

URBAN FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

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| Date: | 7-25-22 |
| Time: | 4:30 – 6:30 pm |
| Place: | Virtual Zoom Meeting |
| Attending: | UFS: Chair Jim Buck, Vice Chair Britt McConn, Steve Stevens, Jay Adams, Keith Warren, Margie Hanrahan Staff: Tina Nunez-Osterink Council: None PC liaison: Phil Wich Guests: Greg Bettis |
| Absent | Council President Morales |

| 1. Agenda Item #1 Chair Update & Minutes Approval/ Call to order 4:32 | |
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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Butcher significant tree 1996 ROW issue – Trans Dept will follow up. There is no letter obligating the City to maintain – Can we use Tree Fund for significant tree trimming? Coalition tree code letter sent to City Council – unanimous vote on behalf coalition to prioritize tree code update in their council work plan Hiroshima peace tree set for Sept. 19 at 10 am. Arco trees on Powell Blvd. – Jim sent in a MyGresham complaint – now topped the trees – Code enforcement looking at this and does not meet height req. for trees per Jessica POD will reply with replanting – Keith said none are approved street trees – but are considered landscaping parking lot trees. Gresham butte trees killed by city parks dept (150 – 200 trees) contractor killed with herbicide — Britt can provide artificial shade – Jim says no – Margie – who made decision – Mike will follow up on what happened – Keith – many plantings up on the butte (metro, volunteer) trees are planted too close to the trail observation. |
| Decisions: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve S. asked if the May minutes can be adjusted. Unanimous approval of minutes for: March – June 2021 |
| Action Items: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina to follow up with on Tree Fund use for trimming significant trees. Mike Wallace to response needed on Gresham Butte herbicide spray. Minutes and recordings to be posted to UFS webpage in near term. |
| 2. Agenda Item #2 UFS Chair Election | |
| Discussion: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Britt accepted nomination and noted that UFS does a lot of work with a lot of contribution, yet she has lost confidence to be fully effective as a CCAC under the Planning Commission and Coordinating Committee – staff is limited and UDP Dept does not seem well suited to UFS – needs to be transparent if she accepts Chair position. |

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| Decisions: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Buck nominated Britt McConn to fulfill the Chair position and Margie seconded the motion. Five members voted in favor of the motion with Britt abstaining. |
| Action Items: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UFS roster will be updated to reflect Britt McConn, Chair from 7/2022 to 7/2024 |
| 3. Agenda Item #3 Powers and Duties | |
| Discussion: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed notes captured in excel sheet for staff. Overall, the modifications make the UFS role feel less impactful. Jim Buck met with City of Milwaukie Mayor – spoke to happy valley – what is difference between COG and HV? Stormwater basins and development? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group agreed the UFS should own the education aspects in the powers and duties, so that section needs to be modified to make this a more robust aspect for the UFS and less so for staff. |
| Action: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina to take excel comments to Steve and Joe first then UDP staff. |
| 4. Agenda Item #4 Neighborhood Tree Plan | |
| Discussion: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina shared the outreach padlet |
| Decisions: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members added their names next to August outreach events on padlet |
| Action Items: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute Bookmarks at libraries, Senior Healthy Hikers |
| 5. Agenda Item #5 New Business | |
| Discussion: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UFS discussed the Emerald Ash Borer, recently documented in OR. Chances of eliminating are low – spread up to 10 miles a year – 5 to 10 yrs before in Gresham then all Ash trees will die. Riparian areas around Johnson Creek corridor will be heavily impacted. Mountain ash will not be affected. |
| Decisions: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UFS would like to make EAB a standing topic on all future meeting agendas. Keith made a motion for the City to remove all ash trees with the Fraxinus genus from the Approved Tree List; Jim Buck seconded the motion; Unanimous approval of all five voting members. |
| Action items: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina to follow up with Watershed staff about the impacts along Johnson Creek. |

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| Next Meeting: | Aug. 15, 2022 |
| Adjournment: | 6:20 pm |