



**Special Meeting Agenda  
City of Spokane Park Board  
Urban Forestry Tree Committee &  
UF Citizen Advisory Committee**

3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2026

**In-person:** Finch Arboretum  
Woodland Center Ponderosa Room  
3404 W Woodland Blvd.  
Spokane, WA 99224

**WebEx virtual meeting:**

Call-in: 408-418-9388; Access code: **2481 135 5636**  
Katie Sorensen - Urban Forester

**UFTC Committee Members:**

Lindsey Shaw – Chair  
Lee Williams  
Kris Neely

**UFCAC Committee Members:**

Kris Neely - Chair  
Tim Kohlhauff  
Guy Gifford  
Cindy Deffe  
Matt Stewart  
Justyce Brant  
Ben Kappen  
Logan Callen  
Kathryn Alexander  
Kelsi Caston  
Eduardo Castillo

The special combined meeting of the City of Spokane Park Board Urban Forestry Tree Committee and Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee will be held in-person in the Woodland Center Ponderosa Room at the Finch Arboretum, 3404 W Woodland Blvd. and virtually via WebEx at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Committee members, staff, and presenters 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 **2481 135 5636** when prompted.

Written public comment may be submitted via email or mail. Comments must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. June 30 by email to: [spokaneparks@spokanecity.org](mailto: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.

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Public Comment**

Action item: [Heritage Tree Nomination Review – 34 W 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.](#)

## Ceremonies, Appointments, Announcements:

### Committee and Reports:

- Community Assembly
- Staff Report

### Old Business

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### New Business – Discussion items:

- Sekani Fire Damage – Katie Sorensen
- Field Trip for August meeting (discussion) – Katie Sorensen

### Standing report items:

- Urban Forestry Monthly Update – Katie Sorensen
- Urban Forestry financial report – Katie Sorensen

### Other Program and Partnership Ideas

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## 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 509.625.6373, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99201; or [ddecorde@spokanecity.org](mailto:ddecorde@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.



## Heritage Tree Nomination Form

### Nominator Information

Name: Virginia Lemmex  
 Address: 34 W 18th Ave  
Spokane, 99203  
 Phone: (Day) 425-283-3978  
 (Eve) 425-283-3978  
 Email Address glemmex@gmail.com

### (Property owner must agree to nomination)

Name: Virginia Lemmex  
 Address: 34 W 18th Ave.  
Spokane 99203  
 Phone: (Day) 425-283-3978  
 (Eve) 425-283-3978

### Property/Tree Owner Information

Designated Neighborhood: Manito/Cannon Hill  
 Location (Street Address): 34 W 18th Ave  
 Species of Tree (Common or Botanical Name): Catalpa speciosa  
 Single/Collection of trees (If Collection, How Many Trees): Single tree

Size: Height (approx.) 60 (feet)  
 Crown (approx.) measure distance of total spread from one side to other: 50 to 60 (feet)  
 Circumference (distance around trunk at 4.5 feet from ground): 158 (inches)  
 Age of Tree (If Known/Estimate): c. 113 yrs

### Condition (check all that apply and explain any issues on back of page:

Healthy       Diseased       Pruning/Structural problems

### List any historical fact About the Tree (Documented/Estimated)

Was planted during the development of Manito/Cannon Hill neighborhood in 1913

### What is most noteworthy about the tree/trees that meets the criteria (check all that apply).

Size       Public       Visibility       Rare Horticultural Value  
 Aesthetic Qualities       Historical

Explain why you think the tree/trees should be nominated for heritage distinction - use another piece of paper, if necessary. Please include a photograph (black & white or color) and a simple tree location map.

Please see enclosed page.

### Submit Nomination Form and Owner's Consent to the Spokane Urban Forestry Program

Spokane Urban Forestry Program • 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd • Spokane, WA 99201 • 509.363.5495  
[www.spokaneurbanforestry.org](http://www.spokaneurbanforestry.org)

## Reasons for Nominating *Catalpa speciosa* for Heritage Distinction

First, the tree has lived through quite a bit of Spokane's growth and development. It was planted c.1913 when our neighborhood was first being established to bring Spokaneites to the Manito Park area. The tree continues to flourish and stands to welcome locals as well as visitors to the Park at the Northwest corner of W18th Ave and Browne St.

The Catalpa is in full view of everyone who drives or walks down the street or is strolling around the Duck Pond. It is stunning when in full bloom- a tree filled with large heart-shaped leaves and fragrant clusters of white, orchid-like flowers. Those who walk by or come to visit the Park often snap a photo and stop to ask, "What kind of tree is this? I've never seen a tree like this before". This tree adds priceless beauty to our street that residents and visitors appreciate and enjoy.

A large tree like this contributes to better air quality, provides shade, shelters birds and squirrels, for example, and helps lower the ambient temperature. In all, a valuable contributor to our health and wellbeing as well as the ecosystem in which we live.

While it may not be a rare tree in the Spokane area, this particular specimen is quite large and is in good health. It is an example of living history—one can only imagine all this tree has witnessed and survived throughout its life.

Thank you for considering our nomination of *Catalpa speciosa* as a Spokane Heritage Tree.

## Property Owner Agreement Form

### HISTORIC AND HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM

In exchange for the City's designation of the subject tree as a Heritage Tree, the Property Owner agrees to protect, maintain and care for the Heritage Tree located on his or her property. Property Owner agrees to abide by conditions set forth in the City of Spokane Code, Section 12.02.916, particularly:

- A. "A Heritage Tree or collection of trees is retained by the property owner and does not become the property or responsibility of the City – unless the tree(s) are city owned."
- B. "The property owner is responsible for all maintenance and liability issue pertaining to the tree or trees."
- C. Prior to removal of a Heritage Tree, a property owner must notify the Urban Forest Tree Committee/Urban Forest Program. The City **strongly encourages** all Heritage Tree property owners to retain these significant tree(s)
- D. If a property owner removes a heritage Tree or collection of trees, the plaque or identification marker shall be returned to the Urban Forest Program.

Property Owner understands that sponsorships or assistance for care of the tree may be available from the City's Urban Forestry Program. In addition, if the Property Owner may want any advice, it can be offered at no cost by the City Urban Forestry Program (509.363.5495).

Property Owner as owner of the Catalpa speciosa (species) tree now being considered for this distinction, hereby consent to its being designated a Heritage Tree by the Urban Forestry Committee of Spokane, Washington.

Tree Location (Address, Tax Lot): 34 W. 18th ave Spokane 99203

Signed: Virginia Yemmel, Property Owner

Date: 5/22/26

Submitted by Urban Forestry Tree Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Approved by Urban Forestry Program: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Approved by Director, Parks and Recreation: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Filed with Urban Forestry Program and Website: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)



