

URBAN FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Date:	10-16-2023
Time:	4:30 – 6:40 pm
Place:	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Attending:	UFS: Vice Chair Jim Buck, Steve Stevens, Keith Warren Staff: John Heili Guests: Brian Peachy, Janet Unruh, Thea Hayes
Absent	Councilor Morales, Councilor DiNucci, PC: Phil Wich

1. Agenda Item #1 - Meeting Minutes for september 2023	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes will be posted on the UFS website by staff.

2. Agenda Item #2 – UFS Recruitment	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UFS recruitment is open on the CCAC website. Notice is also posted on the Gov Jobs website. Other City departments, tree-related consultants, community groups, etc. have be contacted also. Two applications have been received. These interviews will be scheduled and are to be conducted by Councilor Morales, Jim Buck, and the Staff Liaison. Following the interviews recommendations are made to City Council. Jim and Keith both suggested contacting Friends of Trees.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will look into contacting Friends of Trees about this opportunity.

3. Agenda Item #3 – Hiroshima Peace Tree Plaza	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim is working with the sculptor regarding the art piece for the plaza. The support pillar and sculpture are ready for installation. Parks Dept. has given their approval. Steve asked about funds available for finish landscaping. Jim suggested the Japanese Garden could accommodate planting in that area
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation to occur within the next couple weeks.

4. Agenda Item #4 – Significant Tree Survey	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Peachy was recognized for his volunteer efforts to pick up the remaining survey zone. • Each inspector presented their findings and recommendations. Details of this discussion can be found on the meeting video recording. • Staff discussed next steps to include formal delisting and listing recommendations to be processed through a Type II MISC permit. Following that the Significant Tree List updates will be made to the website and the digital and print versions. Staff plans to work with Communications to continue the work started by Tina to create an app version of the list. • Staff suggested the Listing of new trees be limited to the UFS nominations for this year and open the invitation to the public sometime next year if UFS wants to promote formal public recommendations. Otherwise the Listing window is always informally open. • Next steps also include sending maintenance recommendation to property owners based on inspector’s observations, and pursuit of grant funding for tree markers.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will send a reminder summary email of next steps to UFS for prep prior to the Nov. meeting including bringing trees to be considered for Listing. • Staff will research status of missing significant trees discovered during the survey and update the Delist candidates accordingly prior to the Nov. meeting.

5. Agenda Item #5 – Street Trees Carbon Sequestration	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim provided an article on this subject for consideration. Maples and Oaks seem to perform best. • UFS Members felt canopy size is a more important factor with ability to effect negative aspects of development and climate change.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will review the information and consider this aspect as tree code and tree list projects proceed. • Staff will coordinate with Mary Phillips on tree code schedule and best time to revisit the Approved Trees List.

6. Agenda Item #6 Community Observations & Other UFS Business	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Buck suggested considering volunteer efforts to survey areas of the city that lack street trees with open areas within planter strips that could accommodate planting new canopy trees. Staff explained street tree removal permit and replanting process. Staff suggested the Neighborhood Tree Plan project was going

	<p>to provide for this survey and planting effort. The Fed. Grants funding could hopefully be used for this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Buck asked for Staff to comment on code prescribed inspections for tree on private property. Staff was not aware of this being codified and explained this is more likely not occurring due to lack of City resources for this. Planning handles these inspection for Commercial and Multifamily but not Single Family Residential. Code did not prescribe landscape trees for Residential except in Pleasant Valley and Springwater. The new Middle Housing code does require these trees in addition to street trees. • Chair Buck continues to work with Gresham businesses, Kia, to encourage street tree growth through maintenance. Staff suggested an education outreach component might be considered. • Keith reminded staff to send out meeting link the day of the meeting.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue street tree survey and planting discussion at future meeting. • With tree code updates consider opportunities to use front yard landscape canopy trees to satisfy street tree requirements where street trees can otherwise not be accommodated.
Next Meeting:	Nov. 20, 2023 at 4:30 PM remotely via ZOOM
Adjournment:	6:44 pm