

# MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER TREE BOARD  
JANUARY 12, 2026



**CONVENE:** 7:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Trent Grantham, and Boardmembers Mike Jackson, Tanya Nozawa, Jim Sedore, and Brody Coval

Excused: Boardmember Charles Edmonson

Staff: Acting City Administrator Kelly Adams, Sustainability Manager Alyssa Jones Wood, Urban Forester Brian Caughlan, Associate Planner Dana Bowers, and Community Engagement Specialist Margo Bergendahl

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Tree Board Member Reports was moved to the end of the agenda and a new item, “Update on the Davis Meeker Garry Oak” was added to the agenda between the Approval of Minutes and Manager’s Report.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Boardmember Sedore moved, seconded by Boardmember Nozawa, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2025, as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

**UPDATE ON THE DAVIS MEEKER GARRY OAK:** Acting City Administrator Adams provided an update on the Davis Meeker Garry Oak. Adams is the Project Manager to operationalize “Option B” from the Level 3 Risk Assessment performed by Todd Prager and Associates. Staff worked with Todd Prager and Associates to develop a 3-year workplan to maintain the health of the tree.

Acting City Administrator Adams invited the Tree Board to attend the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on January 15, 2026, where she and Mayor Dahlhoff will provide a similar update. The Historic Preservation Commission will need to

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approve the workplan for the Davis Meeker Garry Oak in order for the city to proceed. She also announced that the city updated the webpage for the tree.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:** Manager Jones Wood provided an update that the Comprehensive Plan has been adopted by City Council, as well as the Sustainability Division Workplan for 2026. Manager Jones Wood shared that the annual Arbor Day celebration is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2026, at Historical Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was given by resident Turcot.

**URBAN FORESTRY CODE UPDATES:** Planner Bowers provided an update on the Urban Forestry Code Updates project. She recapped past work completed on the Tree and Vegetation Protection ordinance, Landscape ordinance, Street Tree ordinance, and Street Tree Plan and confirmed the feedback received was correct. Planner Bowers then shared that a competitive solicitation had been released to select one contractor to work on all parts of the project holistically. She shared the project plan and anticipated schedule.

**MEETING FREQUENCY:** **Boardmember Coval moved to adopt the meeting schedule of every other month, unless additional meetings were needed to accommodate the Urban Forestry Code Updates. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Sedore. A voice vote was called that received 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. The motion passed.**

**CITY TREE WEBPAGE RESOURCES:** Manager Jones Wood opened the floor for Tree Board members to share suggestions to improve the City’s webpage dedicated to urban forestry and trees. Multiple Boardmembers shared suggestions, and Specialist Bergendahl confirmed she would work with Manager Jones Wood to make some changes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026.

**TREE BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Boardmember Sedore asked questions of staff regarding the 2025 Tumwater Community Survey and how the results directed staff’s work.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **With there being no further business, Chair Grantham adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.**

Prepared by Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Manager