



**City of Spokane Park Board
Urban Forestry Tree Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Willow Room, Woodland Center
John A. Finch Arboretum
Angel Spell – Urban Forester

Committee Members:

A Pendergraft, Lauren – Chairperson
A Traver, Susan - Alternate
X Gifford, Guy
X Davis, Garth
X Cash, Kevin
A Chase, Rick

Park Board:

Wright, Chris

Parks Staff:

Conley, Jason
Dickson, Fianna

Guest(s):

MacKerrow, Nancy
Anderson, Carrie
Bergdahl, James
Burger, Brent

SUMMARY

- An appeal of Urban Forestry's decision to deny a public tree permit for tree removal by Mary Moore, 2718 South Hatch Street, was denied. Motion against the appeal was made by Guy, seconded by Kevin, and unanimously supported.
- Angel presented information explaining what urban forestry is, how it interfaces with arboriculture, and the scope of our urban forestry program, as well as how it compares with other urban forestry programs.
- Guy shared subjects discussed during the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting, including future planning for a spring field trip.
- A financial report was not available.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:23 p.m. by Acting Chairperson, Chris Wright. Introductions were made.

Action Items:

1. Appeal of Urban Forestry Decision by Mary Moore, 2718 South Hatch Street

Appeal of a Street Tree Permit denying a tree removal, deferred from the last meeting due to the appellant not being in attendance, was considered by the Committee. Comments from Ms. Moore were not heard due to her absence; however, documentation from Urban Forestry, including an independent tree risk assessment, was reviewed and discussed. Guy made a motion to deny the Appeal, seconded by Kevin, and confirmed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Staff Report – What is Urban Forestry?

Angel presented information and a video produced by the city of Vancouver's Urban Forester, explaining the purpose and goals of their urban forestry program, as it is very similar to ours. The definition of urban forestry is the planning and management of tree resources in an around urban areas specifically for the benefit of people and the environment. Staffing, project involvement, partnerships, program funding, and other city urban forestry program comparisons were included as well. Angel also shared numerous websites that provide more specific tree-related data.

Standing Report Items:

1. Citizen Advisory Committee Report

Guy shared coverage during the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting, which included plans for a field trip targeted for June.

2. Urban Forestry Financial Report

No financial report was available.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 4, 2017, 4:15 p.m., at Finch Arboretum in the Woodland Center's Willow Room.