



MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Community Auditorium Conference Room
1915 Main Street

Minutes are unofficial until approved by Community Forestry Commission

A. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Vice Chair Nakajima called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm

Members present: Sachi Arakawa, Bruce Countryman, Michael Howell, David Hunter, Mark Nakajima, Ayden Rydman

Members absent: Justin Marble

B. Public Comment: None

C. Action Items:

1. **Read and approve March meeting minutes:** David made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Michael. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion Items:

1. **Commission Annual Report to City Council:** Justin and David briefed the Commission on the annual report presentation to City Council, on April 14th. The presentation was well received by the City Council. The City Council thanked the Commission for their expertise and efforts related to improving the City's urban forest.
2. **Arbor Month Tree Planting at Thatcher Park; 10:00 am April 25th:** The Commission discussed final plans for the annual Arbor Month tree planting with the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Department will prepare the planting areas and have the trees ready for planting.
3. **Discussion of Tour of Trees Brochure Update:** Sachi presented a draft layout for the revised Tour of Trees Brochure. The Commission reviewed the tree varieties to highlight and tree locations to include in the brochure. The

Commission also discussed whether to include the history for Forest Grove information included in the previous published version of the brochure. Sachi will revise the brochure for review at the Commission's next meeting in June so the brochure can be published by the end of calendar year.

E. Council Liaison Report:

F. Commissioner Reports: Michael noted that the City Public Works Department is updating the management plan for the City's watershed and the Department is looking for input.

G. Staff Liaison Report:

1. Trees adjacent to Main Street Parking Lot North of 1910 Main Street: Dan advised the Commission that the City's Public Works Department is working with the owner of the former US Bank building at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Main Street to resolve sidewalk uplift issues near three conifer trees adjacent to the former bank's parking lot.

2. Emerald Ash Borer Update: Dan provided the latest edition of the Oregon Tree Health Threats newsletter published by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

H. Announce Next Meeting and Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm. The next meeting will be on June 18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by: Dan Riordan, Staff Liaison