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4 **WCFC Meeting**
5 **February 13, 2008**
6 **Puget Sound Energy**
7 **2711 Pacific Avenue**
8 **Olympia, Washington**
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10 **Members present:** Joe Scorcio, Sarah Griffith, Terry Flatley, Sandy Salisbury, Barbara Hollenbeck, Jeff
11 Beckwith, Marilyn Hyde, Bill Sanborn, Linda Vane, Steve Dubiel, Neil Burkhardt, Kathy Wolf, and
12 Kelly Puntenev
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14 **Members absent:** Jim Flott, Rich Baker Marianne Ophardt,
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16 **Guests:** Commissioner Doug Sutherland, Michael Grayum – DNR Director of Government and
17 Community Relations, Heath Packard – Audubon Society, Todd Smith – City of Olympia, Roberta
18 Woods, Mark Kahley, Mark Gray, Stacey Ray, and Vicki Lee
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20 **Action Items:**

- 21 • Sarah will make corrections in the November 2007, minutes
22 • Sarah will send out current Council Roster
23 • Neil will try to get a hold of WALP
24 • Bill will look into renaming bridge
25 • Council members e-mail Sarah if interested on being on the Grant Review Team
26 • Sandy will start an article and pass it out to the Committee to do a group edit before it is submitted to
27 go into newsletters
28 • Heath will help Sarah develop a Resolution Template for the Council to fill in and get it back to
29 Legislative Committee with quick turnaround time.
30 • Sarah will send e-mail a copy of the Commissioner's press release on Climate Change to the Council
31 Members
32 • Council members will go through Strategic Plan Draft and make comments and edits and get them
33 back to Sarah by the end of February.
34 • We will finish our appointment process before May, and have new members to introduce at May
35 meeting.
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37 Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
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39 **Welcome and Introductions - Chair**

40 Introductions were made. Sarah introduced the new Community Assistance Forester, Stacey Ray; who
41 graduated from the University of Washington, has her BA in urban forestry, has worked for the City of
42 Olympia and the City of Kirkland. Jeff was thanked for arranging the meeting room.
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44 **Agenda and November 2007 Meeting Minutes, and Review Action Items – Chair/Secretary**

45 Minutes were reviewed, and one change was asked to be made on **page 2 line 32**, originally the motion
46 was not supported, it was only supported in principle. Sarah was asked to make the change in the minutes.
47 Motion made by Jeff to approve as amended, Linda seconded. Motion carried.

48 Our next meeting is May 7, which is in Wenatchee, and Bill is going to take care of us. When we set the
49 meeting date, we also discussed doing something in special recognition of Matt Warner. Sandy
50 commented when we break into committee's today it will get discussed.
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1 We also want to have a special recognition for the City of Ellensburg this year, when they celebrate their
2 Arbor Day on April 9 (*they actually opted for later in Apri; Sarah and Joe attended.*). They are the first
3 and longest standing Tree City. They have been a Tree City for 25 years. We would like to have some
4 level of presence from the Council on that day; and will talk about it more when we get closer to it.
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6 Status on the current vacancies, we have received some of the nominations; Marianne is stepping down,
7 and a replacement for WSU Cooperative Extension has not been approved yet. We are working on getting
8 that resolved. We have not heard from WALP; do not have their current address. Heard yesterday from
9 Scott Thomas who is the Parks City Director in Burien (who we met at our Burien Meeting) and WRPA
10 has agreed to endorse him as their representative; he will be joining us in May as a full fledged Council
11 member. We still have the candidates from AWC to work with. Neil volunteered to see if he could get a
12 hold of WALP.
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14 The other item on the Action list was to go over information from the Visioning Session and work on the
15 Strategic Plan, which will be covered later in the meeting.
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17 **Council Business – Chair/Secretary**

