight nominated trees and two trees the UFS has proposed to de-list due to tree damage and health reasons. Staff anticipates an October or November Hearing. The UFS agreed to add the Spanish Fir grove to the proposal to de-list as Richard Byers informed the group they have sap sucker damage.

7. Tree Code Project: Issues and Opportunities
Tina gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on Tree Code Issues and Opportunities and then the group discussed the summary handout and the scope of the project to clarify the code. Councilor Kilian wants the City to lead by example and follow best practices and the rules when implementing public projects.

One member stated his experience with Gresham's Tree Code is there are few rules for tree replacement unlike cities like Lake Oswego. The City may want to consider providing removal options based on the percentage of trees by lot especially if there are only three large mature trees on a small lot.

UFS members suggested following the ISA definitions for arborist and revise where appropriate. They also confirmed that the highest credentials are held by a *Registered Consulting Arborist.* One member was unclear on the rules for nuisance and hazardous trees. Chair Heilman asked if the UFS can sit in on an upcoming City staff project team meeting. The group then provided specific input for Tina to capture in the issues table that included the following themes:

- Tree removal in HCA when foundation conflicts yet constrained by buffer rules
- Modify the de-listing rules for significant trees
- Street tree replacement
- What are the numbers around residential tree removal?
- Modify the recommended tree list and consider alternative replacement options
- Consider a planning tech to guide implementing removal and replacement rules
- Evaluate the removal threshold standard of three or six trees allowed per year
- Consider streamlining or minimizing permit process if provide an arborist report
- One size fits all removal rules in overlay districts needs evaluation

8. New Business
No new business topics were discussed.

9. Next Steps: Chair Heilman said he will be out of town in September but if there is interest the other members should get together to continue with the downtown tree Chair Heilman adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The next UFS meeting to discuss the Tree Code Project will be held on October 15.