



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

Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Willow Room, Woodland Center
John A. Finch Arboretum
Jeff Perry – Interim Urban Forester

Committee Members:

X Chase, Rick – Chairperson
X Ogden, Jennifer
X Kohlhauff, Tim
A Davis, Garth
X Cash, Kevin
A Wright, Chris - Alternate

Parks Staff:

Spell, Angel
Perry, Jeff

Guest(s):

MacKerrow, Nancy
Gifford, Guy

SUMMARY

- Matthew Axe presented a slide show highlighting topics involved with the Palisades Park Forest Stewardship Plan. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn from and be a part of such a project.
- Jeff Perry presented a brief update on the Finch Arboretum Master Plan. A Draft Plan is expected the end of September, and the third public open house is proposed for early October.
- Tim Kohlhauff reported on the content of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, including an invitation to the Urban Forest Tree Committee (UFTC) for a tour of Riverfront Park. The tour will be in lieu of the October 2nd CAC/UFTC meetings, and will be begin at three o'clock.
- Angel Spell presented and reviewed the August Urban Forestry Financial Report. A short discussion followed.
- Not listed on the agenda as a result of questions raised pertaining to tree care at the City's golf courses, Jennifer Ogden moved to present as a future Action Item a 50/50 shared arborist position between Golf and Urban Forestry. Rick Chase seconded the motion.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Chairperson, Rick Chase.

Action Items:

None

Discussion Items:

1. Palisades Park Forest Stewardship Plan

Matthew presented a slideshow on Palisades Park and provided information concerning the Forest Stewardship Plan. Palisades Park was established back in 1938 and has more than three times the conservation land area as does Indian Canyon Park. Topics covered included types of habitat and their association with vegetation, tree inventory, wildlife, riparian zones, and fire hazards.

2. Finch Arboretum Master Plan Brief Update

Jeff shared the latest information on the Finch Arboretum Master Plan; the City will receive a Draft Plan the end of September and the third open house is targeted for early October.

Standing Report Items:

1. Citizen Advisory Committee Report

Tim reported on subjects covered in the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting, which included an invitation to the UFTC for a tour of Riverfront Park in lieu of the next CAC meeting. The tour will be scheduled for three o'clock on October 2nd, and participants are to meet at the Christmas tree along Spokane Falls Boulevard. The meeting also consisted of a robust discussion about advocating tree care and public education on tree care, focusing on the downtown area. Joe Zubaly will contact City of Spokane and Downtown Spokane Partnership representatives and report back with his findings to the Committee.

2. Urban Forestry Financial Report

Angel presented and reviewed the preliminary August Financial Report for Urban Forestry, explaining the percentage of annual budget spent to date; outstanding contracts have not as yet been paid.

Rick Chase posed questions regarding tree care for the golf courses. The following discussion revolved around shared investment in an arborist position between Golf and Urban Forestry. In conclusion, Jennifer Ogden made a motion to move the shared position proposal to become an action item for a future meeting, Rick Chase seconded the motion. Angel will confirm protocol for moving the motion forward.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be a **tour of Riverfront Park on October 2, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.**

Figure 3: Unit 1 Habitat Type

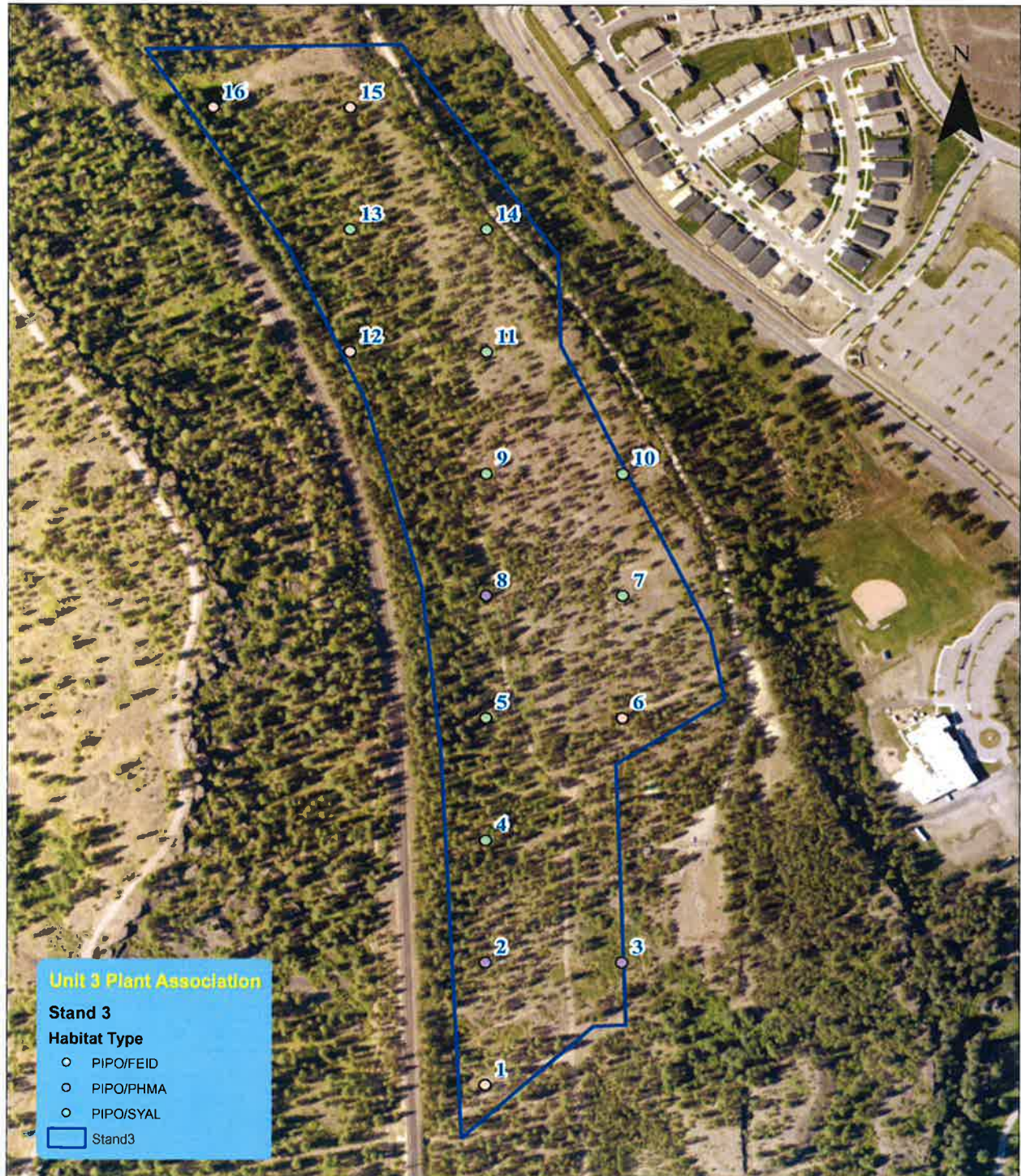


Figure 4: Unit 2 Habitat Type



Figure 5: Unit 3 Habitat Type

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