

(DRAFT)
URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 18TH, 2025 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

John Schwandt
Bob Hallock
Bruce Martinek
Steve Bloedel
JD Reeves

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Lee Wayman-CDA Resident

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gabriel Hynes (Student Representative)
Gina Davis

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:10 AM by John Schwandt, Nick Goodwin mentioned that Erik Eidson resigned while taking roll. J.D. Reeves mentioned that he may have a party interested in the vacant Committee Member position.

1) MINUTES

Motion to approve March 21st, 2025, minutes with some minor corrections by J.D. Reeves seconded by Steve Bloedel approved by all

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lee Wayman (Coeur d'Alene) mentioned that Avista will be giving a public presentation on public safety and electrical shutoffs, which he would like to share with the committee and the public. His understanding is that public safety regarding power outages, particularly in relation to wildfires is the priority of these presentations.

3) FORESTERS REPORT:

See the attached report.

4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:

Nick provided an update on the pollinator garden project at the west “harbor house” entrance to Tubbs Hill. Noting that the area has now been seeded with a mix of native wildflowers and milkweed. This is an attempt to have a pollinator garden that particularly benefits monarch butterflies. Nick gave a brief update on the American Chestnut trees' protective fence and soil remediation. The plan is to complete this remediation and bring in mulch in August/September, depending on the weather. Nick also mentioned that due to staffing, the Re-Leaf CDA planting program finalization had to be postponed until after Labor Day. Due to staffing shortages, this may affect the timing of future planting programs or the ability to continue doing them in-house.

5.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:

- Sanders Beach 12th and Lakeside: Staff seeking input on trees: After review, the committee asked the Urban Forester to work with TRAQ Qualified Arborists to develop possible pruning to mitigate concerns over the risk level of the black cottonwood tree at the public beach at this location. Also, will consider removal at next meeting after seeking additional arborist info.
- 801 C Street: Ash tree removal request: removal approved due to condition and species of tree.
- 311 Haycraft: Tree removal request for visibility.: Removal denied, pruning recommended to mitigate clearance concerns.
- 1117 Indiana: Ash tree removal request: removal approved to species and sidewalk lifting due to surface roots.
- 6596 N Swainson LN: Removal request Ash tree: Removal approved due to species being under threat and canopy goals.
- 7716 W. Abercrombie Ct.: Removal request Ash tree: removal approved due to rooting issues and utility conflicts.

9.) ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 10:07 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester