



CITY OF  
**FAYETTEVILLE**  
**ARKANSAS**

*100 W. Rock St, Suite 246  
Fayetteville, AR 72701*

**Urban Forestry Advisory Board Agenda**

**Rock St. Meeting Room / Virtual Meeting Via Zoom  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026  
4:00 PM**

**Members**

***Land Development Rep. Devin Spears (Exp: 12/27)***  
***University of Arkansas Rep. Caroline Wahlgreen (Exp: 12/27)***  
***Tree Service Rep. Joseph Fox (Exp: 12/26)***  
***Resident at Large Rep. Carlo Bertani (Exp: 12/27)***  
***Resident at Large Rep. Joe Donahue (Exp: 12/26)***  
***Resident at Large Rep. Kate Shirley (Exp: 12/26)***  
***Resident at Large Rep. Taz Zinck (Exp: 12/26)***

**City Staff**

***Urban Forester John Scott***  
***Urban Forester Willa Thomason***  
***Urban Forester Bethany Douglas***

## Zoom Information

**Webinar ID:** 861 1382 4757

**Registration Link:** [https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_daU6FFSDQjKdA8oTS\\_6uXg](https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_daU6FFSDQjKdA8oTS_6uXg)

## Call to Order

## Roll Call

## Minutes

Approval of the January 7th Urban Forestry Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

## Reports and Presentations

**Annual numbers from development and city led tree planting efforts.**

**Upcoming Planning Commission Agendas — February 9 and February 23**

Development Review foresters will share an overview of projects going to Planning Commission within the next month.

**Urban Forestry Code Lesson**

Development Review foresters will share an overview of one section of §167 or §177 each month

## Unfinished Business

**Goals for 2026 — From our meeting in January.**

**The Urban Forestry Advisory Board's goal for 2026 is to strengthen community engagement and trust through increased outreach on invasive species, enhanced transparency, and expanded promotion of the Fayetteville Community Forester Program. We aim to improve public awareness through targeted advertising and ensure greater data visibility to support informed decision-making.**

### **Planting Projects for 2026**

**Park Meadows 2** – Adding a few additional trees requested by residents. We planted 200 trees in this neighborhood last fall, and neighbors who missed that round have asked for trees. Fewer than 20 trees will be added. Plans are in draft and should be finalized shortly, with installation scheduled by April 15.

**Sang Detention Pond** – Currently in the conceptual planning stage.

**Cottages on Old Wire** – Plans are complete. We are coordinating with the POA to confirm tree selections.

**St. Paul's** – One tree pending; waiting for improved weather conditions for planting.

**Ozark Chinquapin Pilot** – Meeting with Tas to be scheduled.

**Sloanbrook on Broyles** – Planned as a fall project.

### **New Business**

**Public Comments** – The By Laws Subcommittee that is reviewing the rules, recommends adding a five-minute period for public comments or questions after each section of the agenda.

**Example: Five minutes after the reports and presentation, five minutes after Unfinished Business, five minutes after New Business. This is for each section of the agenda. If the board agrees, we can add this to the agenda for March.**

### **Events and Outreach**

#### **Hiking with the Forester & Advanced Fayetteville Community Forester Class**

- Winter Tree ID: Saturday, February 21, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
I will be joined by three assistants: Caroline, Bethany, and Devin.
- Refresher Hike: Wednesday, February 12, at 4:00 PM on Mt. Kessler

#### **Fayetteville Community Foresters**

- Next classes:
  - Winter Tree ID – February
  - Invasive Plants – March

#### **Earth Week**

- A new event replacing Tree Week, designed to engage a broader audience.

- We've gathered city staff focused on environmental issues to host a full week of activities.
- Dates: April 18–24
- More details coming soon—I'll need your help with some projects!

### **Amazing Trees**

- Public voting opens February 17 and runs through March 18.
- Final plaque unveiling on Arbor Day, April 24, as part of Earth Week.

### **Invasive Bounty Program**

- Relaunching with a contest for best "before and after" photos and enhanced marketing.
- Contest Dates: February 16–March 20
- Plant Giveaway: April 6–9
- Winners announced during Earth Week.

### **Invasive Plant Removal at Clabber Creek**

- Date: March 21

## **Announcements**

## **Adjournment**

### **NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE**

*Urban Forestry Advisory Board meetings may be attended in-person or virtually. Community members have the opportunity to address the board at a designated time during the meeting.*

*Citizens may propose items to be included in the board's agenda. To submit an item for consideration, e-mail the [Urban Forestry Advisory Board team](#) at least one week prior to the meeting.*

*As a courtesy, please turn off all cell phones and pagers.*