

URBAN FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Date:	12-19-22
Time:	4:30 – 6:00 pm
Place:	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Attending:	UFS: Vice Chair Jim Buck, Steve Stevens, Keith Warren Staff: Tina Nunez-Osterink, John Heili Council: None PC liaison: Sue Ruonala Guests: Janet Unruh
Absent	Council President Morales, Councilor Dina DiNucci, Jay Adams, Margie Hanrahan

1. Agenda Item #1 Chair Update & Minutes Approval/ Call to order 4:34	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tina explained that minutes from previous meeting will be forthcoming via email to the committee members. They can indicate their approval or exception via response to that email correspondence. 2. Tina announced that Chair McConn’s formal resignation was received and will be shared with the other members of the committee.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Action Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
2. Agenda Item #2 Emerald Ash Borer and Tree List Status	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Warren walked the committee members through his review and recommended revisions to the updated tree list these include revisions to the “REMARKS” section to standardize content and proposed new tree additions to replace trees recommended for removal from the list. • UFS members expressed concern with using the curb width as the main classifier rather than other feature of the trees (species) because this approach potentially allows smaller tree species to be used in larger planter areas rather than maximizing tree canopy.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFS and the City will continue their work on an improved version of the Tree List in the coming months to incorporate Keith’s proposed revisions and any feedback from other City departments.
Action Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current version of Tree List that includes the removal of the affected Ash species and “REMARKS” section but without Keith’s recent markups will be made public.
3. Agenda Item #3 Urban Forestry Program Transition	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina explained that the City is considering revisions to the structure of all Advisory Committees in tandem with the CCAC improvement project. It was noted that

	<p>with Chair McConn’s resignation and the recent and upcoming UFS member’s term expirations there will be a need to appoint new UFS members to fill vacant positions including a chair and vice chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFS members reiterated their frustrations with the City and most recently their concerns with the City’s appointment of a staff liaison from UDP rather than Parks. • UFS members want to hear the City’s response to their concerns that this appointment will result in funding issues for staff liaison time and the programs/initiatives undertaken by UFS. The tree code was cited as an example. • UFS members also want to hear the City’s response to the Labbe testimony.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will follow-up with the UDP and Parks managers regarding these requests for information.
4. Agenda Item #4 UFS Operational Items	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Tree Plan: - 1/11/23 meeting with North Gresham NA at Migration Brewing to pursue tree planting plan for the industrial sites within this area of the City that has a deficient tree canopy. • Tree City USA: Staff is working on renewing this year’s proclamation that will be present at a 3/18/2023 Friends of Trees event. • Gregg Bettis Tree Planting: Time and date TBD. Await better weather conditions. UFS and staff to coordinate on a pickup truck for this event.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Action items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
5. Agenda Item #5 Community Observations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFS members are seeing improvements in the tree replacement efforts in the PV neighborhood.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will check on the status of the street tree planting in the ROW planters along the Willowbrook Ct. adjacent to the Bella Vista townhomes.

Next Meeting:	January 23, 2023
Adjournment:	6:00 pm