



1  
2 **Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting**  
3 **Conference Call**  
4 **November 13, 2019**  
5

6 **Members Attending:** Angel Spell, Cindy Deffe, Dave Bayard, David Miller, John Bornsworth, Juli Hartwig,  
7 Kirsten Lints, Linden Lampman, Lisa Ciecko, Paula Dinius, Kathy Sheehan

8 **Members Absent:** Semra Riddle, Kathleen Wolf

9 **Guests:** Andy Tate, Ben Thompson, Jeremy Porter, Garth Davis, George Geissler, Julie Sackett, Sandy  
10 Letzing

11 **Meeting Convened:** 9:15 a.m.

12 **Welcome:** Chair welcomed members. Roll was taken.

13 **Agenda Approved:** DNR Staff announcements were added to the agenda. Motion to approve agenda as  
14 amended, Kirsten, Second Lisa. Motion carried.

15 **Minutes Approved:** Motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2019 meeting in Seattle, Juli,  
16 Second David B. Motion carried.

17 **Nominations for 2020 Council Leadership Positions**

18 Juli was nominated for Chair position; accepted.

19 Dave B. was nominated for Vice-chair position; accepted.

20 Election to be held at the February meeting in Olympia.

21 **Dates for meetings in 2020**

22 Council discussed meeting on site vs. conference calls, and frequency of meetings. Meetings to be held:

23 February 13, Olympia

24 April – conference call

25 June – conference call

26 September - Olympia

27 November - conference call

28 Final dates for conference calls and September meeting to be determined by polling membership for  
29 availability.

1 **Institutional Racism**

2 Council members reflected on the September training and next steps to guide the Program:

- 3 • Training was a rich and powerful experience, identified potential actions to take as the Council
- 4 • Important to add intention and language to support equity and inclusivity in UCF policies and
- 5 documents
- 6 • Recommendation for ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for future work
- 7 • All members encouraged to review the syllabus that was shared as an outcome of the training,
- 8 and included by reference with September meeting minutes; inform recommendations for
- 9 Program and Council
- 10 • How best to build in accountability, ensuring action
  - 11 ○ Include a 5-minute race and social justice discussion at the beginning of meetings to
  - 12 keep the topic fresh
  - 13 ○ Council members encouraged to share resources and information often found outside
  - 14 of UCF
  - 15 ○ Select resources that all members can review and discuss at a subsequent meeting

16 Ad hoc committee: Dave B, Lisa, Juli, Sandy and DNR staff. Lisa will arrange time/date for initial meeting.

17 **National Convening on Urban Forest Natural Areas**

18 Lisa recently attended a national workshop “Forests in Cities” in New York City, October 29-31, 2019,

19 representing the City of Seattle. The Natural Area Conservancy, Trust for Public Lands, and Yale School

20 of Forestry produced a report in 2019 called, “Untapped Common Ground: The Care of Forested Natural

21 Areas in American Cities”. As a follow up, they convened small working groups from 12 cities from

22 across the country to explore how urban natural areas are incorporated into UCF management

23 Report and Workshop highlights:

- 24 • 84% of parkland in cities are defined as natural areas
- 25 • These areas are often considered places that “take care of themselves,” but have common
- 26 management needs – invasive spp. for example
- 27 • Management needs to be comprehensive, collaborative, especially at the local level, but also
- 28 regional and national – to strengthen the community of practitioners
- 29 • Workshop outcomes and case studies from the 12 cities will be captured in a special edition of
- 30 the Journal “Cities and the Environment” in January 2020 and will be posted to Vibrant Cities
- 31 Lab
- 32 • Take-aways:
  - 33 ○ National forests in proximity to population centers are considered “urbanizing”
  - 34 ○ UCF lands comprise 6.2% of total land area in the US
  - 35 ○ The USFS Northern Research Station has good resources related to climate change and
  - 36 forest adaptation resources
  - 37 ○ Crisis messaging helps to raise awareness of natural areas and need for management

38

39 **Closing remarks:**

- 1 • Several vacancies remain on the Council.
- 2 • The council has the opportunity to be involved in reviews and revisions for both the Evergreen
- 3 Communities Act legislation (by Friday, Nov. 15) and the Forest Action Plan.
- 4 ○ Angel will send out recruitment for those interested in subcommittee work on these
- 5 documents
- 6 • Council members were invited to assist in evaluating 2020 grants, due December 12. Grants will
- 7 be evaluated and selected in January, with successful grantees announced by end of January.
- 8 ○ John, Cindy, Jeremy, Sandy volunteered
- 9 • DNR is preparing to recruit a new technical assistant – council members should contact Linden,
- 10 if interested in participating on the interview panel.
- 11 ○ Request for recruitment announcement; Linden to forward to Council
- 12

13 **Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn meeting Juli, Second David.

14 **Next meeting:** February 13, 2020, Olympia