



CITY OF  
URBANA

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TREE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

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**DATE:** Wednesday, September 16, 2026  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM  
**PLACE:** 706 South Glover Avenue Urbana, IL 61802

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**AGENDA**

**A. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**B. Changes to the Agenda**

**C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

1. March 4, 2026 meeting minutes

**D. Public Input**

**E. Unfinished Business**

1. Right-of-Way (ROW) Permits – Justin Vozzo

**F. Reports of City Officials and Staff and Reports of Committees**

1. City Arborist – Justin Vozzo
2. 2026 Fall Planting Sites – Justin Vozzo
3. 2026 Fall Donation Planting Sites – Justin Vozzo

**G. New Business**

**H. Announcements**

1. Vacant seat appointments: Brodie Dunn

**I. Future Topics**

**J. Adjournment**

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

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### **Verbal Input**

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## CITY OF URBANA TREE COMMISSION MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM  
**PLACE:** 706 South Glover Avenue Urbana, IL 61802

### MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

**Members Present:** Carol Augspurger, Stewart Berlocher, Paul D'Agostino, Elise Doody-Jones, Scott Dossett (via video), Justin Vozzo (via telephone)

**Members Absent:** Alex Julius

**Others Present:** Kevin Sanderson, Vince Gustafson, Preston Lewis

#### A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Carol Augspurger called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. Roll call was taken. A Quorum of Members was present.

#### B. Changes to the Agenda

none

#### C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

##### 1. December 3, 2025 meeting minutes

Scott Dossett motioned to approve the minutes, Paul D'Agostino seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

#### D. Public Input

Natalie Leavenworth

704 E. Oregon Street

**Expressed concern over multiple tree removals in her neighborhood. Most removals remained from major storm in July 2024. Major structure damage.**

Kevin Sanderson brought up Natalie's concern since she was unable to attend the meeting. Kevin said that the trees that were removed will be replaced probably next year. Kevin will follow-up with Natalie regarding the planting of new trees.

#### E. Unfinished Business

##### 1. Right-of-Way (ROW) Permits – Kevin Sanderson

Kevin looked into the City of Evanston's online permits per Paul's suggestion. The permits are still in the works with the City's Engineering Department and Vince [Public Works Director]. The existing three permits will become one.

#### F. Reports of City Officials and Staff and Reports of Committees

##### 1. City Arborist – Vince Gustafson

Vince Gustafson introduced himself as the new Public Works Director. Since 2018-2019, 3 previous jobs were wrapped into one, which is Kevin's current job. It has been approved to

reinstate the City Arborist as a position and still have the Arbor/Landscape Supervisor as a separate position. The City Arborist position has been posted externally, and candidates are being reviewed now, with interviews being in the next week. The new City Arborist will be the staff representative of the Tree Commission.

**2. 2026 Spring Planting Sites – Kevin Sanderson**

The Spring Plantings will be done by City staff. There are 64 replacement sites, 3 co-op tree planting sites, 3 planting sites that are for Engineering projects.

**3. 2026 Donation Planting Sites – Kevin Sanderson**

A few donation plantings were done this spring. Last fall didn't have good participation. This fall Kevin would like to do about 75 donation plantings. These will be done by a contractor. The sites are picked; it's just a matter of whether the residents want it or not. These are going in low-income areas and Community Development target zones. The funds are from an anonymous donation 4 years ago.

**G. New Business**

**1. 50<sup>th</sup> Tree City Arbor Foundation Recognition**

Presenting the 50<sup>th</sup> year Tree City plaque to the City Council and the Mayor was discussed. It will be sometime in April when the plaque and flags will be received. It was suggested to work with the mayoral staff to find out an appropriate meeting to do this at.

**H. Announcements**

**1. Arbor Day April 24<sup>th</sup>, at Victory Park on East Green Street**

Kevin said this will be held at the pavilion from 10:30 am – 12:10 pm.

Stewart said that his talk on the Big Grove is confirmed to happen in the next few months at the Library.

Stewart also announced that he will be resigning from the Tree Commission after this meeting. He will try to find his replacement. A discussion followed regarding possible replacements for Stewart.

Paul D'Agostino motioned to recognize Stewart's contributions [to the Tree Commission], Scott Dossett seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

**I. Future Topics**

update on Right-of-Way (ROW) permits

**J. Adjournment**

Scott Dossett motioned to adjourn the meeting, Paul D'Agostino seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

## Fall 2026 Replacement COOP Tree Planting Sites

| Address | Street           | Side    | Site | Site ID | Replacement Species                                                 | Tree Trail         |
|---------|------------------|---------|------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1205    | Abercorn St      | SIDE TO | 1    | 6212    | Acer saccharum<br>'Barrett Cole'<br>(Apollo Sugar Maple)            | Replacement Tree   |
| 1811    | Amber Ln         | FRONT   | 1    | 12570   | Aesculus flava<br>(Yellow Buckeye)                                  | Replacement Tree   |
| 1307    | Berkley Ave      | FRONT   | 1    | 2840    | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                              | Replacement Tree   |
| 705     | Broadway Ave S   | FRONT   | 1    | 10969   | Quercus alba (oak, white)                                           | Replacement Tree   |
| 1605    | Bunker Ct        | REAR    | 3    | 20955   | Carpinus caroliniana<br>(hornbeam, American)                        | COOP Tree Planting |
| 1605    | Bunker Ct        | REAR    | 3    | 20956   | Aesculus flava<br>(Yellow Buckeye)                                  | COOP Tree Planting |
| 1606    | Bunker Ct        | REAR    | 3    | 3219    | Nyssa sylvatica<br>(blackgum)                                       | COOP Tree Planting |
| 1606    | Bunker Ct        | REAR    | 3    | 20954   | Ostrya virginiana<br>(hophornbeam, American)                        | COOP Tree Planting |
| 2409    | Burlison Dr      | FRONT   | 2    | 17372   | Quercus bicolor<br>(oak, swamp white)                               | Replacement Tree   |
| 702     | California Ave E | FRONT   | 2    | 9378    | Aesculus flava<br>(Yellow Buckeye)                                  | Replacement Tree   |
| 2516    | Castlerock Dr    | FRONT   | 5    | 5172    | Malus, ioensis<br>(Prairie Crabapple)                               | Replacement Tree   |
| 811     | Clark St         | FRONT   | 2    | 3073    | Crataegus laevigata<br>'Crimson Cloud'<br>(Hawthorn, Crimson Cloud) | Replacement Tree   |
| 1001    | Colorado Ave     | FRONT   | 1    | 18799   | Amelanchier arborea (Downy Serviceberry)                            | Replacement Tree   |
| 1001    | Colorado Ave     | FRONT   | 2    | 20919   | Ostrya virginiana<br>(hophornbeam, American)                        | Replacement Tree   |

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|------|----------------|-----------|---|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 106  | Delaware Ave W | FRONT     | 1 | 1754  | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                          | Replacement Tree   |
| 117  | Delaware Ave W | SIDE AWAY | 2 | 309   | Magnolia acuminata (magnolia, cucumbertree)                     | Replacement Tree   |
| 1412 | Dublin St      | SIDE AWAY | 2 | 9677  | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                          | Replacement Tree   |
| 1407 | Eads St W      | FRONT     | 2 | 7777  | Aesculus flava (Yellow Buckeye)                                 | Replacement Tree   |
| 1605 | Eagle Ridge Rd | FRONT     | 1 | 6438  | Quercus alba (oak, white)                                       | Replacement Tree   |
| 706  | Elm St E       | FRONT     | 1 | 7152  | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                          | Replacement Tree   |
| 602  | Fairview Ave   | FRONT     | 3 | 3351  | Malus x zumi 'Calocarpa' (Crabapple, Redbud)                    | Replacement Tree   |
| 713  | Grove St       | FRONT     | 1 | 7349  | Aesculus flava (Yellow Buckeye)                                 | Replacement Tree   |
| 107  | Hartle Ave     | FRONT     | 2 | 20724 | Cercis canadensis 'Pink Trim' (Northern Herald Redbud)          | Replacement Tree   |
| 1507 | Hillshire Dr   | FRONT     | 0 | 20948 | Taxodium distichum (baldcypress, common)                        | COOP Tree Planting |
| 1611 | Hillshire Dr   | FRONT     | 0 | 20946 | Cercis canadensis (redbud, eastern)                             | COOP Tree Planting |
| 1710 | Hillshire Dr   | FRONT     | 1 | 20905 | Cercis Canadensis 'Pink Pom Poms Redbud' (Pink Pom Poms Redbud) | COOP Tree Planting |
| 1710 | Hillshire Dr   | FRONT     | 2 | 20906 | Acer griseum (Paperbark Maple)                                  | COOP Tree Planting |
| 206  | Holmes St E    | FRONT     | 1 | 18872 | Carya ovata (hickory, shagbark)                                 | Replacement Tree   |
| 408  | Illinois St E  | FRONT     | 2 | 18567 | Cercis Canadensis 'Pink Pom Poms Redbud' (Pink Pom Poms Redbud) | Replacement Tree   |

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| 512  | Illinois St W      | SIDE AWAY | 1 | 20963 | Halesia carolina 'Rosy Ridge Silverbell' (Rosy Ridge Carolina Silverbell) | COOP Tree Planting |
| 1407 | Lincolnwood Dr     | FRONT     | 2 | 4737  | Cornus florida 'Appalachian Spring' (dogwood, Appalachian Spring)         | Replacement Tree   |
| 602  | Main St E          | FRONT     | 4 | 20879 | Nyssa sylvatica (blackgum)                                                | Replacement Tree   |
| 506  | Maple St S         | FRONT     | 1 | 555   | Aesculus glabra (Ohio Buckeye)                                            | Replacement Tree   |
| 1304 | McHenry St E       | SIDE TO   | 1 | 11951 | Quercus lyrata (oak, overcup)                                             | Replacement Tree   |
| 106  | Meadow Dr          | MEDIAN    | 3 | 5354  | Quercus velutina (oak, black)                                             | Replacement Tree   |
| 1402 | Michigan Ave E     | FRONT     | 1 | 10204 | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                                    | Replacement Tree   |
| 503  | Michigan Ave W     | FRONT     | 2 | 10783 | Zelkova serrata (zelkova, Japanese)                                       | Replacement Tree   |
| 1310 | Mumford Dr E       | FRONT     | 1 | 12546 | Liriodendron tulipifera (tuliptree)                                       | Replacement Tree   |
| 703  | Oregon St E        | FRONT     | 0 | 20949 | Cornus florida (dogwood, flowering)                                       | COOP Tree Planting |
| 703  | Oregon St E        | FRONT     | 0 | 20950 | Ostrya virginiana (hophornbeam, American)                                 | COOP Tree Planting |
| 507  | Pennsylvania Ave W | FRONT     | 1 | 8854  | Acer nigrum (Black Maple)                                                 | Replacement Tree   |
| 2015 | Philo Rd S         | FRONT     | 3 | 11570 | Malus 'Coral Spear' (Crabapple Coral Spear)                               | Replacement Tree   |
| 2015 | Philo Rd S         | FRONT     | 4 | 6141  | Malus 'Coral Spear' (Crabapple Coral Spear)                               | Replacement Tree   |
| 2507 | Pond St            | FRONT     | 2 | 17279 | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                                    | Replacement Tree   |

