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2 **Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting**

3 **February 13, 2020**

4 **Olympia, WA**
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6 **Members Attending:** Angel Spell, Cindy Deffe, Dave Bayard, David Miller, John Bornsworth, Juli Hartwig,
7 Kirsten Lints, Linden Lampman, Lisa Ciecko, Semra Riddle, Kathy Sheehan, Gary Stamper.

8 **Members Absent:** Paula Dinius, Kathleen Wolf

9 **Guests:** Ben Thompson, Jeremy Porter, Ian Gray, Tom Bugert, Stephanie Celt

10 **Meeting Convened:** 9:10 a.m.

11 **Welcome:** Angel, current chair, welcomed members and new member Gary Stamper. Members
12 introduced themselves.

13 **Minutes Approved:** Motion to approve minutes from 11/13/19 conference call, Lisa; second David M.
14 Motion carried.

15 **Agenda Approved:** Motion to approve agenda, Semra; second David M. Motion carried

16 **Council leadership elections:** Juli Hartwig, Chair and David Bayard, Vice-chair ran unopposed. Juli
17 continued the meeting as council chair.

18 **Policy updates: Stephanie Celt, Executive Policy Advisor**

19 Stephanie has been lead on the proposed update to the Evergreen Community Act; Bill 2768.

- 20 - DNR will lead development and promotion of Evergreen Communities program
- 21 - The original bill has been modified; statewide tree inventory out for now
- 22 - Deliverables:
 - 23 ○ Analysis of two watersheds; determine priority focus-project implementation areas
 - 24 based on canopy cover, human health, salmon recovery alignments, environmental
 - 25 justice.
 - 26 ○ Based on outcomes of analysis, implement pilot projects in two watersheds
- 27 - Bill is passed out of House committee, there is a lot of support for the bill
- 28 - DNR is working with Front and Centered to inform the environmental justice component.
 - 29 ○ Bill includes a uniform definition of environmental justice
 - 30 ○ To allay concerns about top-down imposition of ECA, projects will require direct
 - 31 community engagement.

1 **Tom Bugert, Deputy Supervisor Wildfire & Forest Health, State Forester**

2 Tom brought greetings from the Commissioner of Public Lands who had conflicting priorities and
3 could not attend the meeting. Outlook:

- 4 - Aware that the UCF Program has need for additional staffing and funding resources.
 - 5 ○ UCF Program staff cannot advocate for legislation in support of programs
 - 6 ○ Private citizens are able to advocate for programs through their respective
 - 7 congressional leadership and/or by testimony
 - 8 ○ Advocacy for ECA and the UCF Program is welcome
 - 9 ○ Policy team has a one-page bill summary that can be used to educate about the bill
- 10 - There needs to be a focus on metrics to help document outcomes/benefits of investments.
- 11 - We need to tell the story about the deliverables; how do we bring a sharper resolution and
- 12 demonstrate what it looks like on the ground
- 13 - It would be good to tie program investments together; find cross-cutting goals and work
- 14 together across Division and Departments and in partnership with stakeholders
- 15 - The Commissioner is seeking innovative ideas, to that end, and pilot watersheds to begin work.
 - 16 ○ Work will begin in Snohomish County, the first target watershed, in the Spring; projects
 - 17 tied to salmon recovery
- 18 - New Carbon Sequestration Advisory Group just started up. Anticipate this will be a funding
- 19 source. How can UCF align with carbon sequestration/carbon credit programs?

20 **Tree planting event, Capitol Campus:**

- 21 • Council members took a break to plant three trees at the SW corner of Capitol Way and 11th
- 22 street, as part of the National Association of State Foresters Centennial Anniversary Challenge.
- 23 Trees were grafted from scion wood harvested from the Capitol Campus “Moon Tree.”

24 **Working lunch council and program updates:**

25 David M. reported that he enjoyed attending the Partners in Community Forestry Conference last fall.
26 He also assisted Central Washington University in their work to achieve the Tree Campus USA
27 designation.

28 **DNR UCF Program update:**

- 29 • Arbor Day Foundation Tree City and affiliate programs report:
 - 30 ○ Tree Line USA – 13 w. 2 first year applicants, both PUDs.
 - 31 ○ Tree Campus – 12 w/ 3 new applicants
 - 32 ○ Tree City – 93, down 2 from last year. Mount Lake Terr. new.
 - 33 ○ New Tree Campus Healthcare and Tree Campus K-12 Tree Campus programs. Seattle
 - 34 Children’s is 1st Tree Campus Healthcare in WA state.
- 35 • **Update on 2020 Grant Program:**
 - 36 ○ **Community Planning and Engagement Grant:**
 - 37 ▪ Total Allocation: \$65,000
 - 38 ▪ Total Requested: \$109,250 (9 proposals)

- 1 ▪ Total Funded: \$23,450 (2 Proposals)
- 2 ○ **Community Forestry Assistance Grant:**
- 3 ▪ Total Allocation: \$64,000 + \$31,166 from CPE grant = \$98,166
- 4 ▪ Total Requested: \$172,868 (12 proposals)
- 5 ▪ Total Funded: \$94,488 (6 Proposals)
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Community Engagement and Planning Grants				
The Lands Council, Spokane	\$12,200.00	\$ 9,672.00	Lands Council Urban Canopy Project	Building a community coalition in NE Spokane & create an inclusive plan to increase urban street canopy.
Pacific Education Institute (PEI), Spokane	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 13,694.00	Urban Trees & Student Engagement	Training teachers to engage and guide students to investigate urban forests and plan events in their communities
Community Forestry Assistance Grants				
College Place, City of	\$19,913	\$19,913	City Parks & Arterial Urban Forestry Mgmt. Plan and Tree Inventory	Establish an electronic GIS/GPS tree inventory to support development of a city urban forest mgmt. plan
Kent, City of	\$7,600	\$104,650	City of Kent Parks Story Map Project	Create a story map to engage residents in support of the city urban forest management plan
Stevenson, City of	\$20,000	\$26,358	Stevenson Public Tree Management Plan	Tree Inventory and mangement plan; staff training; plan implementation
Thurston County Public Works	\$9,875	\$16,038	Evergreen Parkway Tree Planting Initiative	Replace diseased trees with disease resistant canopy trees at the Evergreen Parkway Trail with an engaged community
Walla Walla, City of	\$20,000	\$38,287	Re- Inventory Plan Update	Re-inventory Walla Walla's 7,000 street trees, gather accurate data update the City's urban forest management plan
Wenatchee, City of	\$17,100	\$17,495	Wenatchee Storm Recovery Tree Planting	Implement park management plan; plant 57 trees to restore park canopy following a catastrophic windstorm.

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9 **2020 Forest Action Plan, Andrew Spaeth, presentation and discussion**

10 Andrew reported on 2020 updates to the forest action plan. (Presentation attached) Revision will be
11 finalized by June 2020. Andrew will send a copy of the UCF draft for council member comment.

12 **Council 2020 Work Plan:**

- 13 - Equity subcommittee recap
- 14 ○ Interest in a more diverse slate of council members
- 15 ▪ Suggestion of adding Tribal seat representative
- 16 ▪ Also interest to add At Large position
- 17 ○ Angel committed to leading recruitment efforts
- 18 ▪ Send potential representatives to her
- 19 ○ Invite outside organizations to council meetings to learn more about diverse
- 20 organizations statewide and vice versa
- 21 ○ Discussion about revising Articles of Association to include a greater diversity of
- 22 stakeholders; articles of association are currently prescriptive
- 23 ▪ Proposed changes to Articles must be presented at a public meeting
- 24 ○ Forest Action Plan should include focus on equity

- 1 ○ Continue improving environmental justice (EJ) grants; Ben to lead
- 2 ○ Distributed EJ vocabulary resource sheet
- 3 - Onboarding new Program Manager and Outreach Coordinator
- 4 **Adjournment:** Move to adjourn meeting, Lisa; David B second. Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m.
- 5 **Next meeting:** *April 17, 2020 Conference Call*
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