

### AGENDA

**Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 8:30-3:30**

Pierce County Environmental Services Building

9850 64th St W, University Place, WA 98467

Meeting in the West Room

*Ben’s cell phone number: 360-485-8651*

**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 |
| 8:30 | Arrival and networking |  |  |
| 9:00 (10 min) | Welcome, Roll callCall to Order | Call to Order | Chair – Semra Riddle |
| 9:10  (15 mins) | IntroductionsandIcebreaker | Introductions and Icebreaker | Chair – Semra Riddle, All |
| 9:25 (5 mins) | Review and approve Agenda & previous meeting minutes | Review and approve | Chair – Semra Riddle |
| 9:30 (30 mins) | UCF Program Update | Information, Q&A | Ben Thompson, DNR |
| 10:00  (15 mins) | Break | **15-min Break** | All |
| 10:15 (45 mins) | Trees in Tacoma: Green infrastructure, urban heat, and environmental justice | Presentation, Q&A | Mike Carey, City of Tacoma  Lowell Wyse, Tacoma Tree Foundation |
| 11:00 (40 mins) | Middle Housing for Puget Sound | Presentation, Q&A | Shane Hope, Dept of Commerce |
| 11:40  (75 mins) | Working Lunch and Update on Invasive Pest Species | Lunch! Information, Q&A, Networking | Glenn Kohler, Forest Entomologist - DNR |
| 12:55  (45 mins) | Briefing on Federal IRA Funding; DNR proposal | Information | Stephen Baker, USDA Forest Service  Ben Thompson - DNR |
| 1:40  (35 mins) | Discussion of 2024 DNR grant cycle; other projects | Discussion | Ben Thompson - DNR |
| 2:15 (15 mins) | Break | **15-min Break** | All |
| 2:30  (30 mins) | Council Roundtable | Voluntary report-outs, comments from WCFC members | Chair – Semra Riddle, All |
| 3:00 (15 mins) | Briefing on travel reimbursement | Walk-through DNR travel reimbursement | Ben Thompson |
| 3:15  (15 mins) | Meeting wrap-up | Closing comments | Chair – Semra Riddle |
| 3:30 | Adjourn | Meeting ends | Chair – Semra Riddle |

Next meeting: 9/13/2023