



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Winstead and City Council Members

FROM: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

DATE: January 7, 2014

RE: Documents received at 1/6/14 Council meeting

CC: Debby Tarry, City Manager  
John Norris, Acting Assistant City Manager

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Attached hereto are documents received from the public at the January 6, 2014 City Council Business Meeting.

- 1) Comments from Boni Biery read during public comment.
- 2) Comment Form submitted by Timothy Ramsey, 1/6/14, regarding Planning Commission vacancy.

## City Council Comments – January 6, 2014

Thanks for the opportunity to speak. I am here to request your help. On Thursday the 23rd of this month the Parks Department will be having an Open House on “Urban Forest Strategic Planning”. This has been scheduled for just 60 minutes immediately prior to the Parks/Tree Board meeting. As the first open house since the creation of the Tree Board in February 2012, I am disappointed to see that it is being severely so limited.

I know from experience that there is a lot of information to read, consider and comment on at an open house. Therefore, I am asking that you request the Parks Department to make their presentation materials available at least a week in advance of the meeting so that interested citizens can prepare their most meaningful input for this very limited opportunity.

Some things that I think would be most helpful are:

- Explanation of publicly versus privately owned trees.
- A copy of the current tree-related codes
- Information on the roles and responsibilities of the Tree Board, including its reporting structure so citizens can better understand what the Board is chartered/empowered to accomplish.
- A history of what the Tree Board has done since it was created in February 2012
- The “Criteria Matrix” ~~without~~ instructions on how to read it
- The current replacement tree list
- The Lake Forest Park replacement tree list as an example of what our closest neighbor is doing
- Questions for citizen input

I hope that all the input from the open house will be made public and that there will be many future opportunities for the public to actively participate in creating a thoughtful strategy for successful stewardship of these valuable public assets.

*Boni Biery*

# City Council Comment Form

## Shoreline City Council Meeting

Date: 1/6/14

Please use this form if you wish to provide written comments to the City Council. The form can be turned in to the City Clerk or left in the Comment box on the table. This comment form is Public Record, so any contact information you provide may be disclosed as part of a Public Record.

Name Timothy Ramsey

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Agenda Item (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

I understand that you are looking for a  
few people to serve on the Planning Commission  
I would like to be considered for that  
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