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From: Liaison Committee
To: Community Assembly Representatives
Neighborhood Council Leadership
Subj: Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee
Open Position and Application

FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND DISTRIBUTION

The Community Assembly and its Liaison Committee are recruiting neighborhood council members interested to apply for one of the two CA member positions on the Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), a part of the city's urban forestry program.

The Community Assembly's Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee members will:

- Agree to attend at least three CAC meetings before selection to serve
- Attend monthly CAC meetings generally on the first Tuesday of the month at 3 PM in the Finch Arboretum
- Expect to serve a term of four years that is renewable once
- Report to the CA in writing or by oral presentation generally four times a year

In Spokane, "urban forestry" is all about street trees and city parks.

The city's urban forestry program:

- Is established as a function of the parks department ([SMC 12.02.904](#))
- "Exercises jurisdiction over trees and shrubs within the public rights-of-way and other public places"
- "Regulates and permits the planting, pruning, removal, replacement, and maintenance of all street trees"
- Is managed by an urban forester designated by the parks director
- Employs a park board tree committee and its associated citizen advisory committee to make policy for recommendation to the park board and the city council ([SMC 04.28](#))

The Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee works with the Park Board's Urban Forestry Tree Committee on matters of policy and practice related to the "urban canopy" of trees within city rights-of-way (street trees) and in city parks and other public places. (SMC 12.02.904 and SMC 04.28 are linked at web addresses in this document for your reference.)

New or replacement members of the Community Assembly's Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee will be selected by the Community Assembly from applicants who are members in good standing of a neighborhood council upon the recommendation of the Liaison Committee.

CAC membership applications are available at the Office of Neighborhood Services and on its web site beginning this month and will be taken until the end of April. Application forms should be returned to Rod Minarik at Neighborhood Services: rminkarik@spokanecity.org.

Individuals interested in making application may contact the Liaison Committee chair, Paul Kropp, for additional information and advice. (Email please, pkropp@fastmail.fm)

The urban forester, Angel Spell, can also provide information and perspective. (509.363.5495, aspell@spokanecity.org)

The Urban Forestry web page is <https://my.spokanecity.org/urbanforestry/>. The Tree Facts page is particularly interesting: <https://my.spokanecity.org/urbanforestry/tree-facts/>.