



**Citizen Advisory Committee
To the Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee**

In-person: Liberty Park Library
402 South Pittsburg St. Spokane, WA 99202

WebEx virtual meeting:
Call-in: 408-418-9388; Access code: 2492 260 3071

May 2023 meeting: May 2, 2023, at 3:00 PM

The meeting of the City of Spokane Park Board Citizen Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Liberty Park Library 402 South Pittsburg St. and virtually via WebEx at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Committee members, staff, presenters and the public still have the option to participate virtually via WebEx during all meetings.

The public may listen to the meeting by calling 408-418-9388 and entering access code **2492 260 3071** when prompted.

Written public comment may be submitted via email or mail. Comments must be received no later than 11 a.m. May 2 by email to: spokaneparks@spokanecity.org or mail to: Spokane Park Board Urban Forestry Tree Committee, 5th floor City Hall, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99201. Submitted public comments will be presented to committee members prior to the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ben Kappen Letter of Interest** and consideration of appointment for the Utilities Representative seat
- **Justyce Brant Letter of Interest** and consideration of appointment for the Member at large seat

COMMITTEE AND REPORTS

- Community Assembly
- Staff Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Downtown Educational Program Update
- Spring SpoCanopy 2023 Update

NEW BUSINESS

- Schedule Field Trip
- Other program ideas

ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Subject to Change

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION: The City of Spokane is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs, and services for persons with disabilities. Individuals requesting reasonable accommodations or further information may call, write, or email Human Resources at 509.625.6383, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99201; or dmoos@spokanecity.org. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact Human Resources through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1. Please contact us forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting date.



Dear Mr. Jones,

This letter is to establish my interest in joining the UFCAC, representing Utility Vegetation Management. I was a member of the committee for a term around 2010 representing commercial arborists. I have been an arborist working in the greater Spokane area for 25 years and presently work for Avista Utilities representing the Vegetation Management Program.

Sincerely,

Ben Kappen

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March 2, 2023

Garret Jones

Director of Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane

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Spokane, WA 99201

Hello,

My name is Justyce Brant, and I am interested in serving on the Urban Forestry Citizens Advisory Committee (UFCAC). I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to fulfill the responsibilities of any vacant seat on the UFCAC and especially value your time and consideration.

I am the restoration coordinator for The Lands Council, a local environmental nonprofit that seeks to preserve and revitalize the Inland Northwest's forests, waters, and wildlife. I manage and coordinate riparian restoration projects while regularly engaging with students, volunteers, landowners, and environmental professionals. I love my role at The Lands Council as it has allowed me not only to apply my passion for the environment, but also for its broader call to civil servitude.

I am also a lead coordinator for the SpoCanopy program which concentrates on equitably addressing disparities in canopy coverage across the various neighborhoods of Spokane. SpoCanopy is a collaborative effort involving The Lands Council and Spokane's Department of Urban Forestry. Additionally, I educate Spokane residents about the benefits of urban forests through presentations at local and regional organizations as well as neighborhood council meetings. I am a strong advocate for the indispensable environmental needs of my community.

During my time as an environmental science and sociology student at Whitworth University, I understudied for the campus arborist completing annual tree maintenance and caring for over one hundred tree species on our campus.

Our forests and trees have always served as a refuge for me and they are a substantial reason why I call this city my home. By joining the UFCAC, I plan to continue the work of current committee members focusing on maintaining and increasing Spokane's urban canopy and share with Spokane residents the joy of our beautiful urban forests.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,
Justyce Brant