



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Monday September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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City Council Chambers
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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** - Chair Cathy Bleier; Vice-Chair Catherine (Cassie) Hughes; Members: Robert Hrubes Jennifer Kaczor, Yan Linhart, Robin Mitchell
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC and INTRODUCTION BY INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ADVISORY BOARD**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
- 3. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / CHANGES TO THE MEETING AGENDA (10 minutes)**
- 4. CITY COUNCIL / STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS- (10 minutes)**
City Council Liaison Quinto and / or City Staff may report on Council policies, priorities, and significant actions taken by the City Council, and / or matters of general interest to the Urban Forest Committee (UFC).
- 5. PRESENTATION: RICHMOND STREET COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: (30 minutes)** Receive a presentation on the background and initial considerations of the Richmond Street Safety Improvement Project between Elm St. and Fairmount Ave and provide input ahead of a public workshop scheduled for September 12, 2024; consider possible action items.
- 6. ACTION ITEMS: (10 minutes)**
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Consider a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 12, 2024, UFC meeting.
 - B. RESCHEDULE THE NOVEMBER 11, 2024 UFC MEETING: Consider a motion to reschedule the Regular November UFC Meeting from November 11 to November 12 to accommodate a joint Urban Forest Committee and Environmental Quality Committee meeting.

7. COLLABORATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

(3 *minutes*) Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the EQC.

8. COLLABORATION WITH THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(3 *minutes*) Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the PRC.

9. URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, CALENDAR, AND WORK PLAN:

Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible actions that correspond with development of the Urban Forest Committee Work Plan and calendar of events. (50 *minutes*)

A. UFC 2025/26, 2026/27 WORK PLAN VISIONING (*All*)

- Template Draft (*Kaczor, Mitchell*)
- Library Outreach Program
- Volunteer Tree Planting Opportunities

10. ITEMS FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING THAT REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION

(5 *minutes*)

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- hear committee member suggestions for future UFC meeting items (5 *minutes*)

- Work Plan Visioning
- Urban Forestry Grants and Fundraising (*Hrubes, Kaczor, Mitchell*)
- HNA Plan: Joint UFC EQC Meeting

12. ADJOURNMENT

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