URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

Commission Chair Mose Dunkel called the regular meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission to order at 3:03 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake Street Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT
Mose Dunkel, Chair
Preston Andrews
Chase Youngdahl - *via Zoom*

ABSENT
Geoff Gregory
Paige Belfry

Also present were staff liaison Erik Bush, and Public Works Administrative Assistant Sam Chin, serving as board clerk. Council Laison Joe Tate was absent.

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. The minutes from the Commission's August 27th, 2026, were approved unanimously.

   Motion made by: Commissioner Youngdahl, Seconded by: Commissioner Andrews
   Voting Yea: Commissioner Youngdahl, Commissioner Andrews, Commissioner Dunkel

Old/Unfinished Business

2. Council Direction: Private Property Heritage Tree Incentives

   Mr. Bush introduced an article shared with the Commission regarding tree incentive programs for commercial and residential properties. Commissioner Dunkel expressed concerns about potential litigation associated with similar programs implemented by other municipalities. In response, Mr. Bush referenced the City of Boise's Heritage Tree Incentive Program and provided an overview of how the program is administered. Information only; no Commission action.

3. Discussion: Voluntary Heritage Tree Program

   Following review from previous meetings, a motion was made to adopt a voluntary heritage tree program. City staff will work to prepare a form in which community members could nominate a heritage tree on private property or within public right of way.

   Motion made by Commissioner Dunkel, Seconded by Commissioner Andrews
   Voting Yea: Commissioner Youngdahl, Commissioner Andrews, Commissioner Dunkel

New Business - None

General Announcements/Comments

Mr. Bush gave an update on the Idaho Department of Lands spongy moth traps. Commissioner Youngdahl provided an update on his work with the Sustainability Committee and its working pesticide policy.

Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that these minutes, prepared by the board clerk, were approved by the Commission during their meeting on oct 22, 2026

Mose Dunkel, Board Chair

Attest: Sam Chin, Public Works Admin Asst.