



Meeting Minutes

Land Use & Environment Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

Thursday, November 16, 2023

5:30 PM

Online and Via Phone

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Madrone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Dani Madrone, Committee member Jim Cooper and Committee member Clark Gilman

2.A OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Jay Burney
Assistant City Manager Rich Hoey
Community Planning & Development Director Leonard Bauer
Community Planning & Development Deputy Director Tim Smith
Community Planning & Development Associate Planner Jasen Johns
Public Works Director Mark Russell
Public Works Associate Planner Kym Foley
Director of Climate Programs Dr. Pamela Braff

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A [23-0998](#) Approval of October 26, 2023 Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.A [23-1007](#) Urban Forestry and Tree Canopy Briefing

Ms. Foley provided an overview of the Tree Canopy Assessment that is currently underway for the City and discussed how the data relates to urban heat islands, stormwater, equity and other issues. An urban forest management plan is the next step to

using the data to help plan for the future management of the City's urban forest.

The discussion was completed.

6.B [23-0982](#) Sea Level Rise Plan Implementation Update

Dr. Braff explained the recent vulnerability analysis, which identifies important community assets that may be vulnerable to high tide flooding events. The analysis includes strategies to prepare for and respond to such events. Twenty-two tide gates have been installed to prevent backflow of tides into stormwater outfalls. Informational and governance strategies will address long-term impacts. She also described implementation projects in progress and upcoming.

The information was received.

6.C [23-0983](#) Community Planning and Development 2024 Planning Work Program

Mr. Smith presented Planning staff capacity and a draft work program for 2024.

The information was received.

7. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Committee members discussed potential items to be included on its 2024 work program.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.