



**Urban Tree Board
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2025 - 2:00 PM
Classroom, Auburn Community and
Events Center**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order: 2:01pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. The Urban Tree Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 4th, 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: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Toll Free: 877 853 5257 US Toll-free

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89379003294?pwd=Rj7wPXUiNnsI7dZuHS0L3bSgFGFK8h.1>

ROLL CALL

Park Planner Thaniel Gouk, Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg, Senior Planner

Alyssa Tatro

Chairperson Bryce Landrud and Vice-Chair Linda Bielejec

Guest Krystal Alexander - citizen of Auburn

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Senior Planner Alyssa Tatro presented to the Tree Board a project with the City of Auburn Planning Department. She is looking for community feedback for a climate action plan with the City of Auburn. This relates to the City of Auburn's comprehensive plan. This is the climate element of the comprehensive plan.

www.speakupauburn.org has the periodic comprehensive plan update that includes planning for climate change. Goals and policies are part of this webpage and the updates. Climate action plan survey that City of Auburn has put together is on the website. "Climate Commitment Planning." Open house in council chambers on Feb 19th. There is a citywide mailer or postcard. Very early in the project, says Planner Alyssa Tatro. Public engagement plan regarding climate.

Chair Bryce Landrud asks if this is something that is divided up between different departments? Or is it an overarching policy that will affect everyone the same way?

Senior Planner Alyssa stated that it is being led by the Planning division but it is a city-wide commitment.

Vice Chair Linda stated she would fill out the survey.

Alyssa will be sending out the link to the survey.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Guest Krystal Alexander gives the Tree Board that there is a website that you can see the history of trees in the county. Park Planner Thaniel states it's iMap, through King County, WA.

- A. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance. Participants can submit written comments via mail, fax, or email. All written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled meeting and must be 350 words or less.

Please mail written comments to:
City of Auburn
Attn: Alexa Bragg, Parks Administrative Assistant
25 W Main St
Auburn, WA 98001

Please fax written comments to:
Attn: Alexa Bragg, Parks Administrative Assistant
Fax number: 253-931-4005

Email written comments to: abragg@auburnwa.gov

If an individual requires accommodation to allow for remote oral comment because of a difficulty attending a meeting of the governing body, the City requests notice of the need for accommodation by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled meeting. Participants can request accommodation to be able to provide a remote oral comment by contacting the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department in person, by phone (253) 931-3043, or by email (abragg@auburnwa.gov).

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Arbor Day 2025

The board agreed to tentatively schedule the City of Auburn Arbor Day to Thursday, April 17th

We will check with Park Maintenance Manager Stefanie about what her and her crew are available to do for Arbor Day this year. We will also check with Executive Assistant Tamie Bothell about Mayor availability for Arbor Day 2025.

B. Volunteer Opportunities for Board Members

Vice-chair Linda Bielejec states that she would be interested in attending if there were more board members.

C. Director Daryl Faber's Retirement Party Information

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Linda Bielejec mentions re-planting the Weeping Willow (COVID-19 Heritage Memorial Tree) at Les Gove in the original spot. Chair Bryce agrees to re-plant this and make it part of the Heritage Trees.

A. Dogwood Tree - Set a date for council meeting

Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg will reach out to the Mayor's office about a proclamation for a heritage tree 2025 (along with the Weeping Willow).

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Bryce Landrud gives an overview to the public that attended what the purpose of Tree Board is and a quick history of how it became created. Bryce also speaks about creating a map of all the Heritage Trees that we could potentially give out to participants of the Farmers Market and events and such.

Vice-chair Linda talks about the Dogwood on 4th & M St. and how she thinks it might be expanding and falling apart. Bryce says he will reach out to the owner of the tree to talk to her about the Dogwood tree.

ADJOURNMENT

2:54pm Adjournment

APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2024.

Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant