



## MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Community Auditorium Conference Room,  
1915 Main Street

*Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Community Forestry Commission  
Approved on April 17, 2024*

### A. Call to Order

The February Community Forestry Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Marble at 5:31 PM.

1. Roll Call

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Countryman, Justin Marble, Mark Nakajima

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Shaun English, David Hunter, Kathy English

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dan Riordan, Senior Planner

**GUEST PRESENT:** Michael Howell

### B. Public Comment:

1. Written Public Comment: None
2. In-Person or Remote Public Comment: None

No public comments were provided for Commission consideration.

### C. Action Items

1. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2024

The members present read the minutes. Marked a motion, seconded by Mark, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### D. Discussion Items

1. Arbor Month 2024 Event Planning

The members present discussed details for the 2024 Arbor Month tree planting. Justin mentioned that Tom Martin, with Parks and Recreation Department, suggested planting trees at Joseph Gale Park near the row of trees near the ball fields. Mark expressed

concerns about planting small trees at the park. Justin suggested planting native trees near the stand of western red cedars. After discussion, the members agreed to hold the tree planting event at Joesph Gale Park at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 11th. Justin offered to organize getting trees and working with Tom on the planting details.

#### **E. Council Liaison Report**

Councilor Marshall informed the Commission that City Councilors were back in DC seeking project funding including funding for the festival street project.

#### **F. Commissioner Reports**

Bruce provided an update on the Board's downtown tree assessment project. Bruce noted that the proposal will be refined on recommendations from the festival street project and tree size objectives. Justin also noted that recommendations are needed for new plantings and that consideration should be given to planting fewer trees that are strategically placed. Mark suggested some trees could be replaced with public art.

#### **G. Staff Communications**

Dan noted that the most recent version of the Oregon Tree Health Threats newsletter is in the agenda packet. Dan also noted the Oregon Department of Agriculture has funding for removing trees in the City infected with the Emerald Ash Borer.

#### **H. Announce Next Meeting and Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm. The next meeting will be on April 17th.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Riordan, CFC staff liaison