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2 **Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting**
3 **September 16, 2019**
4 **Seward Park Audubon Center, Seattle, WA**

5 **Members Attending:** Angel Spell, Dave Bayard, David Miller, John Bornsworth, Juli Hartwig, Kirsten
6 Lints, Linden Lampman, Lisa Ciecko, Kathleen Wolf

7 **Members Absent:** Cindy Deffe, Paula Dinius, Kathy Sheehan, Semra Riddle

8 **Guests:** Ben Thompson, Abby Barnes, Ashley Blazina

9 **Meeting Convened:** 9:15 a.m.

10 **Welcome:** Chair welcomed members. Roll was taken.

11 **Agenda Approved:** Motion to approve agenda, Lisa, Second Kirsten. Motion carried.

12 **Minutes Approved:** Motion to approve minutes from May 14, 2019 meeting, Juli, Second David B.
13 Motion carried.

14 **Forest Action Plan:** The Forest Action Plan will be updated beginning this year and completed by June
15 2020. Council members will have the opportunity to provide input. Andrew Spaeth leads the effort, and
16 will be contacting council members for information and feedback

17 **Guest Presentation: Environmental Justice in UCF – Institutional Racism**

18 Reagan Price, Seattle City Light, Race and Social Justice Initiative Program Manager, gave a presentation
19 to the council with the following goals:

- 20 1. Define institutional racism and relationships to power
21 2. Distinguish intent from impact
22 3. Explore our service as an opportunity for solidarity

23 The presentation included:

- 24 • A short history of public policy and its contribution to institutional racism in the United States.
25 • The concept that racism is often the product of a need for control and to assume power.
26 • Understanding the source of power is helpful in discovering the root cause of racial prejudice.
27 • The importance of developing goals and benchmarks to gauge success in addressing inequality
28 • Introduction of the Equity Tool Kit

29 Reagan ended with an encouraging quote from Maya Angelou, “Do the best you can until you know
30 better. Then when you know better, do better.”

31 **Closing remarks:** Council members thanked Ms. Price for joining the meeting, and asked that she
32 provide follow-up resources at her convenience.

- 1 **Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn meeting Juli, Second David.
- 2 **Next meeting:** Conference Call November 13, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- 3 Council members were invited to join Lisa for a tour of Seward Park.