



URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Susan Law - Immediate Past Chair, Jamie Beyer, Jeff Kessenich, Khanh Tran, Chuleana Wheeler

August 19, 2023

SPECIAL PROGRAM: On-Site Tour of Heritage Tree Nominations + Monthly Meeting

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The August 19, 2023 meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission was called to order at 1:07 pm by Melissa Johnston (Chair) off-site during the Heritage Tree Nomination tour.

Present: Melissa Johnston – Chair, Clif Barnes – Vice Chair, Jeff Kessenich, Susan Law, Khanh Tran, Jessica George – Urban Forestry, Adela Miller– Urban Forestry, Dorian Curtin – AmeriCorps

Excused: Jamie Beyer, Chuleana Wheeler

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jeff Kessenich, seconded by Clif Barnes, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from July 19, 2023 Commission meeting.

ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNITY COMMENT

None.

ITEM 4: HERITAGE TREE NOMINATION TOUR

Currently taking place.

At September 20, 2023 meeting, Heritage Tree Hearing will take place in City Council Chambers. Commissioners and public will be in attendance, with both virtual and in-person options

available. Commission is directed to review all materials and findings in advance of hearings, with public comments taking place during September meeting.

In preparation for the hearing, Urban Forestry will prepare staff report containing its recommendation of tree packages to advance. In addition, Charles with UF will share script and program order from previous hearing with Commissioners.

ITEM 5: SILVA BOLDS AWARD PLANNING

The Silva Bolds Award will be presented to Susan Sanders on Monday, September 25th, 2023. Gathering begins at 5pm, and ceremony will commence at 5:15pm, followed by gathering at Tap Union Freehouse.

ITEM 6: PROGRAM UPDATES

See Report.

The Old Apple Tree Festival will be held the first Saturday in October. An email will be distributed shortly containing Commission volunteer opportunities available in event set-up, break-down, UFC and Commission booth staffing, as well as for an individual to serve as MC. Largest volunteer need remains in staffing cider pressing station. Parking for event is still TBD; previous parking lot is now a construction staging site. Potential parking option is available near Fort Vancouver but presents challenges in ensuring accessibility.

ITEM 7: COMMUNITY & ARBORIST COMMUNICATION

None.

ITEM 8: URBAN FORESTRY REPORT

See Report.

ITEM 9: COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ITEM 10: NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

1:20pm

Melissa Johnston, Chair

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