

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

3/10/2023 4:40-6:00pm

Zoom

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Bridges, Child, Haase, Haines, Johnson
Community Services Manager Derek Barry
Parks Supervisor Dan Gates

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of the February 2023 meeting minutes

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Approved the minutes of the February 2023 meeting.

Conclusions:

Approved

Agenda item: Arbor Day Details

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Community Services Manager Barry shared the Arbor Day planting event details. Saturday, April 22nd from 9-11am at the end of Rivergrove. 40 trees were ordered and will be planted.

Agenda item: Parks & Cemetery Updates

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Community Services Manager Barry shared updates on the Parks & Cemetery. This included:

The Parks & Trail Plan Update - the Night Market on Ryan Ave could have a booth for this effort on August 12th.

Heritage Park & Alley updates

Tree Nursery planting and replanting

Tree removal update – Cemetery & Mitigation Site

Rainier View Park – Covered court, playground replacement, Portland loo, RAVE field

Bennett Phase 1 – what it would take to open it partially

Return Home in Auburn hosted our Cemetery staff for a walk through of their facility and process of human composting.

Agenda item: Commissioner Comments

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Commissioners Haase and Johnson shared interest in getting bulb flowers, ground cover strawberries, blueberries and huckleberries in our parks or along trails. Staff shared we do have some food bearing trees in several parks from an earlier partnership with Pierce County Conservation District.