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| 2112 | Rainbow View E     | FRONT     | 1 | 5705  | Quercus macrocarpa (oak, bur)                                      | Replacement Tree   |
| 2742 | Stone Creek Blvd E | MEDIAN    | 2 | 20336 | malus 'Sugar Tyme' (Crabapple 'Sugar Tyme')                        | COOP Tree Planting |
| 1721 | Stone Creek Blvd E | MEDIAN    | 1 | 17737 | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                             | Replacement Tree   |
| 2930 | Stone Creek Blvd E | MEDIAN    | 1 | 13226 | Quercus coccinea (oak, scarlet)                                    | Replacement Tree   |
| 3037 | Stone Creek Blvd E | MEDIAN    | 2 | 20707 | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                             | Replacement Tree   |
| 2221 | Stone Creek Blvd S | MEDIAN    | 3 | 11091 | Magnolia acuminata (magnolia, cucumbertree)                        | Replacement Tree   |
| 2310 | Stone Creek Blvd S | MEDIAN    | 1 | 2216  | Malus, ioensis (Prairie Crabapple)                                 | Replacement Tree   |
| 2400 | Stone Creek Blvd S | MEDIAN    | 2 | 3999  | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)                             | Replacement Tree   |
| 606  | Vermont Ave W      | FRONT     | 1 | 10836 | Ostrya virginiana 'JFS-KW5' (Autumn Treasure American Hophornbeam) | COOP Tree Planting |
| 606  | Vermont Ave W      | FRONT     | 2 | 20920 | Ostrya virginiana 'JFS-KW5' (Autumn Treasure American Hophornbeam) | COOP Tree Planting |
| 400  | Vine St S          | REAR      | 2 | 10397 | Aesculus flava (Yellow Buckeye)                                    | Replacement Tree   |
| 609  | Washington St E    | FRONT     | 1 | 20957 | Ostrya virginiana (hophornbeam, American)                          | COOP Tree Planting |
| 609  | Washington St E    | SIDE AWAY | 3 | 10146 | Quercus alba (oak, white)                                          | COOP Tree Planting |
| 703  | Washington St W    | FRONT     | 1 | 624   | Quercus macrocarpa (oak, bur)                                      | Replacement Tree   |

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| 309 | Willard St | REAR | 1 | 8065 | Amelanchier<br>arborea (Downy<br>Serviceberry) | Replacement<br>Tree |
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## Fall 2026 Donation Tree Planting Sites

| Address | Street       | Side      | Site | Site ID | Replacement Species                         | Tree Trail             |
|---------|--------------|-----------|------|---------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1307    | Beech St     | FRONT     | 1    | 20960   | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)      | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1303    | Dublin St    | FRONT     | 1    | 20958   | Quercus macrocarpa (oak, bur)               | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1304    | Dublin St    | FRONT     | 1    | 4429    | Aesculus glabra (Ohio Buckeye)              | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1304    | Dublin St    | FRONT     | 1    | 20959   | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)      | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1308    | Eads St W    | FRONT     | 1    | 17845   | Quercus macrocarpa (oak, bur)               | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1403    | Eads St W    | FRONT     | 1    | 4640    | Quercus rubra (oak, northern red)           | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1407    | Eads St W    | FRONT     | 1    | 4637    | Gymnocladus dioicus (Kentucky coffeetree)   | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1411    | Eads St W    | FRONT     | 1    | 4614    | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)      | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 302     | Grove St     | SIDE AWAY | 1    | 11695   | Aesculus glabra (Ohio Buckeye)              | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1610    | Hillshire Dr | FRONT     | 0    | 20944   | Quercus coccinea (oak, scarlet)             | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1610    | Hillshire Dr | FRONT     | 0    | 20945   | Cornus florida (dogwood, flowering)         | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1611    | Hillshire Dr | FRONT     | 0    | 20947   | Magnolia acuminata (magnolia, cucumbertree) | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1106    | Mitchem Dr   | FRONT     | 1    | 6700    | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)      | Donation Planting 2026 |

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|------|--------------|-----------|---|-------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1402 | Mumford Dr E | FRONT     | 1 | 18673 | Quercus muehlenbergii (oak, chinkapin)           | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 904  | Romine St N  | SIDE AWAY | 1 | 20961 | Gymnocladus dioicus (Kentucky coffeetree)        | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 904  | Romine St N  | SIDE AWAY | 1 | 20962 | Quercus velutina (oak, black)                    | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1105 | Romine St N  | FRONT     | 1 | 4653  | Quercus alba (oak, white)                        | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 704  | Sunset Dr    | FRONT     | 1 | 6466  | Amerlanchier canadensis (Snowcloud Serviceberry) | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 706  | Sunset Dr    | FRONT     | 1 | 4857  | Taxodium distichum (baldcypress, common)         | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1806 | Vine St S    | FRONT     | 1 | 20951 | Ostrya virginiana (hophornbeam, American)        | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1806 | Vine St S    | FRONT     | 1 | 20952 | Amelanchier arborea (Downy Serviceberry)         | Donation Planting 2026 |
| 1806 | Vine St S    | FRONT     | 1 | 20953 | Ostrya virginiana (hophornbeam, American)        | Donation Planting 2026 |