

## **Bruce Nelson**

### *Bio:*

I am a long-time Portland resident who discovered my passion for trees while living and working in Portland. Work with landscape maintenance companies introduced me to the wide variety of trees growing in Portland landscapes. Twelve years of work for Collier Arbor Care, over twenty years of volunteer work with Friends of Trees, 18 years as a full-time Horticulture instructor at Clackamas Community College, 15 years of stewardship of trees at Rigler School and 40 years of fussing around in my home landscape all contributed to knowledge, concern, sweat and passion for trees in Portland and the vital roles these trees play in improving the health of our city and all its residents, including myself.

### *Interest Statement:*

The Urban Forestry Commission plays an important advisory role for Portland Parks and Recreation - Urban Forestry as Urban Forestry works to deliver meaningful stewardship of the urban canopy in a rapidly changing Portland. I believe strongly in the importance of volunteering to help others in ways that 1) I am able, 2) I enjoy doing and 3) provide benefits to those served. As a volunteer member of the Urban Forestry Commission, my hope is to help Portland develop in a manner that maximizes the use of trees as essential green infrastructure. Through assertive individual and group efforts, creative public policies and a knowledgeable public; Portland can grow enough healthy, appropriate trees to serve all Portland citizens.

## **Vivek Shandas**

### *Bio:*

Vivek Shandas is a Professor of Urban Studies and Planning and the Research Director for the Institute for Sustainable Solutions at Portland State University. At the university, Dr. Shandas' teaching and research aims to address policy relevant questions about the urban climate by examining the intersection of urban heat, air quality, stormwater management, and opportunities to safeguard human health. He has published over 50 peer-reviewed publications and two books, which provide practical guidance to decision makers about addressing environmental quality and inequities. Dr. Shandas also serves on several regional and national scientific advisory committees, and is Principal of a global consulting firm that helps communities prepare for extreme weather events.

### *Interest Statement:*

I strive to find ways to better manage our cities -- one neighborhood at a time. I bring to the Commission to commitments: (1) an evidence-based approach to decision making; and (2) ensuring the all Portlanders have an equal opportunity to help shape the future of the city. While my professional training offers many opportunities to conduct analytical research often removed from the realities of governance, the most meaningful experience is seeing an impact of my work through the integrating our knowledge into the practice of urban management. This 'evidence-based approach' is essential in an era of planetary change, expanding inequities, and competing political narratives. In

addition, we also know that historic urban planning policies have disproportionately affected those with the least access to resources -- political, financial, intergenerational, and otherwise -- and restructuring our institutions to address these inequities will take time and intention. As a person of color and child of immigrant parents, I am committed to serving on a Commission that recognizes the historical injustices of our planning systems, and the importance of including diverse and marginalized voices.

### **Daniel Newberry**

#### *Bio:*

Daniel Newberry is the Executive Director of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council. He has previously worked for the Siskiyou Field Institute, Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Applegate River Watershed Council, and the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Newberry holds a Master of Forest Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. His experience in forestry ranges from environmental analyses of federal timber sales to directing fuel reduction programs in Southern Oregon and an urban riparian reforestation in Southeast Portland and adjacent cities.

#### *Interest Statement:*

A healthy forest is the key to a healthy environment and human health. I am a frequent user of Portland Parks--especially Powell Butte. Our urban forest needs to be integrated throughout the city, not just in its parks. My primary interest is to promote a healthy and robust urban canopy throughout the city, especially in lower income and underserved neighborhoods.



**Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler  
City of Portland**

January 23, 2019

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointment to the Urban Forestry Commission:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Bruce Nelson	3/1/2019 – 2/28/2023	Catherine Mushel

Reappointment	
Vivek Shandas	3/1/2019 – 2/28/2023
Daniel Newberry	3/1/2019 – 2/28/2023

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler  
Mayor

Agenda No.  
**APPOINTMENT REPORT**  
 Title

Appoint Bruce Nelson and reappoint Vivek Shandas and Daniel Newberry to the Portland Urban Forestry Commission (Report)

for terms to expire February 28, 2023

<b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor: <b>Mayor Wheeler and</b> <b>Comm. Fish</b>	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <b>FEB 19 2019</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b> Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish <i>SMS for Nick</i> Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy
<b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b> Bureau: Office of the Mayor	<b>ACTION TAKEN:</b>  <b>FEB 27 2019 CONFIRMED</b>
Prepared by: Brian Landoe Date Prepared: January 23, 2019	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b> required for Code Ordinances	
<b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date <b>February 27, 2019</b>	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
<b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGULAR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: <b>5</b> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	Wheeler	_____	_____