

TO: Neighborhood Tree Team members and Portland tree advocates
FROM: Bruce Nelson, Cully Tree Team 9 October 2022
RE: Portland Urban Forestry Commission Meeting September 15, 2022:
Summary and Comments

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The monthly Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) meeting was held Thursday, September 15, 2022, 9:30 am – 11:35 am. It was held as a Zoom meeting, due to COVID-19 demands.

UFC Members Present - Vivek Shandas (chair), Adrienne Feldstein, Ivory Iheanacho, Roberta Jortner, Bruce Nelson, Daniel Newberry, Leah Plack, Megan Van de Mark

UFC Commissioners Absent - Anjeanette Brown, Melinda McMillan, 1 vacancy

PP&R UF Staff Present – Jenn Cairo, City Forester (Portland Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry division (PP&R UF); Brian Landoe, Analyst 1, (PP&R UF); Ashley Reese, Administrative Assistant (PP&R UF); Clare Carney, Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator (PP&R UF); Angie DiSalvo, Science, Outreach and Planting Manager (PP&R UF); Rick Faber, Permitting and Regulation Coordinator (PP&R UF)

City Attorney’s Office – No one was present

Other City Staff – Adena Long, Director (PP&R); Dawn Uchiyama, Interim Director (Bureau of Environmental Services); Sarah Huggins, Sustainable Future Program Manager, (PP&R); Chenoa Philabaum, Community Division Partnerships Manager (Bureau of Environmental Services)

Other presenters - none

9:32 a.m. Public Testimony

Albert Kaufman, testifying from Pennsylvania, stated that he had not heard any news regarding the status of a contract between the City of Portland and Friends of Trees for street tree planting and pruning. With the heat of the summer of 2022, he considers it very important to get plans in place for getting lots of trees planted and cared for.

Vivek summarized Albert’s statement and question. “Are there any large-scale tree plantings anticipated for Portland in the future and do any of these involve Friends of Trees?” Vivek did relay to Albert that he thought this would be a UFC discussion item at a future meeting.

9:38 a.m. - Minutes review and approval

Minutes from the July 21, 2022 were reviewed and accepted as amended. Ashley will start numbering bullet points as well as pages in the UFC minutes.

9:40 a.m. – City Forester’s Report, Jenn Cairo (City Forester, PP&R UF)

1. The 2022 monitoring of susceptible elms for Dutch elm disease symptoms has concluded. Results for the 2022 season will be reported to UFC at a future meeting. It is UF’s policy to remove all elm trees that are definitively found (via lab detection) with signs of the pathogen causing Dutch elm disease. <https://www.portland.gov/trees/dutch-elm-disease>
2. Emerald ash borer (recently found in Oregon for the first time) has resulted in massive loss of ash trees in the eastern and midwestern portions of the US. UF is listing relevant information about this pest on its website. The Oregon Department of Forestry is the lead agency in this statewide concern. PP&R UF is working with state officials to develop appropriate policies and practices. <https://www.portland.gov/trees/eab>
3. The federal Inflation Reduction Act includes \$1.5 billion support for community forestry programs. This could be a source of additional revenue for PP&R UF programs that have an equity or climate action focus. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

<https://www.americanforests.org/take-action/inflation-reduction-act/>

<https://www.americanforests.org/article/inflation-reduction-act-investments-in-urban-forestry-will-save-lives/>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/how-will-the-inflation-reduction-act-impact-forest-and-carbon-management>

4. PP&R UF and Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) are putting together a pilot program that will demonstrate the removal of parking spaces in the right-of-way space for use as an extended tree planting area, which is now allowed in the recently adopted PBOT Pedestrian Design Guide. Funding for this pilot is from a grant from Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES).
5. At the November 2022 UFC meeting, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) will share the recent Climate Action Workplan adopted by City Council.

6. UFC will receive information at today's UFC meeting concerning the Memorandum of Understanding between PP&R UF and BES on City-funded tree planting.
7. UFC will be updated at today's meeting about the progress of the PP&R's Sustainable Futures Program. Daniel Newberry has represented UFC as a member of a short-term task force addressing a specific focus of that program – funding options. It is expected that at the November 2022 UFC meeting a more extended discussion on this matter will occur.

Adrienne Feldstein asked Jenn for a bit more information on the pilot project with PBOT addressing the new Pedestrian Design Guide.

Jenn shared that it was a \$500,000 grant and that PBOT is doing the research on exactly what actions will be taken as part of this project.

9:53 What is on the minds of UFC members Vivek Shandas (UFC Chair)

Vivek asked UFC members if they had any brief items they would like to share pertaining to trees in Portland.

Roberta stated that she hoped more information would be available from city bureaus about the effect of infill on tree canopy. It is very helpful to have accurate information on the intended and unintended consequences of policies adopted, specifically relating to residential infill. (*Residential Infill 1, Residential Infill 2, allowable exemptions in tree code for lots under 5,000 square feet, allowable exemptions in tree code for non-profit housing developments, Pedestrian Design Guide*).

Bruce will soon be issuing his report on the street tree situation on major north-south corridors in East Portland. The report will be available at the Trees for Life Oregon website. www.treesforlifeoregon.org

10:00 PP&R and BES Tree Planting Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Adena Long, Director, PP&R; Angie DiSalvo, Science, Outreach and Planting Manager, PP&R UF; Dawn Uchiyama, Interim Director, BES; Chenoa Philabaum, Community Division Partnerships Manager, BES

Dawn acknowledged the importance of the work being done by the City in tree planting. This work has become even more important with the climate changes now confronting us. More clarity exists now about the bad experiences disproportionately experienced by low-income communities in Portland. Portland bureaus are striving to improve the services they deliver to these communities.

Chenoa introduced herself. She has been with BES in her position as Community Partnership Manager for 18 months. For some historical perspective, she reminded UFC members that in 2019, Nick Fish, who was a City Commissioner and was in charge of both PP&R and BES, wanted to have PP&R UF and the BES Tree Planting Program (TPP) work together to eliminate redundancies and improve outcomes related to City-funded tree planting and maintenance endeavors. *This work started under Commissioner Fish and continued on after he died in January 2020.* An initial MOU between PP&R UF and BES TPP focused on planting responsibilities in natural areas. A second group of community stakeholder meetings was held (*Summer 2020 and Fall 2020*) to get input from community members on other aspects of tree planting done by PP&R UF and BES TPP. *There is a gap in my note taking here where Chenoa summarized the outcomes of those community stakeholder meetings. In the notes I took from the October 2020 UFC meeting I noted the key outcomes of these meetings as:*

- a) Outcomes should be evaluated not just by the number of trees planted;*
- b) Emphasis should be placed on improved outcomes for low-canopy neighborhoods and BIPOC communities;*
- c) Connections need to be improved with community partners;*
- d) A community-centered approach should be followed.*

Chenoa stated that the MOU today is an effort to work toward those outcomes identified by the community stakeholders. This MOU owes a great deal of thanks to Marveita Redding (City of Portland Environmental Compliance Manager), who worked diligently on this.

Angie reviewed the specifics of the MOU:

1. Background of why an MOU has been developed;
2. Roles and responsibilities of BES and PPR UF;
3. Tree planting programmatic focus areas;
4. Shared planting standards and outcomes;
5. Continued coordination;
6. Review and amendments of agreement;
7. Authority of the PP&R and BES Commissioners.

I am pasting this entire document, as this pertains to matters of concern to many of you. The links in the document do not work, so use the text to do a search for the reference document.

PP&R/BES Memo of Understanding for Citywide Tree Planting

This Memo of Understanding (“this MOU”) is by and between City of Portland Bureaus of Parks & Recreation (“PP&R”) and Environmental Services (“BES”) and is effective as of the last date of signature below.

1. Background

- 1.1 Beginning in 2019 at the direction of Commissioner Nick Fish, PP&R and BES staff initiated an inter-bureau process to improve the City’s delivery of tree planting services. Bureau directors, senior leadership, and front-line staff worked with outside consultants and community stakeholders to evaluate current program offerings, identify inefficiencies, and produce recommended improvements.
- 1.2 This memo of understanding reflects the current consensus reached as a result of that process.

