



**Urban Tree Board
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2026 - 2:00 PM
Classroom, Auburn Community and Events
Center**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. The Urban Tree Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 5, 2026 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:

One tap mobile:

Meeting ID: 874 4032 9820

+12532050468,,87440329820# US

Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/87440329820?signature=TsOY93KBZg95qmLKUDgevSePVnK2x2ojw9_aZV

ROLL CALL

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the Board on any issue.

- 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 2:00 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:

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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 2:00 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).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of March 3rd, 2026 Tree Board Meeting Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Stormwater Discussion — Tim Carlaw & Michael Murray, Public Works Department
- B. Masterbuilders & Tree Planting Discussions--Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk

ACTION ITEMS

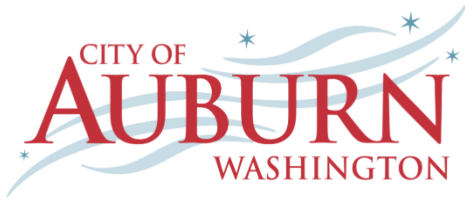
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2026 Heritage Tree Discussions - Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk

ADJOURNMENT

Agendas and minutes are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office and on the City website (<http://www.auburnwa.gov>).



AGENDA BILL APPROVAL FORM

Agenda Subject:

Approval of March 3rd, 2026 Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:

May 5, 2026

Department:

Parks, Arts & Recreation

Attachments:

March 3 Tree Board Minutes

Budget Impact:

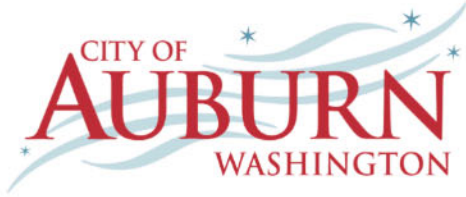
Administrative Recommendation:

Background for Motion:

Background Summary:

Councilmember:

Staff:



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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bryce Landrud called the Tree Board meeting to order at 2:02pm.

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Toll Free: 12532050468,,83503822543# US

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83503822543>

Meeting ID: 835 0382 2543

ROLL CALL

Board Members: Chairperson Bryce Landrud, Vice-Chairperson Linda Bielejec, Member James Tourangeau

Staff: Parks Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk, Parks Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg, Senior Planner Alyssa Tatro, Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of February 3rd, 2026 Tree Board Minutes

Feb 3rd Tree Board Minutes are approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. City of Auburn Planner Alyssa Tatro to speak about trees on private property/developments

Senior Planner Alyssa Tatro speaks to the Tree Board about Planning and Development regulations in the Planning Department when it comes to the land use and tree regulations. ***Significant trees in the zoning code:** the applicants are required to maintain significant trees in the area. If a person requests to remove more than 6 trees per year, they are required to apply for a grading permit with the planning department. Chairperson Bryce Landrud asks if there will be protections in the future for trees, or if there may be a track to move in that direction. Planner Alyssa Tatro states there are no plans at the moment. Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague states that it could be difficult when it comes to a vacant piece of property and precluding them from removing a few trees. Member Benjamin Woodhouse states that one of our goals as a Tree Board is increasing tree canopy coverage. The GSA site in Auburn had trees cleared for a development site, and board member Benjamin Woodhouse asked the Senior Planner and the Planning Services Manager how the Urban Tree Board could work along with the planning department in this capacity. Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague states that they could have the tree board's assistance in tree education (tree retention). The Parks Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk states that the Parks Department has updated the Tree Maintenance Policy. Linda asks how the HOA rules work with the City rules. Alexandria states that it will likely supersede the HOA rules. Member Benjamin asks how could we grow, restore and maintain the urban forestry we have in Auburn. Planning Services Manager states that the Planning Dept.'s website has great information. Land use element, zoning map is where they are trying to develop growth. Updating their critical area map.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Arbor Day 2026 Discussions - Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk

Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk speaks about Arbor Day 2026, a potential evergreen tree planting at Les Gove Park on Tuesday, April 21st at 11am–1pm. There is a new Willow Tree that is planted in Les Gove Park by the Grace Community Church that replaced the 2020 COVID memorial tree. Parks Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg will send the invitation to the Tree Board this week.

B. Recap of the Tree Giveaway presentation from City of Tukwila’s Heidi Watters

The Tree Board discussed the Tree Giveaway Program that Heidi Watters with the City of Tukwila spoke to the Tree Board about in February’s minutes. Chair Bryce talks about the marketing materials that would be needed for the advertising and marketing of the Tree Program and Tree education in general. Member Benjamin suggests native and adaptive tree species that could be part of the Tree Giveaway program, as these are simpler to plant and grow.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bryce Landrud adjourned at 2:56pm.

APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2024.

Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant