



**AGENDA**

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**Wednesday, February 7, 2024 10:30-2:00**

**UCF Program Purpose**

The Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program works to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

**Mission**

Provide leadership to create self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs that preserve, plant and manage forests and trees for public benefits and quality of life.

**Council Purpose and Duty**

(Articles of Association, Article II, Section 1)

- A. Advise the Commissioner of Public Lands and Department of Natural Resources staff on its policies and programs related to community and urban forestry.
- B. Provide a statewide vision that enhances and heightens the awareness of forest and associated natural resource management in community and urban areas.
- C. Promote public awareness and education of community and urban forestry issues.
- D. Provide leadership on community and urban forestry issues.
- E. Provide information for people in the field of, and with an interest in community and urban forestry.
- F. Cultivate cooperation among all sectors involved in community and urban forestry.
- G. Advise the Legislature and the people of the State of Washington on the best ways to preserve, protect, expand, and improve Washington’s community and urban forests.
- H. Promote and enhance the implementation of the Urban and Community Forestry Program’s strategic plan.

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>WHO</b>
10:30 (10 min)	Call to Order and Introductions	Call to Order	Vice Chair – Jess Stone
10:40 (5 mins)	Review and approve Agenda & previous meeting minutes	Review and approve	Vice Chair – Jess Stone
10:45 (15 mins)	Welcome new members and guests	Welcoming new WCFC members; Introduction of new DNR staff	Vice Chair – Jess Stone
11:00 (20 mins)	Council elections and committee assignments	Elect 2022 Chair/Vice-chair	Vice Chair – Jess Stone, All
11:20 (5 mins)	<b>Break</b>	<b>5-min Break</b>	All
11:25 (35 mins)	Articles of Association	Review and vote to approve revised Articles	Vice Chair – Jess Stone
<b>12:00 (30 mins)</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Lunch!</b>	<b>All</b>
12:30 (20 mins)	USFS update, federal IRA Funding	Information	Alyssa Chen, USDA Forest Service Ben Thompson - DNR
12:50 (20 mins)	Program update	Information	Ben Thompson, All

1:10 (5 mins)	<b>Break</b>	<b>5-min Break</b>	All
1:15 (20 mins)	Legislative Briefing (Bills of interest TBD)	Information	Ben Thompson, DNR Staff
1:35 (20 mins)	Equity in Procurement	Information, Discussion	Ben Thompson, DNR Staff: John Elsner & Andy Tate
1:55 (5 mins)	Agenda buffer	Unscheduled time	
2:00	Adjourn	Meeting ends	Chair

Next meeting: 4/24/24 – 10:30-2:00