



City of Auburn Parks & Recreation

Urban Tree Board



Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

2:00 p.m.

Class Room

Parks, Arts & Recreation/Community & Event Center

I. Call to Order

The Urban Tree Board met at Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation at 2:00 pm.

Tree board members attending were Board Chair Bryce Landrud, Members Tanya Galat, Brooksie Hall, James Tourangeau, and from the Auburn Garden Club: Barbara Smith and Robyn Welch. Also present at the meeting were Parks Planning Manager Jamie Kelly, Parks Horticulturist Richard Valenti, and Parks Secretary Julie Mehl.

II. Minutes

The November minutes were approved.

III. Correspondence/Public Input

Barbara Smith and Robyn Welch present their Mason Bee grant to the board. They will request \$1,000 and will donate \$200 from the Auburn Garden Club. They would like to start a Mason Bee habitat at the Backyard Idea Garden and will purchase supplies and starter bees from Crown Bees. They plan to start with 20 bees and hope they will multiply to 200 by the end of the season. The board enthusiastically agrees and suggests other parks to utilize as the program grows.

IV. Old Business

The board discussed the trees that were topped at Kersey by a citizen. Federal Way requires a description of any tree issue, then they give permission for work to be done. Tacoma requires it for all trees, private property included. It is suggested that someone from Code Enforcement attend an upcoming meeting.

V. New Business

VI. Board Recommendations/Input

VII. Department Report (Kelly)

The environmental areas have developed some invasive species. Mid Sound Fisheries will maintain areas at Dyskstra, Fenster and Isaac Evans parks which will include plantings. They are grant funded by King County in the amount of \$110,000.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15.