



## White Salmon Tree Board Meeting

### A G E N D A

December 11, 2023 – 5:30 PM

100 N Main Ave and via Zoom

Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/893774539?share=copy>

#### **Call to Order**

Council member David Lindely called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All members were present at the meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Discussion and Action Items**

##### **1. City Council and Public Works Updates**

The critical area ordinance passed, moving the heritage tree ordinance to its own chapter. The planning commission is reviewing the heritage tree ordinance in the upcoming months and will likely propose changes. They are working with a consultant and want to include community outreach. This is a "hot topic" in the community.

The committee structure is being reconsidered. Some committees, like the tree board, don't need to adhere to public meeting requirements, allowing more informal meetings when needed.

##### **2. Arbor Day/Tree Fest – Save the date and planning (March 23, 2024)**

Set for March 23, 2024. Ideas discussed for activities included a tree walk or QR codes/scavenger hunt, emphasizing education.

Partnering with the elementary school could be good for bringing in future generations.

##### **3. Tree Protection Measures**

A large heritage tree on a construction site needs better protection per city code. The code enforcement officer is aware and will follow up.

Having an informational pamphlet or guidance for builders/developers could help with tree protection.

**4. Sweetgum Tree Update**

Public Works added sand and cold patch asphalt around the roots to protect the tree. This allows flexibility as roots grow.

Continued coordination with WSDOT is needed to ensure bulb-out plans include tree protection.

**5. Spring 2024 Tree Maintenance**

The tree pruning RFP for 2024 will need to be updated with new trees identified for pruning.

**6. Roundtable Discussion**

Discussed potentially having a "how to maintain your heritage tree" workshop for homeowners. Could partner with Underwood Conservation District.

Suggested a heritage tree walk, possibly tied to the Wildflower Festival. This could include private property trees.

**Adjournment**

**Key Takeaways**

- The heritage tree ordinance is being reviewed by the planning commission in the upcoming months, and changes are expected. Outreach to the community will be part of this process.
- The Rotary Club has opted not to move forward with the children's pollinator garden project due to concerns about the proposed location.
- The tree pruning RFP for 2024 will need to be updated with new trees identified for pruning.
- Setting up a meeting with Underwood Conservation District to collaborate more on education and outreach was suggested.

**Next Steps**

- Plan tree fest activities for March 23rd.
- Contact Underwood Conservation District to collaborate more on education and outreach.
- Update the tree pruning RFP for 2024 with new trees identified.
- Hold the next meeting on January 8th at 4 pm (same date, new time).