2. Bureau Roles & Responsibilities

- 2.1 Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is responsible for the overall management of the City’s urban forest infrastructure. Specifically, the City Forester is tasked with preserving and enhancing the urban forest through leading the implementation of the Portland Urban Forest Management Plan; Title 11 Trees, including regulatory functions and the Urban Forestry Program; and the Citywide Tree Planting Strategy.
- 2.2 The Bureau of Environmental Services is responsible for the health of the city’s urban watersheds. BES is the principal implementer of the City’s Watershed Management Plan and leads the City’s integrated approach to achieving the plan’s goals. Given the role that urban trees play in diverting stormwater, removing pollutants, and providing habitat, among a host of other services and benefits, BES maintains a critical interest in the health and growth of the urban canopy, as mandated and or regulated by the Federal Clean Water Act; MS4 Permit; Safe Drinking Water Act; PCC Title 3, Chapter

3.13.

3. Tree Planting Programmatic Focus Areas

- 3.1 BES will plant trees on private properties primarily in commercial, industrial, and multi-family zones.
- 3.2 BES will leverage existing partnership programs to identify planting opportunities when tree planting is incidental to the primary purpose of those programs. Currently, these are the Private Property Retrofit and Neighborhood to the River programs.
- 3.3 BES will incentivize property owners to plant trees through the Treebate program.
- 3.4 PP&R will plant trees along streets, on private property, at public schools, in Parks, and on City owned or managed sites.
- 3.5 PP&R primarily delivers these services through Urban Forestry's Yard Tree Giveaway, Street Tree Planting, and Learning Landscapes programs, as well as planting performed by City arborists.
- 3.6 Both programs planting activities will be consistent with the Citywide Tree Planting Strategy. BES plantings will also be consistent with the bureau's role promoting stormwater management and watershed health.

4. Shared Planting Standards & Outcomes

- 4.1 Both bureaus will prioritize planting to serve those communities most in need of trees. This will primarily be accomplished by planting in areas that are low canopy, low income, and have a high proportion of BIPOC residents as identified by the Priority Planting map.
- 4.2 Pursuant to established City goals and policies, as well industry best-practices, both bureaus agree to the following objectives:
 - 4.2.1 Maximize the percentage of trees planted which are large or medium form, evergreen, and native per the Portland Urban Forest Management Plan.
 - 4.2.2 Promote species diversity and resiliency to climate change, pests and pathogens, and other threats to the urban forest.
 - 4.2.3 Ensure all trees planted adhere to the American

Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1) and are planted to City and International Society of Arboriculture standards.

- 4.3 Both bureaus commit to annually report the number, location, and species of all trees planted.

5. Continued Coordination

- 5.1 In order to continuously improve alignment, efficiency, and planting outcomes, both bureaus commit to the following ongoing work:

- 5.1.1 Conduct joint communication annually to promote current tree planting programs and opportunities.

- 5.1.2 Explore the feasibility of issuing a shared tree planting Request for Proposal (RFP) and establish joint contracts to streamline delivery of tree planting services and increase opportunities for organizations and community groups which have not historically benefitted from public funds.

- 5.1.3 Promote community building, support workforce development, and respond to community-defined needs.

- 5.2 Program managers from both bureaus commit to meet monthly to coordinate planting efforts and review progress towards the Shared Planting Standards & Outcomes in this MOU.

6. Review and Amendments of Agreement

- 6.1 PP&R and BES may amend or terminate this MOU at any time by mutual written consent.

- 6.2 PP&R and BES will review and, if necessary, update this MOU every two (2) years.

- 6.3 Modifications to this MOU must be provided to the City Forester; PP&R Science, Outreach and Planting Manager; BES Program Delivery Group Manager; and BES Community Partnerships Division Manager.

7. Authority of the PP&R and BES Commissioners

The Directors of each bureau or their designees are authorized to act on behalf of their bureaus and the City in carrying out the terms of this MOU.

8. Notices

- 8.1 To BES: Director, Bureau of Environmental Services 1120 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 613
With copies to: Program Delivery Manager, Community Partners Manager
- 8.2 To PP&R: Director, Portland Parks & Recreation 1120 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 858
With copies to: City Forester; Science, Outreach & Planting Manager


Adena Long, Director
Portland Bureau of Parks & Recreation

Dawn Uchiyama
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Date: 2022.09.13 15:22:04 -0700
Dawn Uchiyama, Director
Bureau of Environmental Services

Date: 9/9/2022

Adena Long stated that there is still a lot of work to be done. During the past planting season 4,600 trees were planted (*through City-funded efforts?*) and she expects even more trees to be planted next year. This is very exciting. City Commissioner Carmen Rubio will be announcing proposed changes to the Portland Clean Energy Fund at a press release scheduled to be released at noon that could assist PP&R UF in its tree-planting goals.

See the link below for the press release that happened shortly after the UFC meeting ended.

<https://www.portland.gov/rubio/news/2022/9/15/commissioner-carmen-rubio-announces-proposed-changes-strengthen-and-streamline>

See more details at the following link about City Commissioner Rubio's proposal that is scheduled to come before City Council on October 19, 2022.

<https://www.portland.gov/bps/cleanenergy/faq-proposed-changes-pcef-structure>

UFC member Adrienne wondered if there was any thought given to issuing a joint report on the impact of the tree planting being done by both bureaus. This may help improve the public's perception of this partnership.

Angie DiSalvo responded that UF does issue an annual Tree Planting Report that covers trees planted by both Urban Forestry and BES. She also stated that this MOU does not address the importance of tree preservation.

Bruce hoped that the annual Tree Planting Report includes relevant financial data related to planting trees.

Daniel appreciates the MOU between the two bureaus. Nevertheless there remains a strong need to address ongoing maintenance of trees planted. Could this become the responsibility of the City bureau that plants the trees?

Ivory appreciated seeing the MOU.

Leah echoed Daniel's comment on the need for tree maintenance, not just planting.

Megan noted that this MOU is quite a change from practices 5 years earlier.

Jenn reminded UFC that prior to the adoption of the Tree Code, Title 11, there were no funds available for UF to do tree planting. That situation has changed. UF is focused on outcomes (*The response did not go into detail as to what is meant by "outcomes." I am assuming it's referring to how many trees are planted, quality of planting, survival rate, appropriate selection, and efficiency in City-delivered tree planting services.*)

Megan said we need more options about how to get this work done. The MOU does not seem to give more options.

Roberta appreciates the work being done. She is surprised there is no reference to tree maintenance in the MOU. She wondered what work BES would be doing to take care of trees it plants on private property.

Adena reminded UFC members that the MOU is really about the relationship between PP&R UF and BES TPP. It does not go deeply into program specifics.

Vivek sees this MOU as an exciting, positive start to build on as UFC and UF begin work on the revision of the Portland Urban Forestry Management Plan.

10:43 Bill Naito Community Trees Award 2022. Clare Carney, Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator (PP&R UF)

Clare presented the list of past recipients of the Bill Naito Community Trees Award and the nominees for this year. After some discussion UFC decided to recognize the valuable work of Ginger Edwards as the individual recipient and the NO IVY LEAGUE as the group recipient. They have demonstrated tenacious, long-term work for the betterment of Portland's urban forest and demonstrated the importance of volunteer efforts.

11:02 Sustainable Future Program Update Sarah Huggins, Sustainable Future Program Manager, PP&R

The Sustainable Future Program is looking at how more revenue can be generated to fund the programs that the voters have said they expect to be delivered by PP&R. Director Long is committed to working as hard as she can to make this happen. The levy passed by voters in November 2020 provides short-term relief for the programs and operations at PP&R but does not address projected long-term financial needs. PP&R has 4 funding categories it needs to meet:

- a. Operating – Day to day programs and staff to deliver programs and services;
- b. Capital Maintenance – routine maintenance on facilities and other capital assets;
- c. Capital Growth = Expansion, (typically opening up new parks using System Development fees)
- d. New Services (Including Street Tree Maintenance)

For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (*current fiscal year ending June 30, 2023*), budgeted amounts in these categories are:

1. Operating \$139 million (no additional funds needed)
2. Capital Maintenance \$5 million (\$50 million more is needed by PP&R if they wish to finally meet a minimum standard of annually budgeting for facility capital upkeep, i.e., repair of swimming pool to keep it up to quality needed. The way this is calculated is that you decide that every year you will budget for a certain percentage of the total value of your capital assets as being the amount of dollars you will spend for these maintenance costs.)

3. Capital Growth \$33 million (3 million more is needed to meet the human growth, where the PP&R standard is that every Portland resident is no more than a certain amount of feet from the nearest park.)
4. New Services \$0 funded (PP&R UF will need \$20 million if they are to take on some form of street tree maintenance (planting and pruning only).

Using only the current funding streams, PP&R will fall further behind in capital maintenance. This can lead to shutting down programs or facilities for safety and budgetary reasons, either of which is undesirable.

New funding sources are needed and are being explored by the Sustainable Future program. Criteria identified as important to consider include: allowable use, duration funding potential, who pays the fee/tax and is it viewed as progressive or regressive, does it affect the tax revenues of other jurisdictions (compression), how is it approved (voters, administrative), ease of collection of revenue, growth rate of revenue over time, volatility (annual fluctuations greater than 5%), and other unnamed considerations.

Options that now exist that end up being added to the property tax include General Obligation Bond, Temporary Local Option Levy, and Special District. For the Special District tax/fee, some legislative hurdles need to be addressed as change state statutes currently prohibit the City of Portland from being the governing body of a Special District for taxing purposes.

Another option is using narrowly targeted taxes where you tax something specific and the revenues from that all or partially go to PP&R. Examples include transient lodging, cell phone, prepared food/beverage, income tax for income over a certain level, amusement tax (Netflix, Apple and more), payroll tax, capital gains tax, sweetened beverage tax, real estate excise tax (currently not allowed by state constitution).

In October, Sarah hopes to come back to UFC with more information. If anyone has ideas of other revenue streams please send them to her. Vivek hoped that Sarah's presentation would be sent to UFC members.

Daniel Newberry expressed his desire to share with UFC members his comments about his experience on the Task Force on Long Term Funding for PP&R that met three times to look at various funding options. *The document that Daniel sent to UFC members after this UFC meeting concluded is pasted below.*

My opinions on the recent Sustainable Futures stakeholder meetings, June-September, 2022

Daniel Newberry, Urban Forestry Commission, 9/18/22

Sustainable Futures is a planning effort within Portland Parks & Recreation to identify sources of revenue to meet the perceived deficit of long-term funding to meet both capital and operation demands. Over the past few years, at least two stakeholder groups have been created to solicit community input on funding strategies and ideas. This most recent effort was a series of three meetings from June through September, 2022. I attended all three.

Please note that although some of my talking points below may come off as criticisms, it was clear to me that PP&R has done a lot of thinking about these issues and is to be commended. Funding PP&R over the long-term is a difficult task and there is no easy answer.

PP&R is currently in year #2 of spending the funding for a five-year levy approved by the voters in 2020. Even with this operational funding which appears to address some of the short-term operational needs, it does not address the increasing deferred maintenance on PP&R's assets.

PP&R has identified three major categories of funding that they need to continue operating the Bureau at levels that their leadership finds acceptable. These categories are: operations, capital maintenance (specifically addressing deferred maintenance), and capital growth (ensuring that all Portlanders have a park within a certain distance from their house. Note the fourth category "New Services," of which Street Tree Maintenance was a service we discussed during these meetings.

In my opinion, Street Tree Maintenance was presented as a distant fourth priority behind these other three. I say this based on the conversations in our stakeholder group. If the UFC wants to raise this in priority with the decision makers, we have our work cut out for us!

I suggest that we propose that these categories are not "all or nothing" so that one need not be funded completely at the expense of others, but that all share in the new revenues.

The slide below shows the need for funding at the end of the current levy. This shows why the need for a new long-term funding source. While constantly renewing the levy may provide much of the funding,

it is certainly not guaranteed, as voters have recently been asked—and will continue to be asked—for more taxes and fees from the City Of Portland and Metro.

PP&R Funding Categories



Operating
maintenance
and programming



**Capital
Maintenance**




**Capital
Growth**



**New Services
(Street Tree
Maintenance)**

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FY 2026-2027

	Outcomes over 15 years	Year 5 funding available	Year 5 funding needed
 Operating	Achieve performance targets Increase program affordability	\$116 M	\$55 M
 Capital Maintenance	Industry best practice	\$5 M	\$66 M
 Capital Growth	Additional investment adds more capacity	\$36 M	\$4 M
 Street Tree Maintenance	Add street tree maintenance	\$0 M	\$21 M
			\$146 M total

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The capital maintenance funding gap is widening. In my opinion, this is a result of Portland accepting the easy System Development Charges (SDC) funding over the years—which can only be used for capital expenditures like building new parks—without having the funds to maintain these assets.

The third category in the graph above is Capital Growth. PP&R wants to keep building new parks to meet their goal of making a park within the walking distance of all Portlanders a reality. Does it really make sense to keep building new parks when the facilities we currently have are falling into disrepair?

When I brought this up at the meeting, I was told that this is an equity issue, that the new planned facilities tend to be in low-income areas with a higher than average percent of BIPOC residents. To this, one of our task force members suggested that if PP&R wants to keep building facilities, they stop maintaining facilities in higher income areas that have a high density of recreational facilities. Close those facilities first, and prioritize facilities in areas that are low-income and don't have many facilities.

We discussed a number of potential funding options, from long-term bonds, to forming a special taxing district for parks, to a number of specific taxes, like cell phone taxes and sweet beverage taxes. What was noticeably absent here was a discussion of a gas tax. The County of Los Angeles uses part of their gas tax to fund street tree maintenance: there is an obvious connection to tax payers between the air pollution created by driving automobiles and the amelioration of such that comes with more trees.

We know that in Oregon, there is a maximum property tax that can be levied and this is memorialized in our state constitution. When that tax ceiling is reached—as it has been for many years—existing bonds, levies, and special districts that rely on property taxes must be reduced, or “compressed.” If a new property tax-based bond is passed to deal with the capital maintenance backlog (which would make sense to voters), existing measures would be reduced.

This is why we have been exploring other non-property tax-based solutions. Many of these other options will bring in smaller amounts and would likely need to have multiple taxes/fees to fill all these needs. In my opinion, these are not a good idea unless you can meet all the needs at once. Otherwise, you'd need the voters to approve multiple new taxes for programs for a single bureau. Unlikely to pass!

What was noticeably missing from the Sustainable Futures discussions I attended was how climate change and climate change resilience fits into this overall equation and the prioritization of, say, which assets get prioritized for funding and which new facilities would be built and/or prioritized.

Back to Street Tree Maintenance, an issue we've been promoting for years. New direction from Bureau of Planning and Sustainability was released last week, regarding the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF). This has the potential to fit into the larger picture here, as BPS is directing an anticipated \$40 million over the next five years to (grants that will address) “Tree Canopy Growth and Maintenance.” While I don't see this as a magic solution to Street Tree Maintenance needs, I hope that it could help to fund multiple pilot programs in East Portland that could help

the City understand better how they might be able to assume this liability from abutting property owners. Perhaps PCEF might agree to devote some of this dedicated funding to help seed a city-wide street tree maintenance program if the City will agree to code changes that shift the burden to the City

Next Urban Forestry Commission Meeting: The next UFC meeting will be 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., October 20, 2022 as a Zoom meeting. Check the link below prior to the meeting for the agenda, meeting materials, and how you can gain access to this Zoom meeting,

<https://www.portland.gov/trees/ufc/events/2021/6/17/urban-forestry-commission-meeting>