

**(DRAFT)**  
**URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 8:05AM  
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

**MEMBERS' PRESENT:**

John Schwandt  
Bob Hallock  
Bruce Martinek  
Gina Davis  
Steve Bloedel  
Gabriel Hynes (Student Representative)  
JD Reeves  
Erika Eidson

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Lee Wayman-CDA Resident

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 8:10 AM by John Schwandt

**1) MINUTES**

Motion to approve March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, minutes with some minor corrections by Bruce Martinek seconded by JD Reeves approved by all.

**2) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lee Wayman, a CDA Resident was present and asked for some clarification on what was going on at Gio Phippeny park. Nick Goodwin was asked to comment and clarified that this is an installation of a stormwater swale. This is an attempt to treat stormwater in the downtown core before entering the lake. Nick stated that the project was brought before the Urban Forestry Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee for review and approval before the project began. He also stated that all trees that were removed will be replaced with the same or like species. Chairman John Schwandt noted that it may have been nice to have some signs up at the park before the work took place.

**3) COMMITTEE MEETING DATE DISCUSSION - Continued:**

Erika Eidson stated that she has some more flexibility than she originally thought, however, will likely not be available on Friday mornings long-term starting in the next few months. Nick Goodwin asked if there was a preferred time or date as he knows the committee would love to give her an opportunity to stay as they would love to have her continue serving on the committee. There was some general discussion, and several date options were presented. John Schwandt suggested that the

committee take some time to consider options and discuss them at the April meeting. Nick Goodwin clarified that per discussion, Monday or Wednesday mornings, the third week of the month appeared to be the most preferable optional meeting dates. Nick said he would double-check requirements by the city to change the meeting date. John Schwandt said that the committee's direction is to keep the meeting date the same for the next several months as they consider these options. Erika Eidson mentioned putting out a poll and Nick said he would put one out.

#### **4) FORESTERS REPORT:**

See the attached report.

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

Nick gave a brief update regarding the Street tree trailside arboretum project stating that although he hasn't confirmed anything, he has heard that the contractor plans to break ground on the project tied to this site work soon. Nick also clarified that planting trees will likely be the last phase of this project and expects at least a year of site work before planting.

#### **6) ARBOR DAY**

The Chairman asked if there were any updates on Arbor Day from the Urban Forester. Nick stated that he is currently finalizing the press release and will do a social media and website update in early April followed by a full Arbor Day press release the second week of April. He also let the committee know that the Arbor Day proclamation will be accepted at the April 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting at 5:30 pm and he would love to have any committee members attend who would like to. Nick said he plans to have the site work done for Arbor Day several days before the event and all the trees will be delivered in mid-April. JD Reeves mentioned that he would be happy to see about having some volunteers from the College attend the Arbor day Event on April 25<sup>th</sup>. John Schwandt gave a brief update on the Arbor Day Association Of North Idaho tree bagging day which will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> and that he put out a article with Devin Weeks from the CDA press asking for stories and tree photos from different Arbor Day seedlings planted in the past. JD Reeves said that they are working through a few last-minute details on the NIC Arbor Day they are close to ready to go. They will have New Leaf Nursery will be on site with a booth as will a few Tree companies on site as well the NIC event will be on Saturday 4/26 12:00-2:00. Nick closed the discussion reminding everyone that the City's Earth Day event will be Saturday 04/19 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and he will be there with the Tubbs Hill Foundation. The event is held in the lawn at McEuen park west of the lower Library Entrance and he encourages all to attend who can.

#### **8.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:**

- Cemetery tree near government way- 49" DBH Ponderosa pine tree assessment seeking committee input.: The Committee reviewed the trees and agreed with Nick Goodwins assessment that action was needed to mitigate the risk this tree represents. After discussion the committee directed the Urban Forester to completely remove this tree.

- 1809 Sherman Ave – 2 Red maple trees, removal info for site construction. Removals

approved due to tree condition.

**9.) ADJORNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 9:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester