

### AGENDA

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Join by phone: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 854 6341 0365

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**Wednesday, February 8th, 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)

1. Advise the Commissioner of Public Lands and Department of Natural Resources staff on its policies and programs related to community and urban forestry.
2. Provide a statewide vision that enhances and heightens the awareness of forest and associated natural resource management in community and urban areas.
3. Promote public awareness and education of community and urban forestry issues.
4. Provide leadership on community and urban forestry issues.
5. Provide information for people in the field of, and with an interest in community and urban forestry.
6. Cultivate cooperation among all sectors involved in community and urban forestry.
7. 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.
8. Promote and enhance the implementation of the Urban and Community Forestry Program’s strategic plan.

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| TIME | TOPIC | OUTCOME | WHO |
| 10:30 (10 min) | Call to Order and Introductions | Call to Order | Chair – Semra Riddle |
| 10:40 (5 mins) | Review and approve Agenda & previous meeting minutes | Review and approve | Chair – Semra Riddle |
| 10:45(30 mins) | Briefing on Federal IRA Funding; DNR proposal | Information | Stephen Baker, USDA Forest ServiceBen Thompson - DNR |
| 11:15(5 mins) | Break | **5-min Break** | All |
| 11:20(15 mins) | Council elections and committee assignments | Elect 2022 Chair/Vice-chair | Chair – Semra Riddle, All |
| 11:35(10 mins) | Recruitment for grant review, interview panels | Commitment from WCFC members to assist with grants, hiring | Ben Thompson, All |
| 11:45(5 mins) | April meeting scheduling | Discussion, vote to change date | Ben Thompson |
| **11:50****(30 mins)** | Break | **Lunch!** | **All** |
| 12:20(15 mins) | Legislative Briefing (DNR Funding request, HB 1078, HB1381, HB1181, SB5372 | Information | Ben Thompson, DNR Staff |
| 12:35(15 mins) | MOU with American Forests | Information | Ben Thompson, DNR Staff |
| 12:50(15 mins) | Articles of Association Briefing | Information  | Ben Thompson, DNR Staff  |
| 1:05(5 mins) | Break | **5-min Break** | All |
| 1:10(50 mins) | Work session  | Council 2023 Work Plan  | Chair, All  |
| 2:00 | Adjourn | Meeting ends | Chair  |

Next meeting: 4/12/23 – 10:30-2:00