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2 **Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting**
3 **November 3, 2020**
4 **Conference Call**
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6 **Members Attending:** Angel Spell, Cindy Deffe, Dave Bayard, Juli Hartwig, Kirsten Lints, Lisa Ciecko, Paula
7 Dinius, Semra Riddle, Kathleen Wolf, Kathy Sheehan, David Miller, Ian Gray

8 **Members Absent:** Gary Stamper, John Bornsworth

9 **Guests:** Jeremy Porter, Daria Gosztyla, Sandy Letzing, Garth Davis, Terra Rentz, Andy Tate, Margaret
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11 **Meeting Convened:** 9:02 a.m.

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

13 **Approval of Minutes:** Semra approves, David Bayard seconds, a vote was called for: motion passes.
14 Kathy Sheehan abstains

15 **Nominations for 2021 Council leadership nominations:**

16 Juli briefed the council on her experience as the council chair, as did David Bayard. Ben offered
17 perspective on the council's history and current momentum as a body. Angel Spell reflected on her
18 experience as past chair and thanked Juli and David for their leadership. Juli led a call for nominations
19 from the floor.

20 Semra nominates Juli and David for another term as chair and vice chair. Kathy Wolf offers the reverse,
21 with David taking on the role of chair and Juli serving as vice chair. Kathy commented on a synergy she
22 perceives between DNR efforts and current council membership and leadership. Juli nominates David
23 Bayard for Chair. David nominates John Bornsworth for either chair or vice chair. Juli nominates Semra
24 for vice chair.

25 Angel commented that the vote occurs at the February meeting, which gives nominees time to consider

26 Juli called for a motion to end the nominations. Kirsten moved, Angel seconded. Vote was called for,
27 motion carries. Kathy Sheehan abstains.

28 **Dates for 2021 meeting dates:** Discussion of mixing up the length and frequency of council meetings in
29 2021. A discussion ensued about whether to keep the existing schedule or not. David Bayard and Semra
30 Riddle endorsed longer meetings but not necessarily less frequent. David B suggested the use of
31 additional subcommittees to spread out the workload and save time at meetings through updates and

1 report outs from subcommittees. Kathy Wolf suggested more frequency to help maintain momentum
2 on projects. David Miller suggested there may be more opportunity to meet in person in 2021, which
3 would make more meetings more challenging in the way of personal obligations of time required for
4 travel. Kathy Wolf offered that a hybrid model is likely.

5 Kathy moves to keep the Feb, April, June, September, November, meeting schedule with details of
6 Kirsten seconds.

7 The Council then discussed durations of the meetings. Kirsten suggested blocking out larger blocks of
8 time to have the time if needed, and cut the meeting down if there isn't as much to discuss. Semra
9 suggested a 3.5 hour meeting duration that includes a half hour break. Kirsten moved, Semra approved.
10 Ben will send out a doodle poll for a 3.5 hour meeting duration for those 5 months.

11 **Council check-in**

12 Kathy Wolf discussed conversations with healthcare providers about the health benefits of urban forests

13 Juli commented on how the head of WSDOT has made a concerted effort to stay in touch with agency
14 employees and supports self-care and mutual support. Juli requested an updated copy of the council
15 roster. Ben will update the roster and provide a copy to all council members.

16 Paula has had 100 people register for the on-line tree stewards course and had 25 of those complete the
17 course. Paula suggested it might be time to promote the course again.

18 David B announced their new UFMP is open for public comment. He applauds the city of Seattle for their
19 efforts to include the voices of community members and organizations that are not typically
20 represented in urban forestry activities.

21 David Miller has been serving on an equity subcommittee with AWC, working with national league of
22 cities to develop capacity for cities to implement more equitable and inclusive ways of doing business.
23 David's participation was directly related to the work of the WCFC

24 Juli moved to adjourn the meeting, David M. seconded. A vote was called for, motion passes

25 **Meeting Adjourned:** 11:00 a.m.

26 **Next meeting:** Zoom, in February, date and time t.b.d.