



**Urban Tree Board  
Special Meeting  
October 15, 2025 - 2:00 PM  
Classroom, Auburn Community and  
Events Center**

**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Bryce Landrud called the meeting to order at 2:08pm

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. The Special Urban Tree Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. will be held in person and virtually.

Virtual Participation Link:

To listen to the meeting by phone or Zoom, please call the number below or click the link:

Telephone: 253-215-8782

Toll Free: 253-205-0468

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84249146441?pwd=f1EDYva6tbZvgc5g5YgwJguPabOCHk.1>

**ROLL CALL**

Attendance: Chairperson Bryce Landrud, Vice-Chair Linda Bielejec, Board member Benjamin Woodhouse

Excused: Board Member James Tournageau

Staff: Parks Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk, Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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Auburn, WA 98001

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approval of July 8th Minutes

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Recap of Chairperson Bryce Landrud's attendance at PNW- ISA annual training conference and tree climbing championships

Chairperson Bryce Landrud speaks about his attendance at the PNW-International Society of Arborists annual training conference in Portland, OR. He states that there was a need for more availability of park spaces for their tree climbing competition for the PNW-ISA. Bryce was thinking of working with the Auburn Parks Department in finding some space for the 2026 annual conference. The tree climbing championship is the weekend prior to the conference. There are three primary groups of members that attend this conference: commercial arborist, municipal arborist, and utility arborist. Chair Bryce Landrud is going to speak to the Special Events team at the Auburn Parks Department regarding the tree climbing competition.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Introduce new Tree Board Member Benjamin Woodhouse

Member Benjamin Woodhouse introduces himself to the tree board. He states he was looking for various ways to get involved in the community and support a healthy environment in the City of Auburn.

- B. Nominations and Discussion of 2025 Heritage Tree Options

Chairperson Bryce Landrud brings forward a Heritage Tree, the Dogwood Tree on East Main St & M St. This will be voted on in the next meeting. Vice-Chair Linda Bielejec brings forward a Weeping Willow tree.

Board member Benjamin Woodhouse asks about the background of what a heritage tree is, and Chairperson Bryce Landrud explains that Heritage Trees are a way to connect with the community and celebrate the tree, manage canopy cover, but do not offer protection for the tree. Vice-Chair Linda states we hope it gives people a sense of pride, a sense of community and garners interest in future heritage trees.

- C. Farmers Market Tabling Notes and Suggestions from Chairperson Bryce Landrud

Chairperson Bryce Landrud talks about the Farmer's Market he attended. He set up a table at the Auburn Farmers Market in August. Bryce had information pamphlets to hand out to farmers market attendees and talk to people face-to-face. He states that he was in the Les Gove Multipurpose building from 10am–12pm, and then went and talked to the Master Gardener. Bryce was thinking the board would have a booth with the heritage tree map on the poster board along with information flyers (about the tree board and joining the tree board) for maybe one or two days next summer at the Auburn Farmers Market. He is thinking we have interactive maps to give out. Member Benjamin Woodhouse states could we give away tree saplings at the Farmers Market, to maintain and improve the city of Auburn's tree canopy. Chairperson Bryce Landrud states they are available and we could look into getting tree saplings donated to hand out to the Farmers Market. Chairperson Bryce asked to keep this as a standing agenda item going forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

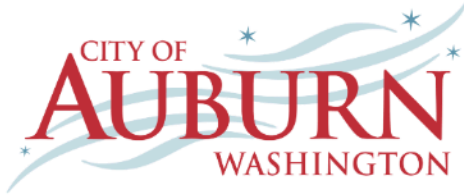
Chairperson Bryce Landrud moved to adjourn at 3:15pm

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant



**Urban Tree Board  
Regular Meeting  
July 8, 2025 - 2:00 PM  
Classroom, Auburn Community and  
Events Center**

**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order 2:14pm

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation.

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**ROLL CALL**

Attendance: Chairperson Bryce Landrud, Board member James Tournageau

Excused: Vice-chair Linda Bielejec

Staff: Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg, Parks Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk, City Clerk Shawn Campbell, City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

No agenda modifications.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No audience participation.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Open Public Meetings Act Training - Clerk's Office

City Clerk Shawn Campbell and Staff Attorney Taryn Jones present the Open Public Meetings Act Presentation to the Tree Board.

City Clerk Shawn Campbell and Staff Attorney Taryn Jones present the Public Records Act.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Heritage Tree Map for Website

Parks Planner Thaniel Gouk presented the draft unpublished Heritage Tree Website to the tree board

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 2:53pm

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant