



**White Salmon Tree Board Meeting**  
**A G E N D A**  
**February 24, 2025 – 4:00 PM**  
**100 N Main Ave and Zoom Teleconference**

**Meeting ID: 827 0055 9558**  
**Call in Number: 1 (253) 215-8782 US (Tacoma)**

**Call to Order**

**Discussion and Action Items**

**Meeting Purpose**

Review recent tree code changes, plan for Tree Fest, discuss city tree management, and explore future Tree Board activities.

**New Tree Code Communication**

The board discussed the need to create a clear, concise summary of the recently passed tree code for public consumption. Key points include:

- Focus on practical information: what residents can and cannot do regarding tree removal
- Highlight significant changes, such as the reduction of white oak diameter threshold from 14" to 8"
- Develop a one-page synopsis to be used as a Tree Fest handout and for the city website
- Consider adapting recent PowerPoint presentations to create this summary
- Include context on why trees are important and the reasoning behind the code changes

**Tree Fest Planning**

Preparations for the upcoming Tree Fest were discussed:

- Plan to distribute chat keys and tree trivia materials
- Arrange for the Arbor Day proclamation to be read, possibly by Erika
- Include Firewise information with before/after visuals of defensible space
- Provide contact information for DNR, UCD, and MARS for property assessments
- Display survey results from the tree code development process

**Tree Board Membership and Goals**

The board addressed recent membership changes and future direction:

- Two members have left; actively seeking new community members to join

- Reassessing the board's mission and plans for the future
- Emphasis on education, including the possibility of guided tree walks
- Ensuring continued compliance with Tree City USA requirements
- Exploring the idea of recruiting high school students for community service projects

### **Tree Planting Opportunities**

The board explored various locations for potential tree planting:

- New sidewalk project along Skyline Road to Rhine Village (pending grant approval)
- Sections of Loop Road, noting some areas are outside city limits
- Areas near community ball fields to provide shade
- Vicinity of the new field house at the school (on county/school property)
- Integrating tree planting with safe routes to school program
- Discussed the challenge of finding suitable planting locations within city limits

### **City Tree Management**

Strategies for ongoing tree care and management were considered:

- Plan to coordinate with Ethan, the city landscaper, on pruning and care plans
- Review the existing tree inventory report for proactive maintenance needs
- Discuss implementing training pruning for younger trees
- Explore the creation of a tree mitigation bank to utilize future fines collected for illegal tree removal

### **Next Steps**

1. Erika to draft a concise tree code summary for Tree Fest and the city website
2. Arrange a meeting with Ethan in April to review the 2025 landscape plan
3. Ensure the Arbor Day proclamation is included on the March city council agenda
4. Further investigate potential tree planting locations, with focus on the new sidewalk project
5. Develop strategies for Tree Board member recruitment and goal-setting
6. Prepare Firewise materials and gather professional contact information for Tree Fest

Next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2025, at 4:00 PM

### **Action Items**

- Create 1-pg synopsis of new tree code for Tree Fest. Include facts, what can/can't be done, special trees, allowances.

- Get latest PowerPoint slides on tree code changes from city planning dept.
- Contact Paul Metalucci re: seeding outreach
- Ensure Arbor Day proclamation on March agenda for council/mayor
- Coordinate w/ Ethan for future meeting. Discuss pruning/landscaping plans for 2025.
- Check event availability for Apr 14 @ 4pm Tree Board meeting
- Send Firewise 1-pg doc link to board members

**Adjournment**