

URBAN FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Date:	9-16-2024
Time:	4:33 – 6:23 pm
Place:	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Attending:	UFS: Chair Christine Johnson, Vice-Chair Thea Hayes (5:12), Keith Warren Staff: Jim Wheeler, Jeff Lesh, Torrey Lindbo, Mike Wallace, Kirk Hanson & Matthew Schmidt (Northwest Natural Resource Group) PC Liaison: Greg Schroeder Council Liaison: Guests: Janet Unruh, Mary Edmeades, Jacquenette McIntire
Absent	UFS: Steve Stevens, Jim Buck

Agenda Item #1 – Public Comments	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Edmeades, current President of Centennial Neighborhood Association: Has interest in reconnecting with UFS. Lives near Shaull Woods and is concerned about its current state. Janet Unruh: Spoke to the SW Community Park and the Shaull Woods condition, maintenance and improvements. Asked for updates on both areas.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

Agenda Item #2 – Natural Resources Presentation (Jeff Lesh)	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW Community Park Forest UFS Courtesy Update Presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work completed April – September 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slash Management Zone Field fence and gate removal completed Blackberry cut completed in preparation for herbicide application in Fall 2024 Weeds hand pulled Cut stump herbicide application Herbicide application targeting broadleaf weeds Forest Management Planning Work (Northwest Natural Resource Group) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecological forest management for biodiversity and stakeholder objectives Site Forest History Assessment Findings Draft Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invasive species management Planting into open areas Douglas-fir management to accelerate forest succession Monitoring cedar for decline Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations for the 1-year, 5-year, 10-year timeframe? Will probably work on a 30-year plan (recommendations for the longer-term). Re-planting within the existing Douglas-fir wooded area will not have a strong re-planting plan, more to sun-tolerant shrubs. Maybe some thinning of these

	<p>trees and re-planting with other drought-tolerant evergreen trees. Some new blow-downs should be expected after the current thinning – wait a couple of years before starting to re-plant. Recommending very selective thinning every few years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where is the poison hemlock? Along the walking path? Pops up in disturbed areas. It will be addressed as it comes up. ○ Will there be recommendations regarding site use and development during certain times of the year? Risk assessment with the activities? Organized activities (e.g., planting events) will be worked around expected wind events. ○ What happened to the logging revenue? \$43,000 net revenue for the logging (City’s share of the overall logging revenue minus shared with the logging company). No cost to the City for the logging. The net revenue is in a special fund intended to be spent on this site.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Agenda Item #3 – Stormwater Management Manual Update (Torrey Lindbo)	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater Management Manual changes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Documents on the Watershed Documents and Forms site ○ Updated specification for porous asphalt ○ Shift from stormwater planters to swales and tree wells ○ Focus on ponds to treat subdivisions (instead of on-site) ○ Better design standards for treatment ponds • Potentially moving toward wider planters trips implemented into Development Code. • Discussion about compost vs structural soil under the tree root ball in the tree wells.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Johnson to e-mail Torrey with remaining questions in the interest of time.

Agenda Item #4 – General Update (Jim Wheeler)	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Code Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mary Phillips will be attending the November UFS meeting to discuss the Tree Code update project. It is anticipated that this update session will take up the entire UFS meeting. • UFS Work Plan Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Formally adopted at the 8/20/24 Council Business Meeting and sent to the UFS members on 8/22/24. • Gradin Sports Park Arboretum Planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The UFS provided input on the original planting plan in 2023. Due to nursery availability, this planting plan has evolved a bit and is due to be installed by the contractor in Feb. 2025. UFS would like to get the updated planting plan. Will there be signage for these trees in the arboretum (starting with the larger trees along Palmquist or along the north buffer)? • Neighborhood Forest Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Neighborhood Forest Organization has worked with Dexter McCarty Middle School in planting trees. This organization’s overview is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Neighborhood Forest</u> is a non-profit, social venture dedicated to giving children their very own tree to plant on Earth Day – for free – every spring. ▪ We love trees! We love planting them and watching them grow.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We want to give every child this joy. ▪ And, in the process, beautify our neighborhoods, remove carbon from the atmosphere, and help instill in the hearts of our little ones a sense of magic, wonder, and love for our planet. ▪ Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has mobilized over 2,000 schools, libraries, and youth groups, engaged over 500,000 volunteers, and given over 197,000 children in all 50 states (plus Canada and Mexico) the opportunity to plant their very own tree. ▪ We are growing at a rapid rate and are aiming to reach 1 million children in the next few years. ▪ Our dream is to reach every child in North America and eventually the world. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia View Park and North Gresham Park Trails and Southwest Community Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Metro Local Share monies are allocated to install basic amenities to all six undeveloped parks (including the Southwest Community Park), as well as to create a Nature Education Center using the historic home at Hogan Butte Nature Park. The trails associated with the Columbia View and North Gresham Parks are part of the ODOT Community Parks Paths Program. The ODOT grant monies are not being used for the improvement of any undeveloped park and the delay in the construction of those paths is due to a delay in the completion of the grant contract with ODOT. • A 396-year old tree was struck by lightning and a “cookie” is being made and is expected to be available by the end of October. Presentation probably at City Hall until the formal Nature Education Center is completed.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim to update on the revisions to the Gradin Arboretum planting list. • Jim to report back on whether individual trees will have species signage in the Gradin Arboretum.

Agenda Item #5 – Other Business	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerald Ash Borer Presentation Detected at the south end of Clackamas County. Should start outreach information and efforts with training for the public. Natural Resources have mapped Ash trees on open space public lands. Natural Resources is actively monitoring the situation. Six reports (all negative) in the City. The large groves that we have are being monitored with action when needed, starting to plant in the understory now. Natural Resources will have materials available on their web page. Natural Resources can be involved in educational efforts. • Significant Trees, Engraved Tree Signs Signs cost approximately \$12 - \$18 each, not including installation. How many trees? UFS would work with installation. We will look to see which budget it will come from and how much is available from that budget as this is not a “line item” in anyone’s budget. • Gresham Historical Society Cemetery Tour Joint Event Planned for October 20, 2024. Promotion on city event calendar? Send to Jim Wheeler to go to the City’s communication team.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim to route Cemetery Tour information to the correct departments for posting on the web.
Next Meeting:	October 21, 2024, at 4:30 PM remotely via Zoom
Adjournment:	6:23 pm

*These meeting minutes were approved at the October 21, 2024, Urban Forestry Subcommittee meeting.