



AGENDA

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Wednesday, May 29th, 2023 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.

TIME	TOPIC	OUTCOME	WHO
10:30 (10 min)	Call to Order and Introductions	Call to Order	Chair – Jess Stone Vice Chair – Ian Gray
10:40 (5 mins)	Review and approve Agenda & previous meeting minutes	Review and approve	Chair – Jess Stone Vice Chair – Ian Gray
10:45 (10 mins)	Welcome New DNR Staff and guests	Introduction of new DNR staff: Inventory Technician	Chair – Jess Stone Vice Chair – Ian Gray
10:55 (5 mins)	Discuss and vote on June meeting reschedule	Vote to retain or reschedule June WCFC meeting	Chair – Jess Stone
11:00 (20 mins)	USFS update, federal IRA Funding	Information	Alyssa Chen, USDA Forest Service Ben Thompson - DNR
11:20 (5 mins)	Break	5-min Break	All
11:25 (10 mins)	Review of Committee Assignments	Document Committee Assignments; Reminder about upcoming recruitments	Vice Chair – Jess Stone
11:35 (10 mins)	Anticipating DNR leadership change (November Election)	Discuss Communications between WCFC and Commissioner transition in 2025	Chair – Jess Stone Vice Chair – Ian Gray

11:45 (15 mins)	Review of WCFC Work Plan	Discussion and review of workplan	Chair – Jess Stone Vice Chair –lan Gray
12:00 (30 mins)	Break	Lunch!	All
12:30 (20 mins)	Review of WCFC Work Plan, Cont'd	Discussion and review of workplan	Chair—Jess Stone
12:50 (15 mins)	Ballot initiative 2117 to repeal the Climate Commitment Act	Information	UCF Program Manager -- Ben Thompson
1:05 (5 mins)	Break	5-min Break	All
1:10 (30 mins)	Program update (Grants, UFIA, Evergreen Communities)	Information	Ben Thompson, All
1:40 (20 mins)	Update on Pest Readiness work	Information	Ben Thompson, DNR Staff, Vice Chair—lan Gray
2:00	Adjourn	Meeting ends	Chair

Next meeting: 6/12/24 – 10:30-2:00