

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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**AGENDA**

**BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 13, 2026

4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

VIA ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/j/95147361566?pwd=S2N6bnRSbHVqZkdwaFJlVkhVNFBZQT09>

Meeting ID: 951 4736 1566      Passcode: 197873

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Approval of March 2, 2026 Beautification & Tree Minutes
5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS
  - A. Connie Krummrich – Presentation: Stop the Drop
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. School Trees Update
  - B. Staff Report
7. ACTION ITEMS
8. DISCUSSION ITEMS
9. ADJOURNMENT

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This meeting conducted Via ZOOM

Prepared by/  
Abigail Jara, Executive Assistant

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**CITY OF THE DALLES BEAUTIFICATION & TREE COMMITTEE**

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MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2, 2026

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

PRESIDING: John Nelson

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Nelson, Chuck Gomez, Jann Oldenburg, Andrea Knight, Stacey Holeman

ABSENT: Emily Whitfield; Debi Ferrer

Staff Liaison: Abby Jara, Staff Liaison

Also in attendance: Cynthia Keever, Ex Officio Member

CALL TO ORDER

Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Abigail Jara conducted roll call; Ferrer, Nelson, Gomez, Oldenburg, Knight, Whitfield, Holeman present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Holeman and seconded by Knight to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Holeman, Knight, Gomez, Oldenburg, Nelson voting in favor; none opposed; Whitfield and Ferrer absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Oldenburg and seconded by Holeman to approve the February 2, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0 ; Oldenburg, Holeman, Knight, Gomez, Nelson voting in favor; none opposed; none absent

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Update on Shade Trees to Local Schools

Nelson reported contacting the Facilities Director regarding the Shade Trees to Local Schools initiative. The Director expressed support for planting three to four trees at the Middle School but is awaiting confirmation from the appropriate Department Director and the Principal. Nelson indicated he will follow up.

Oldenburg reported that the Committee previously approved providing three trees to Fort Dalles. Ferrer is currently researching pricing for the recommended tree sizes, and cost information is expected at the next meeting. She also stated the species include American Chestnut and Dogwood.

After discussing the Beautification Awards Subcommittee, the committee came back to discuss the Shade trees, again.

Oldenburg raised concern regarding who would plant trees provided through the Shade Trees Program, noting that some partner organizations may not have the capacity to install them. Jara stated she would research whether City assistance may be available and provide an update before the next meeting.

Nelson added that the school district is confirming whether they have the equipment and personnel to plant trees at school sites.

## DISCUSSION

### Beautification Awards Subcommittee – Member Volunteer and Timeline to Resume Program

Nelson introduced discussion regarding the Beautification Awards Program and the need for a subcommittee member and timeline to resume the program and provided an overview of the program process. Knight volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Oldenburg recommended obtaining a list of previous award recipients to avoid selecting properties that recently received recognition. The Committee discussed eligibility and agreed that properties awarded within the past two years should generally not be reconsidered.

### Lewis & Clark Park Roundabout

Nelson provided an update on a potential landscaping project at the Lewis and Clark Park roundabout. Nelson and Oldenburg will coordinate the plant selection and develop a plant list. Once plants are selected, the Committee will coordinate with City Facilities staff to assist with installation.

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Other Discussion

Gomez reported that during a recent City Council meeting, Council members requested updates from the Beautification Committee. Gomez indicated he would provide a brief report to the Council summarizing current committee activities.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2026

Items for Next Meeting:

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

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Submitted by/

Abigail Jara, Executive Assistant

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John Nelson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Abigail Jara, Executive Assistant

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