

**(DRAFT)**  
**URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 8:05AM  
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

**MEMBERS' PRESENT:**

John Schwandt  
Bob Hallock  
JD Reeves  
Gina Davis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gabriel Hynes (Student Representative)  
Steve Bloedel  
Bruce Martinek

None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 AM by John Schwandt, the committee was limited on time so a motion was made to handle inspections only in this meeting. Nick Goodwin asked to have the committee also review agenda items 4 and 6, as they needed committee attention. The Chairman agreed.

**1) MINUTES**

Motion to approve July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes with some minor corrections by J.D. Reeves seconded by Bob Hallock approved by all

**2) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3) FORESTERS REPORT:**

See the attached report.

**4) DOWNTOWN INFILL DISTRICT TREE DISCUSSION:**

Nick Goodwin provided a brief history of the property located at 811 Sherman Avenue and the associated development project. He presented an overview of the Grand Scale Tree and Protection Plan Ordinance (Sections 12.36.440 and 12.36.460) and explained the overlapping but non-identical zoning districts that impact the property.

Nick noted that a significant Western Hemlock tree on the site is designated for protection and retention under the East Area Infill District, adopted by the City in 2008. He clarified that, because this protection stems from an infill district rather than from a codified ordinance, the regulatory guidance is less definitive.

Nick explained that, to remove the tree, the applicant would need to seek relief from the City Council by requesting a limitation or adjustment to the applicable regulations. He sought input from the committee on how best to proceed with this issue.

As a proposed course of action, Nick stated that he intends to provide the applicant with the appraised value of the tree. He recommended that the applicant consider offering this appraised value—or a portion of it—as compensation in their request to City Council for removal of the tree. He emphasized that this is not a requirement but a suggested measure to potentially support the applicant's case.

The committee expressed support for this approach and agreed to move forward with the proposed plan.

#### **5) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:**

Not discussed for the sake of time.

#### **6) INSPECTION REQUESTS:**

- 702 N 17<sup>th</sup> St.- Black Locust removal request.: removal denied deadwood pruning recommended.
- 1302 E Lakeside Ave: Black Locust removal request: committee advised the urban forester to work with the owner regarding sidewalk replacement at this location. If removal is necessary to accommodate sidewalk removal, then it would be approved at the Urban Forester's discretion.
- 2590 W Versailles Dr.: Choke cherry removal request: Removal approved due to condition and black knot fungus infection .
- 324 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St.: Silver maple removal request: removal approved due to declining health and condition of the tree.

#### **7.) ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 9:55AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester