

**TUMWATER TREE BOARD
MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING
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CONVENE: 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Chair Mike Jackson and Boardmembers, Brent Chapman, Tanya Nozawa, and Jim Sedore.

Absent: Chair Trent Grantham and Boardmembers Alex Chacon and Brodrick Coval

Staff: Sustainability Manager Alyssa Jones Wood.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

TREE BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Boardmember Sedore commented on his numerous contacts with local nurseries and garden stores for information on preferred species they order or maintain in stock to ascertain if they are same species the City includes on its Street Tree List. Many of retailers indicated they order a variety of tree species with the caveat that not all species or cultivars included on the tree list are readily available.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Jones Wood reported the City continues to move forward on the hiring of an Urban Forester with interviews scheduled.

Staff continues work on the second draft of the Climate Element within the Comprehension Plan.

The Tree Board may have a role in re-homing Davis Meeker oak tree samplings with approval by either the City Administrator or the Mayor. More information will be forthcoming.

The City Council is scheduled to review the second arborist report on the Davis Meeker oak tree at a work session on March 11, 2025.

The City Council is scheduled to issue a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day on April 15, 2025. Manager Jones Wood encouraged members to attend to accept the proclamation.

Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department have requested the Board consider purchasing 4 to 5 trees and assist in planting the trees at various locations in the City on Arbor day. Members agreed and asked staff to purchase the trees.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

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**ANNUAL
OFFICERS
ELECTION:**

Vice Chair Jackson invited nominations for officers during 2025,

Boardmember Sedore nominated Trent Grantham to continue serving as Chair and Michael Jackson to serve as Vice Chair during 2025. Boardmember Nozawa seconded the nomination.

MOTION:

By a unanimous vote of affirmation, Trent Grantham was elected to serve as Chair during 2025 and Michael Jackson was elected to serve as Vice Chair during 2025.

**DRAFT STREET
TREE LIST:**

Manager Jones Wood presented the draft Street Tree List and invited feedback from members.

Boardmember Chapman requested the addition of Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, vine maple, and Paperbark maple to the list. However, a notation should be included designating Douglas-fir and Western redcedar trees as better suited for planting in unimproved right-of-ways or in greenbelt areas only.

MOTION:

Boardmember Sedore moved, seconded by Boardmember Nozawa, to approve the draft of the Street Tree List as presented and with the requested changes. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Manager Jones Wood asked members to review the list and designate their highest recommendation small, medium, and large trees to assist staff in drafting a short street tree list as part of the entire document. Future work by the Board includes refining the format of the information for presentation and review by staff.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled on April 14, 2025, Numerous Boardmembers confirmed their attendance to the Council meeting on April 15, 2025 to accept the proclamation and on April 19, 2025 at Tumwater Historical Park to participate and support Arbor Day activities.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Vice Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.