CITY OF GRESHAM

URBAN FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Date:	09-21-2026
Time:	4:32 – 5:51 pm
Place:	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Attending:	**UFS**: Jim Buck, Keith Warren, Rayne MacGeorge, Lakyn Jacoby, Kyle Leslie-Christy **Staff:** Torrey Lindbo (Staff Liaison), Hayley Hamann **Council Liaison**: Jerry Hinton **PC Liaison:** Greg Schroeder

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments	
Discussion:	• No public comment.
Decisions:	• N/A
Action:	• N/A

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Meeting Minutes	
Discussion:	• No corrections or suggested edits.
Decisions:	• June 15, 2026, minutes approved unanimously.
Action:	• Hayley will finalize and post to webpage.

Agenda Item #4 – Staff Update	
Discussion:	<u>New Member Introductions</u> • Three new members were appointed to the Urban Forestry Subcommittee by City Council on September 14, 2026. Each member introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their experience. <u>Tree Code Update</u> • Project staff presented to the Neighborhood Coalition on September 8th. Draft code is expected in mid-October. Torrey suggested that the project team may be able to join the next UFS meeting scheduled for October 19th. Work session scheduled for Planning Commission on September 28th. New UFS members were encouraged to listen in on that meeting to help get caught up on the Tree Code Project. Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for November 9th. The project will likely go to Council in December or January. <u>Emerald Ash Borer/Tree Inventory</u> • EAB has now been confirmed in Multnomah County. The City of Gresham hired PlanIt Geo, an urban forestry consulting firm, to do a city-wide tree inventory (limited to public rights-of-way, parks, and high-use trails). The goal is to have the inventory completed by leaf-off. The purpose of the inventory is to identify different species, assess health, and inventory vacant areas where trees could be planted in the future via inflation reduction act funds through Friends of Trees. Trees are to be categorized by pruning and removal needs. Torrey suggested that he could invite Jeff Lesh, from Gresham's Natural Resources program, or a consultant from PlanIt Geo to join the November UFS meeting for a more in-depth EAB and tree inventory update. <u>Significant Tree Application</u>

	• Planning received a significant tree application for a tree grove located at 625 SW Walters. • Jim Buck was involved in planting this grove along with the property owners. • The grove was planted using the Miyawaki Method – intent is to address climate change using native plants and ground covers to develop microclimates to help support and speed the development of the trees grown in the grove. • Members discussed whether the tree grove would truly qualify for this nomination simply due to the immaturity of the grove – it was planted 1-2 years ago. • Torrey suggests a site visit and further discussion at the next meeting. <u>Street Tree Pruning and Care</u> • The City has some funding for professional arborist tree trimming and pruning. Jim Buck documented poor pruning of some trees along Powell Boulevard in 2025. Members of the UFS request to know from the transportation department if there are any sort of standards around tree care that are being utilized by City staff.
Decisions:	• N/A
Action:	• Hayley to send out Tree Code memo and Neighborhood Coalition presentation. • Torrey to schedule a site visit to significant tree applicant site. • Torrey to follow up with Transportation regarding employee tree care standards.

Agenda Item #5 – Chair and Vice-Chair Elections	
Discussion:	• Chair and Vice-Chair positions are current vacant and need to be filled by UFS • Jim Buck suggested the idea of an interim Chair while new members get adjusted to being a part of the Committee for consideration of the Chair position at a later date. Other members were agreeable to this idea.
Decisions:	• Jim Buck was elected interim Chair • Rayne MacGeorge was elected Vice-Chair
Action:	• N/A

Adjournment	
	• The meeting adjourned at 5:51pm. • The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2026.
Meeting Recording Link: *These meeting minutes were approved by the Urban Forestry Subcommittee on October 19, 2026.* **https://greshamoregon.zoom.us/rec/share/aoHWn1_MgDTnK4gYwgBSPcSrJzAPod8apGgcxe1ItpsIl8n_EzbonWb00Ox-G_Mu.L3jlDXHiETOO5MjT**	