



**Commissioners:**

Austin, Bridges, Child, Crawford, Gamon, Haase, Haines, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, McCaul

**Staff Liason:**

Derek Barry, Community Services Manager

The city is conducting this public meeting using a hybrid model. The public is welcome to attend tonight's meeting in-person at City Hall (First Floor Conference Room), or virtually by using the meeting access link below.

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**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

1. Approval of the March 12, 2026 meeting minutes

**REPORTS**

1. Forestry & Parks Commission Update
2. Parks, Cemetery, Forestry and Arts Updates

**ADJOURNMENT**

# Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting (Hybrid)

3/12/26 4:35-5:11pm

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of Meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note Taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Austin, Bridges, Gamon, Haase, Haines, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, McCaul

Assistant Public Operations Director, Derek Barry

## Minutes

**Agenda Item:** Approval of the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes

Discussion: Approved the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes

Conclusion: Approved

**Agenda Item:** Arbor Day 2026 event is Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am in the Willow/Cherry area

Discussion: About 50 locations possible, will send letters to homeowners soon about process

**Agenda Item:** Parks, Cemetery, Forestry Updates

Heritage & Hops-Work continues – plaque for temp park is next step

Loyalty Park – Orbit spinner parts came in

RVP – n/a

Lucy V Ryan – Sumner Connects – Open House – Ryan Heirs for tablet

Bennett property – RCO potential - phase 1 – site testing

BHSC – Field is being used by different groups

Sk8 – Demolished – seeding is taking

Seibenthaler – N/A

Watershed – limiting interviews to select firms

Cemetery – Grave rehab in Pioneer Section

Qunell Family Park – N/A

**Agenda Item:**

Upcoming discussions:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2962  
CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON AMENDING SMC CHAPTER 2.85 FORESTRY AND PARKS COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sumner has established a Forestry and Parks Commission to involve the citizens in community-based programs to improve environmental quality and enhance parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forestry and Parks Commission is an advisory body providing recommendations to the City Council and staff on matters pertaining to planning and programs for all parks, recreational facilities, cemetery, trails, and public trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forestry and Parks Commission will take on more responsibility advising on artwork for parks and open spaces instead of the Cultural Arts Commission which was repealed in 2026; and

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Amendment** That Sumner Municipal Code Chapter 2.87, Forestry and Parks Commission is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 2.87.010. Title.**

There is created a citizens committee to be called the city forestry and parks commission.

**§ 2.87.020. Purpose.**

The purpose of the commission is to ~~have input to the supervision of~~ advise the City Council and staff on planning and programs for all parks, recreational facilities, cemetery, trails, and public trees, and ~~The commission shall promote the arts, cultural heritage, and advise on designs and installations within parks and public spaces~~ the planting strips in the city of Sumner and shall have ~~power to~~ may develop and recommend rules and regulations for the government and management thereof, which shall be subject to approval by the city council.

**§ 2.87.030. Membership.**

The city forestry and parks commission shall be composed of no fewer than five and not more than 12 voting members, at least a majority of which shall be residents of the city of Sumner. ~~The director of public works and the community development director, or their designees, shall serve as additional nonvoting ex officio members of the commission.~~ Members shall serve without pay and shall be appointed by the mayor with confirmation from the city council. Members shall show an interest in accomplishing the purposes of the commission. Membership should include people with expertise in arboriculture, the arts, and design and may include local business persons, utility representatives, artists and residents. Ad hoc committees that may include membership in addition to the commission, may be formed for advising on specific projects or plans.

**§ 2.87.040. Terms of office.**

The terms of office shall be four years. Vacancies that occur, other than through the expiration of terms, shall be filled for the unexpired terms. Members may be removed for inefficiency and neglect of duty after review and recommendation by the mayor, with final approval by the city council.

**§ 2.87.050. Responsibilities.**

The forestry and park commissioners shall ~~have input to the supervision of~~ advise on the planning, development and programs for all parks, recreational facilities, cemetery, trails, and public trees. ~~The commission shall promote the arts, cultural heritage, and advise on designs and installations within parks and public spaces~~ the planting strips belonging to the city, and shall ~~have power to develop and recommend~~ advise on proposed rules and regulations for the government and management thereof, which shall be subject to approval by the city council. ~~The rules and regulations of the forestry and park commissioners shall be enforced by the police and public works departments of the city. The forestry and parks commission shall promote the responsible planting of trees on public and private property, public education about trees, promoting proper maintenance, advocating trees within the city, and developing innovative and joint funding for projects from a variety of sources.~~ The forestry and parks commission shall be responsible for developing and implementing the urban forestry strategy plan, and advise staff on implementing the ~~necessary~~ requirements to fulfill "Tree City USA" status and accomplish the purpose of the chapter.

**Section 2. Severability.** If a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity off the remaining portions of this ordinance. If the provisions of this ordinance are found to be inconsistent with other provisions of the Sumner Municipal Code, this ordinance is deemed to control.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from and after its passage approval and publication as provided by law.

**Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser.** Upon approval of the city attorney, the city clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; ordinance, section, or subsection number; or references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.

**Section 5. Implantation.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

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