



Urban Forestry Commission Meeting Agenda

April 18, 2026
10:00 AM

Water Resource Education Center

WREC Classroom
4600 Columbia Way
Vancouver, WA 98661-1995

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), the Urban Forestry Commission meeting will be open to in-person attendance. Options for viewing and/or participating in the meeting remotely will also be accommodated (see details below).

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Advance Retreat Prep:

- Watch assigned short videos
- Review UFMP and UF Work Plan 2025-26
- Reflect on: Ideas for engaging the community
- Reflect on: Subcommittees (Policy, Outreach, Pollinator, and Corridors) what excites you

Desired Outcomes:

Shared understanding of:

- What each person individually brings to the Commission
- Expectations for working together
- UFMP and UF Work Plan 2025-26
- Identification of personal passion and commitment to action for 2027-28 that can focus new Subcommittees
- Shared understanding of Commission roles and goals for 2027-28

- 1. Introductions and Getting to know each other - Facilitator
10:00 - 10:45am**
Role/Ground Rules. Icebreaker sharing about yourself and interest in the commission/working with urban forestry.
- 2. Past Success, Programing for 2027-28, UFMP and what is next? Staff and Facilitator 10:45 - 12:00pm**

Urban Forestry Commission

Members

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Staff provide past successes, programming for 2027-28, UFMP and Grant funding in the future. Group discuss future opportunities

3. Lunch 12:00 - 12:30pm

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a. Prep Work

4. Neighborhood Liaison role review/improvements. 12:30 – 1:45pm

Commission and staff participation and discussion. How can the Commission engage further at the neighborhood level?

5. UFC Subcommittee Assignments- UFC Chair and Vice Chair with Facilitator 1:45 – 2:30pm

Group discuss are the current Subcommittees still relevant? Should there be new ones? Group organize themselves into Subcommittees (no more than three Commissioners on each) and select Chairs for each.

6. Wrap up, Parking lot items & Identifying our personal passion and commitment to action for 2027–28 - Facilitator 2:30 – 3:00pm

How can we engage the community? What do we want to focus on over the next 5 years? Wrap up & closing

Possible New Business topics:

Community Forum Instructions

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Prior to the Retreat please:

1. Watch these two short videos
[Trees for Life](#)
[Singapore: Designing a Megacity with Nature](#)
2. Review the [2025-26 UF Work Plan](#)
3. Review the [Urban Forestry Management Plan](#)