

### AGENDA

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Join by phone: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 810 6126 0405 #; Meeting Passcode: 321129

**Wednesday, November 1st, 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 | Call to Order, Introductions, welcoming of guests | Call to Order | Semra Riddle – Chair |
| 10:45 | Meeting agenda, minutes from previous meeting | Review and approve | Semra Riddle – Chair |
| 10:55 | Introduction of Financial Assistance Planner | Introduction of new DNR staff | Semra Riddle – Chair  Scott Chambers |
| 11:05 | Federal Legislative and Budget Update | Briefing on USFS budget, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act | Stephen Baker, USFS |
| 11:15 | Break | **5-min break** | All |
| 11:20 | Community Forestry Assistance Grants | Review of RFA, Discussion | Semra Riddle – Chair  Ben Thompson, DNR |
| **12:00** | Break | **Lunch!** | **All** |
| 12:30 | Articles of Association Update | Review of revised articles | Semra Riddle – Chair |
| 1:00 | Evergreen Community Program Update and logo discussion | Discussion, Q&A | Semra Riddle – Chair  Julia Kast, DNR  Ben Thompson, DNR |
| 1:30 | Nominations for 2021 Council Leadership positions | Develop roster of nominees for annual meeting (February) | Chair, All |
| 1:45 | 2023 WCFC Meeting Dates | Select new meeting dates for 2023 | Semra Riddle – Chair, All |
| 2:00 | Adjourn | Meeting ends | Chair |

Next meeting: February 2024, date tbd.