

# Urban Forestry Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Date** Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time** 6 p.m.

**Location** City Hall

Birch Conference Room

415 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St

Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

**Commissioners/Board Members Present:**

Melissa Johnston, Clif Barnes, Jamie Beyer, Jess Durfee,  
Lucious Shields

**Excused:** Susan Law, Khanh Tran

**Staff Present:** Charles Ray, Jessica George

**Guests:** Laurel Priest, City of Vancouver Transportation  
Planning; Kyle Roslund, Vancouver Bee Project

**ITEM 1: Call to Order and Roll Call – Chair/Vice Chair**

The September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission was called to order at 6:06pm by Clif Barnes (Vice Chair). This meeting was held both in-person and online.

**ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Unanimously approved.

**ITEM 3: Introductions – 3 minutes each**

The Commission offered introductions for community members and guest speakers present.

**ITEM 4: Special Guest - Laurel Priest, City of Vancouver Transportation Planning – 29<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Safety Mobility Overview**

City of Vancouver Associate Transportation Planner Laurel Priest presented an overview of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Streets Safety and Mobility

## Members

*Melissa Johnston Chair*

*Clif Barnes Vice Chair*

Susan Law Past Chair

Jamie Beyer

Jess Durfee

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project, including background, aims, and current activities, including plans for both existing and future trees, followed up with Q&A from Commission.

**ITEM 5: Special Guest-Bee City USA presentation by Kyle Roslund, Vancouver Bee Project and Jamie Beyer, Urban Forestry Commission**

Vancouver Bee Project Board Chair Kyle Roslund and UFC Commissioner Jamie Beyer presented an overview of the Bee City USA program, including the role of pollinators in the environment, current threats to this population, programming of Bee City USA, and benefits to a community of Bee City USA status, followed up with Q&A from Commission.

**Motion** by Jamie Beyer, seconded by Lucious Shields, and unanimously passed by the Urban Forestry Commission to support Bee City USA designation for Vancouver, WA.

**ITEM 6: Program Updates**

Emailed out.

**ITEM 7: Community & Arborist Communications**

None.

**ITEM 8: Urban Forestry Report**

Emailed out.

**ITEM 9: Commission Communications**

Jamie shared of Pollinator Subcommittee meeting and Bee City USA process, as well as prep for Portland Marathon.

Jess shared of subcommittee meetings.

Lucious shared of Corridor Subcommittee meeting, including overview of activities and potential future project sites.

**ITEM 10: New Business**

Commission shared of search for guest speaker at October meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:04pm

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Melissa Johnston, Chair

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