CITY OF GRESHAM

URBAN FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Date:	06-15-2026
Time:	4:30 – 5:00 pm
Place:	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Attending:	**UFS**: Chair Christine Johnson, Keith Warren, Steve Stevens **Staff:** Torrey Lindbo (Staff Liaison), Hayley Hamann **Council Liaison**: Jerry Hinton **PC Liaison:** Greg Schroeder, John Hartsock
Absent:	**UFS:** Jim Buck, Thea Hayes

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments	
Discussion:	• Before meeting formally began, Steve asked a question about whether Gresham had an official City tree. Torrey noted, and Keith verified, that the Hogan cedar is the official city tree. Steve was very supportive of the Hogan cedar being the tree and commented that this isn't something that is easy to find on city website. Would be good to make sure we are letting people know that when we have opportunities, like at the Arbor Day proclamation.
Decisions:	• N/A
Action:	• N/A

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Meeting Minutes	
Discussion:	• Christine noted a few minor edits that need to be made. Hayley noted those corrections and will make those before posting final minutes • Steve moved and Keith seconded a motion to approve minutes, as amended
Decisions:	• April 20, 2026, minutes approved unanimously
Action:	• Hayley will finalize and post to web page

Agenda Item #4 – Staff Update	
Discussion:	<u>Tree Code Update</u> • Torrey reported that there isn't much new to report on tree code. After meeting with UFS, UDP staff presented to Planning Commission on April 27 and at a City Council work session on June 2. The recording from that meeting, as well as the minutes and packet are available on the mayor and council pages of GreshamOregon.gov. • Staff asked Council for feedback on 4 policy questions related to 1) industrial and commercial site trees, 2) whether all trees should count the same, 3) whether tree removal permit fees should be scaled, and 4) whether there should be a retroactive tree removal fee. • Based on feedback from City Council, UFS, Planning Commission, and other stakeholder input, staff plan to work on drafting updated code this summer, then have a draft code work session at Planning Commission in late summer/early fall, with a plan to follow up with council on fees and potential code adoption in fall of 2026. <u>Gradin Celebration</u> • Parks event scheduled at Gradin on July 10 from 4-6pm • Event will include fun activities including face painting, DJ, Kona ice giveaway, photo booth, and a dog

	walk. The Gradin family is to attend, and the event will finish with a movie in the park at 6pm. • The Mt. Hood CC volleyball and pickleball teams have been invited to the event to showcase the park amenities. • Torrey asked the UFS if any members would like to host arboretum walks or an information station. • Keith and Christine are not available, but Steve was interested. <u>UFS Candidate Interviews</u> • Based on applications received, Torrey determined there were 3 viable candidates to interview as potential UFS members. • On June 10, Chair Johnson, Councilor Hinton, and Torrey interviewed the 3 candidates. The interview panel felt all 3 were qualified and have been recommended to move forward for further consideration. • Next steps in process are that candidates will be forwarded to mayor, and then if mayor agrees, they will be formally presented to City Council for review. Based on planned summer recess for Council, it will likely be September before members become officially approved. <u>Next UFS Meeting</u> • City Council is on summer break starting July 20, and CCACs are asked not to meet during break. Councilor Hinton mentioned that he is available on July 20th should the UFS still hold a meeting, but is unavailable during the scheduled August meeting date so would likely be joining in September a his next meeting.
Decisions:	• Steve is interested and willing to assist at the Gradin Park event.
Action:	• Torrey will follow up with Jim to see if he is available or interested in volunteering at the Gradin event. • Torrey said he would review business items to determine when next meeting date would likely be.

Agenda Item #5 – Committee Transitions	

Discussion:	• Chair Johnson noted that this meeting is the last formal date for her and for Steve Stevens as members of the UFS. Christine thanked the committee for allowing her to be a part of the committee.
	• Multiple members, including Councilor Hinton, expressed gratitude to Christine and Steve for their service to Gresham and its trees.
	• Related to Christine leaving UFS and stepping down as chair, Torrey noted that July is the timing within code that CCACs typically hold chair and vice-chair elections.
	  ○ Steve mentioned having been Chair before and prefers not to hold this position again.
	  ○ The UFS decided that it would be best to discuss this at a later meeting when more members are available to discuss.
	• While it did not occur during the meeting, the morning after the meeting, Thea Hayes sent Chair Johnson and Torrey an email tendering her resignation from the UFS.

Decisions:	• Elections for new UFS chair will be held at the next meeting, which will either be August or September.
Action:	• N/A

Adjournment
• The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. • The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2026. • Future meeting topics: Tree fund update, Tree Code update, EAB, Parks Comprehensive Plan

Meeting Recording Link:

These meeting minutes were approved by the Urban Forestry Subcommittee on September 19, 2026.

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