

**Urban Tree Board
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2026 - 2:00 PM
Classroom, Auburn Community and
Events Center**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bryce Landrud called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

- A. The Urban Tree Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 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:

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Meeting ID: 831 5655 4720

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Zoom:

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ROLL CALL

Board members: Chairperson Bryce Landrud, Vice-chair Linda Bielejec

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

Absent: Board Member James Tournageau

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

No agenda modifications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

- 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).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of May 5th, 2026 Tree Board Minutes

The Tree Board Approved the Tree Board May 5th, 2026 minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Member Benjamin Woodhouse resigned

Member Benjamin Woodhouse has resigned from the Tree Board. Chairperson Bryce and vice-chair Linda Bielejec talked about how to expand and recruit additional members for the Tree Board. Vice-chair Linda Bielejec mentioned that she will reach out to people to encourage them applying for the vacancies on the Tree Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No discussion items.

ACTION ITEMS

No actions items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Heritage Tree Discussion for 2026 - Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk

The board discussed heritage tree options for the 2026 year. Chairperson Bryce Landrud says he does not have a tree in mind yet. Vice-chair Linda Bielejec talks about a tree near Green River Community College, a Douglas Fir, near Mt. Rainier view trail.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Bryce suggests assisting the city of Federal Way in becoming a Tree City USA,

similar to the City of Auburn being a Tree City USA. Parks Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg mentioned that their Parks Manager could attend a Tree Board meeting to discuss Tree City USA, Arbor Day, and Tree Canopy. Chairperson Bryce is interested in bringing a Clean Sweep event to the City of Federal Way, and mold it after the City of Auburn's Clean Sweep event.

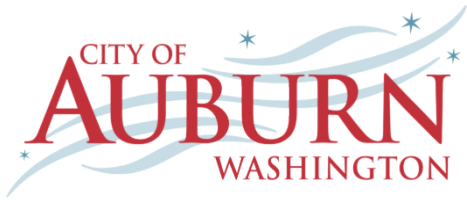
ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Bryce Landrud adjourns the meeting at 2:47pm.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant



AGENDA BILL APPROVAL FORM

Agenda Subject:

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Meeting Date:

July 7, 2026

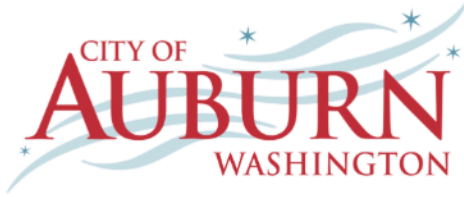
Department:

Parks, Arts & Recreation

Attachments:

Minutes Urban Tree Board
05.05.26

Budget Impact:**Administrative Recommendation:****Background for Motion:****Background Summary:****Councilmember:****Staff:**



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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bryce Landrud called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ROLL CALL

Member: Chairperson Bryce Landrud, Vice-Chair Lida Bielejec, Member James Tournageau, Member Benjamin Woodhouse

Staff: Parks Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk, Parks Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg, Storm Drainage Utility Engineer Tim Carlaw, and Associate Storm Drainage Engineer Michael Murray

Guests: Matt Haight from Master Builders Association, Daniel, Homeowner's Association Member in Auburn

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

No agenda modifications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guest Daniel (part of a Homeowners Association in Auburn, WA) stated that the Vegetation Manager reached out to Daniel to let them know that they are clearing trees on Terrace Dr off of 15th Street. Daniel would like to know what is going on with the aforementioned tree clearing. Andy Boswell is the supervisor of the Vegetation Manager who is out on leave. Park Planning Manager Thaniel says he will follow up with the vegetation department and get back to Daniel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

The minutes were approved by the Tree Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Stormwater Discussion — Tim Carlaw & Michael Murray, Public Works

Department

Tim Carlaw, Storm Drainage Utility Engineer & Michael Murray, Associate Storm Drainage Engineer of the City of Auburn Public Works Department talk about the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. Tim Carlaw talks about how the NPDES is the EPA's way of enforcing the Clean Water Act. Michael Murray states the permit has required code updates. Why it's coming to the Tree Board is because the requirements for code updates are to increase the tree canopy in Auburn.

Chairperson Bryce Landrud asks if they see improvements or changes with their policies that they have talked about. Tim states that he is unsure as they are not necessarily looking for certain data when following these policies of the public works department. He does state that there has been great improvement within the Storm department. Chairperson Bryce stated that their graph is a good reminder that our rain doesn't come when we need it in the state of Washington.

Tim talks about how the developers have to follow certain codes with regard to storm water, trees, and urban forestry. He states that the standards are becoming more strict.

B. Masterbuilders & Tree Planting Discussions--Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk

Matt Haight with MasterBuilders spoke to the Tree Board about a tree planting initiative, "Planting a Better Tomorrow." This initiative came from their member group, and they wanted to put out to the public that they're not just clear-cutting trees when developing. They would like to participate with cities throughout the region and help assist in adding to the tree canopy in Washington State. They provide the trees, and work with each city to find an event where they can get trees planted in the parks. Matt is meeting with Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk, Park Maintenance Manager Stefanie Coleman and others in the Parks Department regarding event planning for a potential Tree Planting event in September/October.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Chairperson Bryce Landrud states there's not a tree ready for a nomination for a 2026 Heritage Tree. Thaniel states to keep an eye out and to let Parks Administrative Assistant Alexa know.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Bryce Landrud called for Tree Board adjournment at 2:44pm.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant