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CFC Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022

<i>Approved by CFC on January 18, 2023</i>

- A. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Nakajima at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bruce Countryman, David Hunter, Kristy Kottkey, Mark Nakajima, Jeremy Sapp (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Michael Howell

Staff Present: Dan Riordan (in Community Auditorium), Keith Hormann (Via Zoom), Greg Robertson (Via Zoom), Tom Martin (via Zoom), Gert Jorgensen (via Zoom)

Guests Present: Justin Marble, Jill Erickson (Clean Water Services), Mike Conroy (Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, Randy Lawrence (Clean Water Services).

- B. **Public Comment:** None

- C. **Additions/Deletions:** None

- D. **Action Items:**

1. Approve meeting minutes of October 29, 2022: David made a motion, seconded by Bruce, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. **Discussion Items**

1. Emerald Ash Borer Discussion: Jill Erickson, Stewardship Services Division Manager with Clean Water Services provided information about the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Washington County. Jill introduced the work Clean Water Services is doing and the strategies being developed. Jill also provided background and history about the EAB. Jill noted the EAB has been found in 35 states and is now present here. The presentation noted likely impacts of the EAB in Oregon including it is expected that 99% of Ash Trees in Oregon will be affected causing ecological changes and economic harm to nurseries and other businesses. Jill noted that Clean Water Services has an interest in how the loss of ash trees could affect water quality in local streams especially temperature.

Mike Conroy with Tualatin Soil Water and Conservation District and Randy Lawrence

with Clean Water Services, provided the Commission with information about the EAB lifecycle and now the EAB might spread. They noted that the EAB could spread 6 miles per year and as much as 75 miles three to four years. Randy noted the Clean Water Services' role is coordinating biocontrol releases at Fernhill Wetlands and Metro Gales Creek Natural Area, mapping and surveying, risk assessment and mitigation measures, coordination the State EAB Task Force and local response coordination. Randy noted the EAB Task Force includes 40 agencies at the state and local levels.

After the presentation a general discussion occurred touching on the need for a central depository for placing wood materials affected the EAB and risk to stream temperature. Bruce noted the need for good data including information about the local street tree inventory especially ash tree locations. Bruce also noted the need for ongoing communication with property owners and residents. Justin indicated interest in helping with a tree inventory. Jill noted that inventory information could help prioritize grant proposals and funding. David noted that injecting trees to reduce impacts has been used instead of spraying because spraying cannot be contained very well.

2. 2023 Commission Work Plan: Dan presented a work plan for the Commission for Calendar Year 2023. Dan noted a work plan is required for Tree City USA certification. Dan provided an overview of goals and objectives for the upcoming calendar year including implementing the 2016 Urban Forest Management Plan, improving public communication and outreach in community forestry related matters, and providing educational training opportunities for Commission members. Dan also noted other activities included in the work plan including planning and carrying-out the City's annual Arbor Day celebration, preparing and presenting the annual Commission report to City Council, and preparing and submitting the annual Tree City USA certification application.

- F. **Council Liaison Report:** Councilor Kottkey reported interviews for vacant board and commission positions will begin soon and appointments should be made by the end of the year. Councilor Kottkey also reported on ways she kept Council informed about Commission activities and how the Commission could keep Council engaged.
- G. **Commissioner Communications:** David provided a brief update on the continuing education pursued during 2022.
- H. **Announce next meeting and adjourn:** David made a motion, seconded by Jeremy, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.