

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES



SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

1. Call to Order

Chair Bautista called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Attendance Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Chair Bautista

Vice Chair Bettcher

Commissioner Stenson (via Zoom)

Commissioner Thompson (via Zoom)

Commissioner Landess (via Zoom)

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Wu

Commissioner Morgan

City Staff Present

Senior Planner Sara Pizzo

Stormwater Program Manager Patrick Hutchins

Planning Commission Secretary Shannon Olsen

3. Approval of the 8/25/2025 Meeting Minutes

The August 25 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

4. Public Comment (No person shall make personal attacks, or threatening remarks while addressing the Planning Commission, which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting. Any person who is engaging in conduct that disturbs, disrupts, or impedes the business of the Planning Commission or whose comments have been ruled out of order by the presiding officer, shall immediately cease and refrain from further improper comments or inappropriate conduct. All hate speech will be construed as threatening remarks.)

None.

5. **Public Hearing** on Draft Urban Forest Management Plan

Environmental Programs Manager Patrick Hutchins presented on this topic to include an overview of community opinion gathered from city events, why the Draft Urban Forest Management Plan is important for the city's present and future, benefits of natural areas and trees for the local area, what tree equity is, threats to the trees, goals and objectives of the Draft Urban Forest Management Plan, trees diversity in species and age, how noted invasive species will be handled, how to encourage or mandate preservation, current overview of space for trees to thrive, if suspended paving is being required, clarification of tree equity scores, how solutions are being distributed across the city, and cost of inaction.

Hutchins responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission.

Vice Chair Bettcher and Commissioner Stenson made a **motion** to open the public hearing. Approved 5-0.

Public Comment: None.

Vice Chair Bettcher and Commissioner Stenson made a **motion** to close the public hearing. Approved 5-0.

A recommendation was made to approve the proposal put forth by city staff.

Vice Chair Bettcher and Commissioner Stenson made a **motion** to recommend these to City Council. Approved 5-0.

6. Director's Report

Director was not present. No report given.

7. Miscellaneous Business by Call of Planning Commissioners

None presented.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next Mountlake Terrace Planning Commission meeting.