

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER TREE BOARD
MARCH 9, 2026



- CONVENE:** 7:00 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Chair Trent Grantham, and Boardmembers Mike Jackson, Tanya Nozawa, Charles Edmonson, and Brody Coval
- Excused: Boardmember Jim Sedore
- Staff: Sustainability Manager Alyssa Jones Wood
- CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** The Introduction of Mayor Dahlhoff item was removed from the agenda. Mayor Dahlhoff has asked to reschedule her meet and greet with the Tree Board to the May meeting.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Chair Grantham moved, seconded by Boardmember Jackson, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2025 and January 12, 2026, as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**
- TREE BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Boardmember Nozawa raised concern about the Washington State House of Representatives proposed budget cutting the Department of Natural Resources Urban & Community Forestry Program. She said that she would be writing a letter as a Tumwater Tree Board member and encouraged other Tree Board members to do so as well. Boardmember Coval provided information about the legislative budget process but recused himself from taking or encouraging any action on the topic.
- MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Jones Wood shared that the Tumwater Historic Preservation Commission would be meeting on March 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to take action regarding the Davis Meeker Garry Oak Year 1 work specification. She also shared that the City completed a competitive request for quote process for the Davis Meeker Garry Oak Year 1 work specification and received one quote.

Manager Jones Wood shared that the City now has an executed contract with Facet to continue the work on the Tree and Vegetation Protection Ordinance, Street Tree Ordinance, Landscaping Ordinance, and Street Tree Plan. Staff will be kicking off the project on March 10, 2026, internally.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

ARBOR DAY: Manager Jones Wood described details of the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration being held at Historical Park on April 18, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Board reviewed and provided feedback on the draft Arbor Day Proclamation and discussed sourcing materials for children to engage with at the event.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: **After no nominations were given by the Tree Board, Boardmember Coval moved to delay action on the election of the chair and vice chair for one calendar year. The motion was seconded by Chair Grantham. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026.

Boardmember Coval asked for clarification if the Arbor Day Celebration constitutes an open public meeting since there may be a quorum. Manager Jones Wood affirmed she would check with the City Clerk's Office to ensure all open public meeting act requirements would be met for the event.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Grantham adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.**

Prepared by Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Manager