

Urban Forestry Advisory Board

Minutes of May 14, 2026

Members Present: Mr. Gerald Checco, Chair; Ms. Angie Strunc; Mr. Bob Vickrey; Mr. Scott Bererlein; Ms. Maria Dienger

Members Absent: Ms. Berteena Rollins; Mr. Mark Bambach;

Staff Present: Ms. Tiffany Hendrickson; Mr. Jon Harmon; Ms. Hailey Buhrlage; Mr. Garrett Dienno

Meeting: Mr. Checco called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. A Quorum was in attendance.

Meeting Agenda: Ms. Angie Strunc motioned to approve the May agenda.

Meeting Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of April 8th, 2026, all members were in favor.

Monthly Activity Report: Garrett Dienno highlighted the April monthly report. Preventative Maintenance schedule in West Price Hill is almost complete, and crews will begin work in OTR as well as all streetcar stop pruning. Stump backlog is updated to 1,500 stumps and 700 of those have been completed. UF has in-house crews and TCI contractor grinding stumps. Stump grinding should be all caught up by end of summer 2026. The Let's Grow Local program, which enriches community's beautification and promotes tree plantings; Event is set for October 28, 2026. 2 of the Arborist 2 positions will be posted and closed June 9th. Oberson's is about 60% complete on the planting schedule. The Emergent Maintenance contract is set to expire in summer of 2027, UF will be working to discuss what bid proposals should include for required capacity of work.

CMC 743: Mr. Bob Vickery provided feedback for clarification on what "permanent" meant for City department members. All city department members do not have terms limits. Now, the final draft of the CMC 743 code ordinance will go to Parks Director Jason Barron for review and approval, then to the Park Board Commissioners for approval and finally to City Council.

Mr. Jon Harmon will follow up with the City Manager's office about the selection of a candidate for the eighth vacant seat.

Community Engagement: Ms. Maria Dienger mentioned getting plans together to start a neighborhood planned cycle for the board to offer UFAB engagement to communities.

Meeting Adjournment: Mr. Gerald Checco adjourned at 10:41 am

Meeting: The next regular meeting of the UFAB will be held July 9th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the ***Bettman Natural Resource Center, 4 Beech Lane.***

Approved:

Gerald R. Checco, Chair

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