18 Nominations for 2008 Officers were made in November 2007. Joe Scorcio was nominated for Chair, and
19 Sandy Salisbury was nominated as Vice Chair. Ballots were passed around for members to vote on the
20 nominations, Mark Gray tallied the votes. Congratulations to Joe and Sandy.
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22 There was more discussion on recognizing Matt Warner. Bill is working on getting a facility for the
23 meeting near the Japanese Garden. Barbara suggested renaming “The Bridge of Friendship” in his honor.
24 Bill said he would look into it. Sandy suggested a permanent placard. Sarah will meet with the Mayor of
25 Wenatchee, with Bill Sandborn.
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27 Marilyn asked about visibility at other Arbor Days; she discussed the Centennial of the Lewis and Clark.
28 Marilyn explained if they could get a presence for this event, they could definitely get the press to come.
29 All Tri-Cities are Tree Cities.
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31 Joe commented that an event this size covering three jurisdictional areas that it would be good to get some
32 Council Members there.
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34 Joe suggested the Council Members make a list of the different events in their areas, and to get those
35 dates to Sarah as soon as possible.
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37 **Directive by Joe:** He encouraged all Council members to attend whatever celebrations that they can, as
38 an official representative of the Council, and to continue our visibility.
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40 Bill mentioned one thing for the May meeting, that Neil contacted Pete Van Well of the Van Well
41 Nursery in East Wenatchee. If we have the time Pete would like to give us a tour of the facility.
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43 **DNR Program Update, Ag Forestry Update, Arbor Day, and Introduction - Sarah**

44 Ben wanted to say hello from Florida. He is doing great. He is having a tough adaptation period to
45 actually having to function on a schedule. He hates the weather, but found a place to live. He sends his
46 love.
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48 Sarah touched on the legislative work that has been going on since November and how time consuming it
49 has been. Things have been moving fast. It has been a great chance to learn. We will discuss in more
50 detail later in the meeting about the DNR/Evergreen Communities Act. When there is a hearing in either
51 the House or the Senate, you go to TVW.org, and then go to the link, or Committee you want to watch.
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53 Stacey has been reviewing all the Tree City USA applications. There are 71 this year; that is five up from
54 last year. The new Tree Cities are: Woodland, Pasco, Newcastle, Chelan and Millwood.
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56 The Community Forestry Assistance Grants were due at the end of January, but were extended to the end
57 of February. We are actively seeking Council members for the Review Team. We should be reviewing the

1 grants early or mid-March. Send Sarah an e-mail if interested. Marilyn replied she would be interested,
2 weather permitting.
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4 Sarah apologized about the November meeting travel reimbursements, as none of them have been
5 approved yet. Anyone that did not get a reimbursement for November please let Sarah know; also sign
6 your travel reimbursement forms for today's meeting and return them to Sarah.
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8 There is going to be a second advanced CTMI Alumni Workshop in conjunction with the Oregon
9 Department of Forestry Urban Forestry Program. It will be a one day workshop, on May 22nd, in
10 Vancouver.
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12 The PNWISA Board will have a retreat on March 17th, to plan for the year ahead. Jim is the ISA
13 representative on the Council. Sarah and Jeff are also on the PNW board.
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15 Washington State Arbor Day is the second Wednesday in April, which is the 9th.

16 A quick update on Ag Forestry Leadership Program: Sarah has been a member of Class 30 since October.
17 There have already been four sessions, three that were skill building and one covering social issues
18 (poverty, domestic violence, etc). Sarah will be leaving for Washington DC on the 23rd, for a full week;
19 spending that time with the national government. Class 30 doesn't know where the international trip will
20 be yet.
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22 In one of our Seminars in early January we were looking at social issues in Pierce County. We spent a
23 few hours in a Soup Kitchen in Tacoma talking to a gentleman who has been in charge for a number of
24 years. He answered any questions we could come up with. One question was, "What is the one thing we
25 can do to make this better?" His answer was socks. Clean, dry feet are how the homeless people get
26 around. So that is the basis of the Sock Drive. Thanks to all who brought socks today. Sarah's class will
27 be having the Sock Drive through November.

28 **Committee Updates (and meetings) – Committee Chairs**

29 The Committees met for thirty minutes, and then the meeting reconvened.
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31 **Outreach/Awards Committee Report – Sandy**

32 We explored ways to get our message out. Would like to do more with our awardees by getting their
33 photo in the paper, do a little more publicity around people who volunteer; would also like see about
34 getting our brochure that we put together out to the nurseries, and flower and garden shows. Talked about
35 trying to link our website better, so we can link with the nurseries, and the nurseries back to the WCFC
36 website. Neal mentioned putting an article out in the WSNLA magazine to get the word out.
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38 It was asked if the DNR/Evergreen City Bill passes was there anything the Council could do to pass the
39 word to our people who we represent. Or is there an outreach we could be doing now to try to get the
40 message out to support the Bill? **Answer:** the Committee did talk about souping up the TreeLink by
41 putting an article in there, and putting a small article in the NW ISA Newsletter. The Washington Chapter
42 of the American Planning Association is looking for articles for the newsletter. This seems like a perfect
43 sedge way to have the Council and the Program put a presentation together that says here is the Bill that
44 came out and here is what it means; and if it doesn't pass, this is what the future might bring. Joe
45 volunteered to be a contact to get an article in the American Planning Association Newsletter.
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47 Sandy stated she would start an article and pass it out to the Committee to do a group edit.

48 A huge part of when it passes will be what the Council's role is, what the Program's role is, and what
49 CTED's role is.
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51 **Legislative Committee – Jeff**

52 Are next steps will have a lot to do about this Bill. What happens if it passes; and if it doesn't pass?

53 In our discussion we came up with some points to discuss later. The general consensus was we are not
54 ready to say "Yes" we love this Bill, because it has changed so much. We are still saying go for it, but
55 there are still issues with part of it. Some of the questions we can ask are: Where do we find the
56 professionals that we need? Where do we find the inventory and criteria for the inventory?

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2 Joe acknowledged Jeff's leadership, and appreciates the Committee for keeping on top of things. In 30
3 days or less we will know the results.
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5 Kathy announced she is returning to Japan, and will be gone April through July. She will be working with
6 people there who are interested in the non-profit urban greening activity in the US. Two weeks ago she
7 was at the World Forestry Center in Portland, and spent the day with a scholar of China who also wants to
8 learn about non-profit urban greening in the US. The roles of non-profits in this country are taken for
9 granted. In talking to others they want to try and jump start this, in other places that don't have this
10 tradition of citizen volunteerism. **Point:** Where would we be without Audubon? Kudos to Audubon!
11 We need to express this to Heath.
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13 **Award Presentation – Chair**

14 Sandy introduced Roberta Woods, the award recipient, who has been volunteering for seven years. She
15 has been with the City of Olympia Volunteer's and Parks, at the same time she has volunteered with
16 Thurston County Stream Team, The Olympia Woodland Greenway Trail, The Native Plant Salvage
17 Project; She volunteers 12 to 14 ours per month.
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19 Roberta commented this was her way of giving back to the community and the environment. It also helps
20 preserve our planet.
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22 Todd Smith commented that 30 to 40 percent of our volunteers are high school students, and Roberta has
23 done a wonderful job of mentoring those kids. She has been to dozens of our events. He was very thrilled
24 that she was chosen to be honored.
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26 The award was present to Roberta and a group photo was taken. There will also be a press release.
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28 **Lunch – Council Roundtable – All**

29 **Joe** – The Chambers Bay Golf Course will have two major events coming up. In 2010, they will with
30 great pride be hosting The US Amateur; that should generate 100 million dollars. In 2015, they will be
31 hosting the US Open Championship; that should generate 300 million dollars (See handout).
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33 **Barbara** – The President's budget is out for 2009, and is reducing Urban Forestry by 82 percent. Usually
34 the President's Bill doesn't survive; our House and Senate Representatives jump in and assist. So if the
35 Program has helped you in the past, you might consider letting your Reps know that the Program holds
36 value. They have not had their hearings yet, so there is a lot of time to influence this. The Forest Service
37 is considering if we reduce the funds to the state, not requiring a Community Assistance Council, or an
38 Assistance Forester.
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40 **Steve** – Earthcorp receives the bulk of her funding from Secure Rural Schools. At this point and time we
41 have funding through June; then it may be significantly reduced by 50 percent. In 2007, we had 11,500
42 volunteers. Statistics so far since 2000, saved 4,700 trees, planted 65,000 trees, and restored 300 acres.
43 We are ramping up now for Earth month.
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45 **Sandy** – Attended a conference on Carbon Crediting and the Organics Market, which focused on
46 composting. She attended to see if WA DOT could get credits for what they planted along the roadside.
47 If it was usual business, legislative, or a required planting, you can't get credit for it; but if it is something
48 you volunteer to do, you can get full credit for it. So she is exploring ideas on how to push the DOT and
49 the State to have a non-legislative tree planting program. The other conference she attended was The Turf,
50 Tree, and Landscape Conference in Idaho. Jim Flott gave a presentation on Tree Pruning and what not to
51 do. There was an Entomologist who talked about the Pine Martin Beetle.
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53 **Linda** – King County also receives funds from the Secure Rural Schools; so we don't know what will
54 happen with the funding for next year. This has been a great year; we have funded a lot of grant projects
55 in communities throughout King County to get young people involved in urban forestry. We funded
56 internships so they can get summer jobs in the Parks Department. A lot of kids are learning about urban
57 forest management, monitoring plots, and GIS. We are also incorporating more community fire planning.

1 Linda passed around two brochures, which the Audubon Society had partnered with the NRCS office to
2 produce. (You can get copies through our local NRCS office)
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4 **Kathy** – She will be going to Japan to research citizen volunteers, and non-profits. Asian cities are
5 recognizing the need for urban natural resources; and are very interested in the social side. In the Strategic
6 Plan draft, there was discussion about LEED Certification and how urban forestry might connect to that.
7 There is now a Sustainable Sites Initiative to build a companion site design certification system. Kathy
8 has been involved with the Technical Team to develop the Sustainable Sites Certification. Will keep you
9 posted. We are looking at a two year timeline. Urban forestry is part of the discussion in this certification.
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11 **Kelly** – He has been working on a project that has been 20 years in the making. In April 1988, the region
12 got together at a conference and formed Metropolitan Green Spaces. Now 20 out of the 40 people who
13 were working on that stayed together, and now we have Connecting Green Alliance. We are going to
14 unveil that Program on April 23, this year, as part of the 20th anniversary of the work we have been doing.
15 This alliance will address issues such as restoration, trails, acquisition, regional systems and conservation
16 education. This program is getting a lot of scrutiny from various Congressman and Senators. We have
17 some 60 non-profit groups and advocacy groups on board. We will be going after federal funding in 2010,
18 which will be matched with local funding. We want to show the federal government that we are serious
19 on the local level about global warming.
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21 **Mark Kahley** – DNR has been busy with the Urban Forestry Bill. One of the things that this Council can
22 do is carry forward to the decision makers the idea of when you are thinking carbon credits, think about
23 maintenance. If we are putting all our money into planting new trees and no one can afford to maintain
24 what they are putting in, we will end up with a lot worse problem.
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26 **Mark Gray** – Through our Forest Stewardship Program we are doing a Spatial Analysis Project; it's a
27 statewide assessment of private forestlands. We are near completion. The project is turning into a model
28 of what we will need to do for a statewide assessment to support all our cooperative forest programs. It is
29 a GIS based analysis that will prioritize private forestlands, as low, moderate, or high potential for
30 participation in the Forest Stewardship Program. US Forest Service suggested that we incorporate Tribal
31 land, so we are going back and talking to the Tribes on how they want their land included in this analysis.
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33 **Neil** – In early January the WSNLA had their convention in Port Ludlow, and this year's President is
34 Tom Quigley. Neil suggested that once things pass, this is something they could get behind. Now is the
35 time to get our association involved in what ever this Committee thinks is a good thing to get involved in.
36 He spoke of the NW Flower and Garden Show coming up, where they would be having a demonstration.
37 He pointed out that more than 70,000 people go through that in four days.
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39 **Marilyn** – Urban Forestry in the Tri-Cities will be participating in the Home and Garden Show with a
40 booth next to the Master Gardeners. The Kiwanis has a project that "The Man of the Year Club is
41 donating money towards to put a sound system into a train that goes around Columbia Park. It will be
42 used as a history train for people to ride through the park and listen to people talk and tell stories of
43 growing up down around the river.
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45 **Bill** – He is on the great Wenatchee Arbor Day Committee, and each year they distribute tree seedlings.
46 This year they will be distributing 7,000 tree seedlings to sites in Wenatchee, Orondo, Chelan, Entiat, and
47 Cashmere. Wenatchee is thinking of doing their celebration on a Saturday, so they can have a lot more
48 involvement with kid's programs and the educational part to it.
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50 **Terry** – The City of Renton is about to annex the Benson Hill area; which will add about 16,000 new
51 residents. In part of that budget, the city included funding for another forestry program, tree inventory on
52 the street trees and park trees, and a new parks person. City got a new chipper. They supported the
53 legislation and made comments through the City Lobbyist. They are also doing a new Urban Forestry
54 Strategic Plan; which the City hired a consulting firm who is working with Elizabeth Walker. His job was
55 reclassified to Parks Manager/City Forester. Arbor Day celebration will be Saturday, April 26. They have
56 many planting projects that will be going on at our city parks. They passed a Tree Inspection Ordinance in
57 2007.

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2 **Jeff** – Enumclaw has 17 homeless families. They City worked with King County and bought four 4-
3 plexes for them to move into. Low income and some of the local non-profits will do some of the
4 counseling. The Utilities Commission is not excited about the big storm we had in December, and it cost
5 millions of dollars to take care of the repairs; which caused an increase to the rate payers. The Utilities
6 Commission commented something better has to be done about the tree situations, so we don't keep
7 having all these outages. So it was accorded to giving the Utility more rights to go onto private property
8 or city right-of-ways, and take down trees on the basis that they may tip over and come down on the
9 power lines (this could mean a healthy tree). The current law says that if the tree is dying and about to
10 come down, we can do that. The Legislature came up with an alternative to pull the legislation, hold
11 public hearings to discuss this over the summer; then maybe come up with an alternative bill next year.
12 This year's ISA Conference is in Boise, ID, in September. In 2009 it will be in Kelowna, BC; 2010
13 somewhere in Washington, and the International ISA Conference is scheduled in Portland, OR in 2012
14 (over 2,000 people from all over the world will attend).
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16 **Stacey** – It's been fun going through the TCUSA applications.
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18 **Sarah** – On March 29, the City of Olympia will be planting 1,000 trees' in one day.
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20 **Legislature Update – 2008 Legislative Session – Michael Grayum & Heath Packard**

21 Michael recapped that one of DNR's priorities from early on was to advance U&CF. They took a look at
22 what the needs were: 1) inventory to be done, and 2) funding. Then how do you find coalitions and
23 partnerships that are based on two different information's and data to meld the two together to continue
24 moving forward advancing U&CF throughout WA. One of the partners and hosts we reached out to and
25 they reached out to us at the same time, because there was a mutual priority, was Heath in the Audubon
26 Society. We had several conversations. A strong component the DNR had was doing the inventory and
27 assessment of WA Urban Forests, and have those resources be available to local cities so they don't have
28 to pay for it, by putting it into one database. We would then go out and have specific criteria be developed
29 for WA that would be used to build an inventory; and when going out there do inventory assessment. This
30 will help us advance more recognition for federal funding, and eventually roll out pilot projects to secure
31 more state funding in addition. That was the proposal.
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33 The Audubon actually went a little broader and a little bolder, which took things a little further. This was
34 on the same page of other things DNR was auditioning; but they were able to do it right now. The Bill
35 went through the House Committee's and the Fiscal Committee's, and is now in the Rules Committee;
36 when it passes it will be sent to the House for a final vote. The Senate Bill made it to the Policy
37 Committee; but at this point the Evergreen City legislation had a lot more coalition and people who are
38 bonding to this, with different components, but more refined; our legislation was incorporated into their
39 legislation. So it was actually their Bill that made it out of the Senate Committee with some minor
40 tweaks. The Bill is alive for the DNR; it's in the Rule's Committee and could be brought up for a vote on
41 the House floor. The other Bill is Heath's Bill, which is alive in both the House and the Senate; which has
42 more people supporting it, along with DNR.
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44 Michael explained it is easier for us all to come together under one Bill and stand behind the Evergreen
45 Cities Bill. It's all a matter of Politics now.
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47 Michael and Heath will continue to have conversations to look at all the options and make sure the
48 simplest proposal goes forward to make sure that we get assurances for funding, to accomplish the goal
49 that we all care about.
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51 Heath's Bill has to be out of the Senate by next week. The other Bill, to still be alive has to be out of the
52 House by next week Tuesday. We will keep you informed.
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54 Heath stated that last night was the cut-off for the Fiscal Committee, we did have a hearing on the Senate
55 Bill; but it didn't get exact. So we are down to our House Bill.
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1 Heath distributed a paper on the Evergreen Cities Bill explaining the Bill, its benefits and graph on the
2 back; which he went over. (**See handouts**) He commented on there having been discussions about how
3 much the Council would be participating. He also distributed a copy of an article of the City of Olympia
4 endorsing the Bill. The Bill is also up against another Bill for Geological Mapping which is relevant to
5 relieving the flood we had. So we will be split on how we handle things, and pretty much we will have to
6 choose one or the other; or reduce our fiscal request for either to get them both across.
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8 Heath thanked all the people who have been watching this and providing feed back on the Bill. The
9 Council has been a real asset.
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11 **Heath opened it up for questions and comments.**

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13 Joe pointed out that there should be recognition for counties too. **Answer:** The expectation is that the
14 recognition program would be designed in a way so that we would recognize Evergreen Counties. It's just
15 a simple change of words or definition.
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17 Sarah shared that the National Arbor Day Foundation is launching a new program called, "Tree Campus
18 USA." It would be for universities, and we are not sure if it is going to extend to tech schools, elementary
19 schools, and corporate campuses.
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21 Jeff commented that he really appreciated the Council working with DNR, Audubon, and other agencies
22 to make this work. Jeff asked if the continual aspects of maintaining the inventory which was in the
23 original Bill is still a part of this. **Answer:** Yes, it is integrated into the Evergreen Cities Bill almost word
24 for word, with a couple of slight modifications for a timeline and multi-year effort.
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26 Kathy asked how to build research into the Bill that helps build a professional base and builds a better
27 relationship with the University of Washington (UW). **Answer:** By essentially funding to build an
28 inventory and assessment statewide database, that provides the element and information for data that the
29 universities or anyone can go onto that website and extract information to do assessments, calculations or
30 models.
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32 Kelly was curious as to how much dialogue was between Heath and the City Foresters. **Answer:** Up to 20
33 percent of the feedback came from Natural Resource Professionals. (He heard from Vancouver, Olympia,
34 Seattle, Redmond, Bainbridge Island, and a couple cities on the eastside).
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36 Terry asked about the Columbia City Council Forestry Bill and the effect it would have on it. Is it
37 something beneficial for the Urban Forestry City Council? **Answer:** Yes, absolutely. Any of your
38 affiliations, if you work for a local government, whether you're an elected official, whether you work for
39 a business, or own a business; any endorsements that we get between now and the day this gets to the
40 Governor's desk is advantageous.
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42 Heath commented that the Bill is not going to change a lot in the current form. If you are seeking a
43 Resolution, the State has a website you can go to which is about drafting a Resolution, and has the proper
44 language to use. The Council could draft their own Resolution and pass it onto cities.
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46 Joe proposed it would be a valuable exercise for the Council to do, to bring up the affirmation and
47 confirm what it is intended to do. Heath offered to help develop a template with Sarah, and then Council
48 can fill it in and kick it back to the Legislative Committee (Jeff, Terry, Bill, Kelly and Kathy), and Jeff
49 can get it to us in a matter of days. It could be circulated through e-mail to the AWC and WASAC. Kelly
50 seconded the proposal; it was voted on and passed. Legislation Committee is fully empowered.
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52 Barbara suggested working on the Strategic Plan another time.
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54 **Commissioner Doug Sutherland**

55 The Commissioner talked about how the Chambers Bay Golf Course came to be. He discussed the two
56 urban forestry bills and the significant interest they have drawn from the Legislature, the Governor's staff,
57 and the Governor herself. It is a long step forward.
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1 The Commissioner mentioned and discussed other things they have been working on. A Recreation Bill
2 to protect our lands. Nine to twelve million people visit and recreate on our forestlands each year. It is
3 becoming negative and detrimental to our state lands. Trust monies can't be used for recreational
4 purposes. We typically have three million dollars worth of things to do each year on forestlands, and are
5 only receiving about \$450,000. We are shutting places down, as we couldn't control or maintain it. This
6 Bill would allow people to recreate, but still doing it in a manner that is keeping with the care of the trust
7 lands.

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9 He talked about Aquatic Lands and trying to resolve through smart utilization of funding, and buying
10 back tide lands and shorelines.

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12 He recapped the December 2007 Storm, with some amazing statistics.

- 13 • Thirty hour windstorm along the Pacific coast. At Radar Ridge an anemometer recorded the wind at
14 147 miles.
- 15 • On trust lands we tore up 3,500 acres. 30,000 acres on public and private lands.
- 16 • We have 110 million board feet down on trust lands. (We typically harvest 550 million board feet
17 each year).
- 18 • We have a period of six to ten months to do something, before fire season.
- 19 • Riparian areas were torn out and filled the streams.
- 20 • Stillman Creek had 19.63 inches of rain that is where most of the floods started. The lowlands
21 received five to 20 inches. The north fork of the Chehalis River in 1996 had a flow of 28,000 cubic
22 feet per second (CFPS). In 2007, the north fork of the Chehalis River had a flow of 68,000 CFPS;
23 which happened in the course of six hours. It blew out the gauge. The gauge was sitting on a 37,000
24 lb. block and the water moved the block from one side of the river to the other.
- 25 • USGS claimed it as a 500 year storm.
- 26 • We had 196 slides, and 62 percent of them were in mature forests; 38 percent in recently harvested
27 forests.
- 28 • Saw a lot of log jams in the streams, and stream side erosions.
- 29 • An acre of land is 43,000 sq. ft., 20 inches of water on a one acre site is 500,000 gallons of water.

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31 We asked the Forest Practices Board to start looking at are we doing things right. What do we need to do
32 to start developing the hard data that is necessary to make good reasonable responsible decisions?
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34 We flew over the damage and saw huge piles of wood on agricultural lands; which they asked the DNR
35 what were going to do about that. We put together a program to get the wood out of their fields. We are
36 writing new approaches on what to do to deal with a problem like this. We have twenty-five property
37 owners who asked us to remove the debris; others are working on their own.
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39 **The Commissioner opened it up for questions and comments.**

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41 Was their any federal assistance? **Answer:** The farmer's who lost their herds received twenty-eight cents
42 on the dollar. There is a program for emergency employment that pays \$9.00 an hour. FEMA and the
43 other federal organizations responsibilities is an emergency response in the initial stages. The maximum
44 amount of money you can get is \$28,000 for housing, food, and clothing, and for a family of four that
45 doesn't last long.
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47 Barbara asked if he thought the Bill will pass. **Answer:** He was confident that it will pass.
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49 Jeff commented that 25 percent of the DNR staff is funded through fire, if the Bill goes through will that
50 change? **Answer:** Mark replied that we will have a lot of things to look at in combined with the potential
51 declining federal funds, how we split up people's jobs in the future. The firefighting isn't just how we can
52 pay their salaries; it's also that Firewise Communities is a part of Urban Forestry. It's going to add
53 funding at a level we have never experienced before, along with a new workload.
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55 Kathy pointed out the statistics from across the country, the composition of the urban forest, and public
56 lands makes up approximately 20-30 percent. Most of our trees are on private lands; and not sure of the

1 legislation has burrowed into that nuance. When the rubber hits the road we will have to reach out to
2 private property owners. How do you see that play out program wise? **Answer:** Mark replied that the
3 Firewise Communities will be a great help.
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5 Barbara complimented the Commissioner on his press release on climate change.
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7 Joe commented there we ran out of time to go over the draft of the Strategic Plan today. He suggested the
8 members take the time over the next couple of weeks to go through the draft and e-mail their comments
9 and edits back to Sarah by the end of February. Let us know if we missed anything. If you have a specific
10 question, or how to rewrite something, send that language in.
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12 Talked a little bit about when the Bill passes, about putting together a Technical Advisory Committee.
13 The Council will talk more about it in May after Bill passes. The Legislation as written today has two
14 new staff people joining the Urban Forestry Program at DNR, to pull data, to be in charge. They will be
15 the inventory team.
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17 **Agenda Items for May 2008**

- 18 • Work on the Strategic Plan
- 19 • Legislation celebration
- 20 • Celebrate Matt Warner
- 21 • Possible tour of Van Well Nursery
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23 **Adjournment**

24 Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m. Next meeting will be a long day, May 7, in East Wenatchee, Washington.
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