

URBAN FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Date:	12-09-2024
Time:	4:32 – 5:18 pm
Place:	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Attending:	UFS: Chair Christine Johnson, Vice-Chair Thea Hayes, Keith Warren, Jim Buck, Steve Stevens Staff: Jim Wheeler PC Liaison: Greg Schroeder Council Liaison: N/A Guests: John Hartsock, Janet Unruh
Absent	UFS: N/A

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A

Agenda Item #3 – General Update	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Southwest Community Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Status of report from Northwest Natural Resource Group There is a draft of the Forest management Plan for the SW Community Park. It was provided to the presumed landscape architects doing the master planning work on that park. As it is still a draft plan, it is not currently available to the public. Christine, Jim, and Thea asked for the plans when they do become available. ○ Status of kickoff meetings for park planning No current plans, as Parks is still in the contract phase. It is anticipated that the initiation of the planning will start in Quarter 1 of 2025. Chair Johnson shared her conversation with Kathy Majidi. Gresham’s Natural Resources are trying to tie water quality funding with forest and wildfire management. Some follow-up about the timing of additional planting at the SW Community Park is needed. Jim Buck raised concerns for the condition of the woodlands on the buttes, including the extensive blackberry growth. ○ Chair Johnson shared lessons from Surrey, BC park with Laminated Root Rot (LRR) Douglas Fir LRR was noticed in the 1990’s and they started managing it in the 2000’s. They created a series of buffers around the LRR trees and that seems to be working. The SW Community Park plan, as it relates to the LRR trees on that property needs to have goals that are clear and specific, and a public engagement – communication element. ● Significant Tree Delisting (Spanish Chestnut #25, Incense Cedar #29, and Hawthorn #40) A formal application is in process and is expected to be issued by the end of the month. ● Tree cookie from 396 year-old tree struck by lightning

	<p>No update information available at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City display or presentation plans? No information available at this time.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Agenda Item #4 – Other Business	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 23, 2024 – FOT Planting Chair Johnson attended and shared that 50+ people participated in the tree planting event. • February, 2025 FOT Planting: Designated 2025 Arbor Month planting event This is the next planting event and is in partnership with Friends of Trees. It is encouraged that the subcommittee members participate, if possible. Information on date, time, and location were not yet available, but Friends of Trees is to provide updates on their website. Friendsoftrees.org • February 11, 2025 – Insect/Disease presentation to the Neighborhood Coalition Meeting Chair Johnson will speak with the Neighborhood Coalition at their 2/8/25 meeting for about 25 minutes about current insects and diseases impacting the urban forest. • April 2025 – Tree and Garden Walk Between Portland and Gresham. Members had a preference for the event to be held on April 26th. Event date to be communicated back to Tina. • Gresham Historical Society – Joint Cemetery Tours May 2025 through October 2025 Chair Johnson expressed desire to collaborate for three tours from spring to fall. The first one may be more specific to significant trees and tree name plates.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Agenda Item #5 – Upcoming Meetings/Trainings	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbor Day Foundation Training – How to Diversify Tree Boards and Departments – December 12, 2025, 11am PST This meeting has been cancelled and may potentially be rescheduled in early 2025. • The next two UFS meetings will be January 27th and February 24th. Discussion about UFS recruitment will be on the January agenda and it is anticipated that the Tree Code project will be on the February agenda.
Decisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City website roster to be updated to remove John Heili as liaison.

*These meeting minutes were approved by the Urban Forestry Subcommittee at the January 27, 2025, meeting.