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Agenda

**Meeting April 3, 2025, 9:30-11 am
City Hall, Room 1103**

1. **Call to Order** – President
2. **Roll Call** – Vice President
3. **Public Comments** – *3 min. limit per person; Please notify the President or Vice President of your full name if you wish to speak*
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – *Feb meeting minutes still in draft form; pushed to June meeting*
5. **Consent Agenda: Metrics Table** – *All items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single vote with no discussion. See last page of Agenda for Metrics Table.*
6. **Standing Updates**
 - 6.1. **Update on Public Tree Inventories**
 - 6.1.1. City Parkway Tree Inventory status – Joe McCarthy/BoF
 - 6.1.2. Parks District Tree Inventory status – Cathy Breitenbach/Parks
 - 6.2. **Other UF mgmt./activities updates** – BoF, CDOT, Parks
 - 6.3. **Our Roots Update** – DOE
 - ⇒ *Next Chicago Community Tree Equity Working Group monthly virtual meeting: Tues, April 8, 12 pm – different time than usual – email Jared Patton for an invite to this Teams meeting: Jared.Patton@cityofchicago.org*
7. **Working Groups:**
 - 7.1. **Education Working Group** – Rolando Favela
 - 7.2. **Policy / Landscape Ordinance** – Daniella Pereira
8. **Old Business**
 - 8.1. Discretionary Removal Letter: no-response strategy – Ald. Maria Hadden/ Leslie Perkins
 - 8.2. UFAB By-laws update – Jess Vogt
9. **New Business**
 - 9.1. **Draft BOF Pruning Standards** – Joe McCarthy
 - 9.2. **Enforcement procedures of BoF/CDOT**

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- 9.3. 2026 Budget Year requests for BoF from UFAB
- 9.4. DePaul Our Roots tree survival research presentation – Jess Vogt & DePaul student Sydney Bosley

- 10. Remaining 2025 Full Board meetings: June 5, Oct 2, Dec 4 (9:30-11 am)
 - 10.1. Call for add. agenda items for New Business at June mtg.?
 - ⇒ Location of Bureau of Forestry long term
 - ⇒ Status of changing 311 options to include “Tree inspection” request and remove option for “Tree removal”
 - ⇒ Workflow demo – what’s used outside City of Chicago – Jim Semelka, Cindy Schwab
- 11. Next Working Group meetings:
 - 11.1. Policy: May 1, 2025 – 1-3pm
 - 11.2. Education: May XX, 2025 – TBD time

Consent Agenda: Metrics Table

Metrics overtime available here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sEKPdNrYR2NWISP3B149pRqf7yqplv2mtCkFeXO_Qbo/edit?usp=sharing

METRIC <i>In current calendar year, as of ~1 week prior to meeting date, unless otherwise noted</i>	Dept.	2025 Goal (if applicable)	2025-April
AREA TREE TRIMMING			
Trees trimmed	BOF		25,990
Grid sections of 952 total pruned	BOF		41*
Grid sections of 952 total pruned <i>since start of Area trimming program in April 2023</i>	BOF		162*
TREE PLANTING (April-Dec)			
Trees planted by Bureau of Forestry	BOF	6000	0
Trees planted by Department of Transportation, <i>excluding</i> capital projects	CDOT	4000	0
Trees planted by Department of Transportation through capital improvement projects	CDOT	1000-2000	0
Trees planted by the Chicago Parks District	CPD		0
TREE REMOVALS			
Trees removed by Bureau of Forestry	BOF		425
Trees removed by Chicago Parks District	CPD		not available

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT/TRAININGS			
Hours of trainings attended by BOF staff	BOF		n/a
Hours of trainings attended by CDOT forestry staff	CDOT		n/a
Number of BOF staff attending trainings	BOF		31**
Number of CDOT staff attending trainings	CDOT		not available
Number of BOF ISA Certified Arborists	BOF		36
Number of BOF SAF Certified Foresters	BOF		1
Number of SAF Certified Urban and Community Foresters	BOF		1
Number of CDOT Certified Arborists	CDOT		not available
Number of CDOT SAF Certified Foresters	BOF		not available
Number of CDOT Certified Urban and Community Foresters	BOF		not available
Members of the general public in attendance at full UFAB meetings	UFAB Secretary		
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT			
<i>*UFAB members in attendance at UFAB Education WG meetings</i>	UFAB Edu WG		n/a
<i>*UFAB members in attendance at UFAB Policy WG meetings</i>	UFAB Policy WG		n/a
Participants in attendance at Tree Equity Working Group meetings	TEWG (DOE)		not available ***
Contacts on the invite list for Tree Equity Working Group meetings	TEWG (DOE)		not available ***
UFAB BOARD MEMBERS & CITY STAFF ENGAGEMENT			
UFAB board members (or delegates) in attendance at Full Board Meeting, of 12 total board members	UFAB Secretary		
Additional City staff members in attendance at Full Board Meeting	UFAB Secretary		
<i>*City staff members in attendance at UFAB Education WG</i>	UFAB Edu WG		n/a
<i>*City staff members in attendance at UFAB Policy WG</i>	UFAB Policy WG		n/a
311 DATA			

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New tree-related requests received	BOF		not available
Tree-related requests closed (language?)	BOF		not available
<p>NOTES: n/a: not applicable *Area trimming numbers missing data from some wards this number will be higher due to retired Dispatch Arborist (had temp employees subbing). – Joe McCarthy 3/24/25 ** Pesticide Training for Streets and Sanitation (non-Forestry) staff: 31 employees to start, 18 employees took general standards, operator’s license. Arborist Training planned next month. – Joe McCarthy 3/24/25 *** April Tree Equity Working Group meeting scheduled for 4/10/25.</p>			