

**Urban Forestry Subcommittee Work Session
Meeting Summary**

Nov. 18, 2019

Subcommittee Members Present: Greg Bettis
Jim Buck, Chair
Steve Stevens
Keith Warren, Vice-Chair
Phil Wich

Staff Present: Tina Osterink

Councilor's Present: None

1. Chair Call to Order

Chair Buck called the meeting to order at 4:34. Chair Buck asked the newest member to the UFS, Carol (Caz) Zyvatkas to introduce herself and informed the group that Brian Peachy will not be taking on a new term as a UFS member. Chair update consisted of:

- Chair met with Council President Hinton and reviewed UFS priorities
- There will be a follow-up to the Nov. 13 Trees and Health talk
- Large serviceberry tree on Gresham Butte off saddle trail - 35 feet tall and 74 ft. wide and suggested the UFS consider adding it to the significant tree review list
- He would like to share two USFS urban forestry research documents to the UFS

2. Lovhar

The UFS reviewed a mitigation plan and schedule for the Lovhar tree cut. Tina to look into if the lot is still for sale. Chair Buck to go up and visit the site after the first planting in to see how surviving and the sucker removal of existing trees - maybe next spring 2020.

3. Urban Forestry Operations and Education

The group discussed the following next steps for tree canopy research:

- Planning Commission will look at last two flyovers and compare 2007 data
- Keith suggested looking at plantable soil and parking lot islands
- Chair Buck shared Tigards manual - made reference to tree canopy throughout their manual and demonstrates their priority and now will be finalizing their goals and targets; tree species choose are canopy trees; volunteer to prioritize street trees - city will fund - they have a consulting arborist to answer property owner questions.
- Caz informed the group that Toronto has good arborist / homeowner program

- Chair buck - how overcome obstacles infill, tiny homes, stormwater, missing middle housing, garden light, fire danger? These are all policy areas to review.
- Is innovative housing and cluster approach to preserve trees working?
- Chair Buck asked the group to consider diversity goals as well.

A member of the public attended this meeting and informed the group about a potential development in the North Central Neighborhood off Stark and 217th that could remove up to 28 trees. Tina to send concerned community member the pre-application summary.

Chair Buck requested more information on the Hood Apartments planting plan and brought up that last year's city budget had 6 FTE for livability.

Regarding outreach, the UFS asked Tina to look into the schedule for all neighborhood associations for 2020. UFS ideas for outreach in 2020:

- college, collaboration
 - school curriculum integration of the Green Gresham, Healthy Gresham effort
 - "climate clubs and science classes
- (Tina to ask DES for their school outreach and Career day schedules)

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.