



Chicago Community Tree Equity Working Group

February 20, 2025



Agenda

- Welcome (Angela/Jared)
- 2024 urban forestry highlights (foresters?)
- Member survey results (Jared)
- Upcoming events (Jared)
- Partner updates



Welcome

Angela Tovar

Chief Sustainability Officer

Commissioner, Department of Environment

Jared Patton

Project Manager, Department of Environment

★ 2024 urban forestry highlights

XXXX trees planted

X% increase

X% increase in priority communities

Other milestones?



Survey results

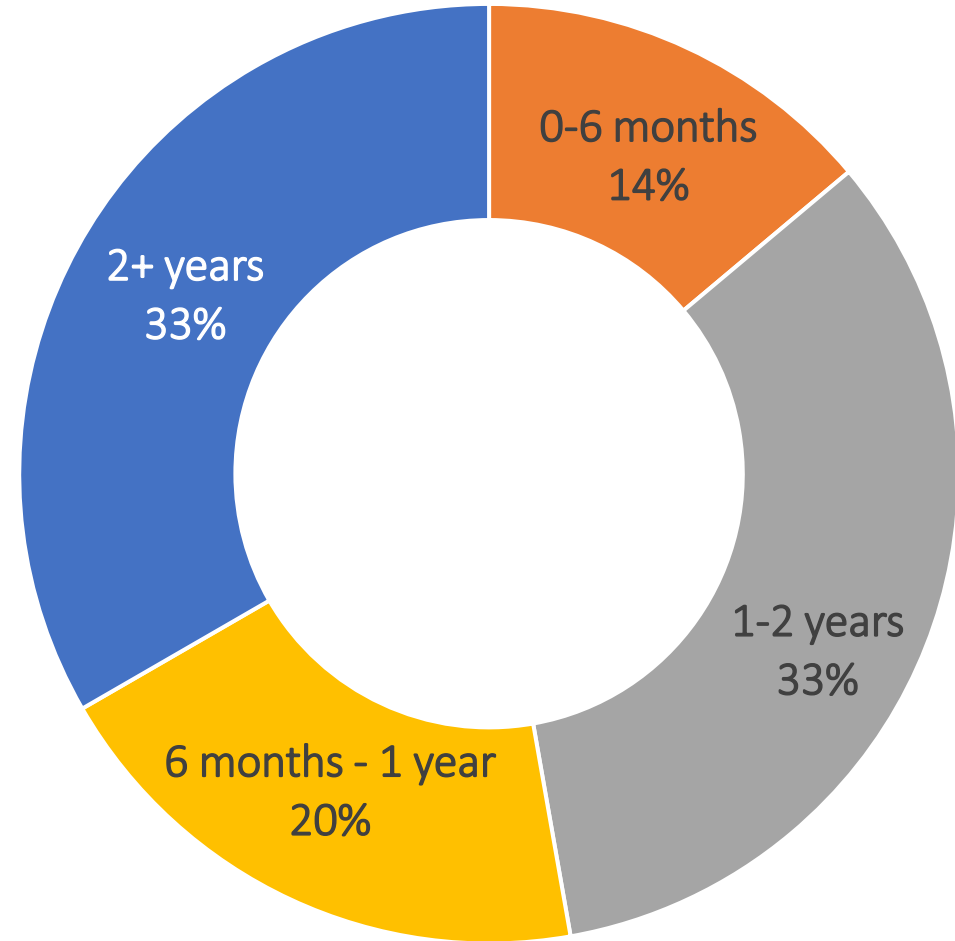
Jared Patton

★ Survey participation

36 responses

23+ organizations

78% non-profits



★ **Why do you attend the working group?**

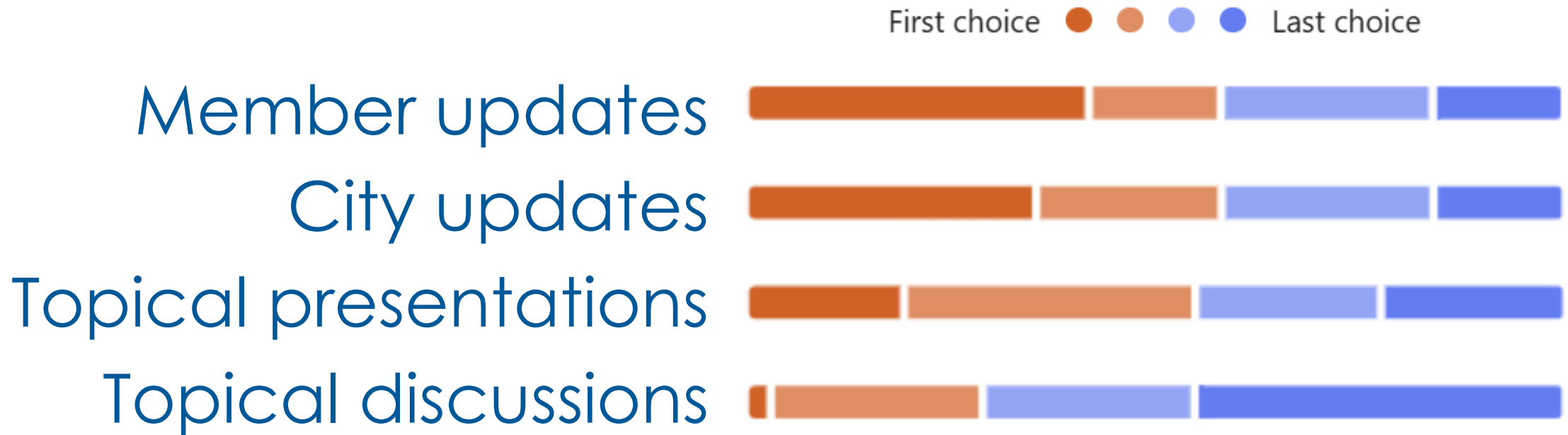
Updates from City and other groups

Upcoming events/initiatives

Building community

Improve equity in the urban forest

★ Most beneficial meeting elements



★ **Most important topics to explore**

Equitably expanding the tree canopy

Education and messaging

Updates, resources, new initiatives, etc.

Improved efficiency and efficacy

Case studies

★ What do you like most about the group?

Community

Collaboration

Diversity of perspectives

Education

Positive outcomes

Networking and partnerships

Knowledge and capacity building

More trees planted

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Networking and partnerships

Inspiration

Knowledge and capacity building

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★ How could the group be improved?

Diversity of meeting times/types

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Who is missing?

Elected officials and aldermanic staff

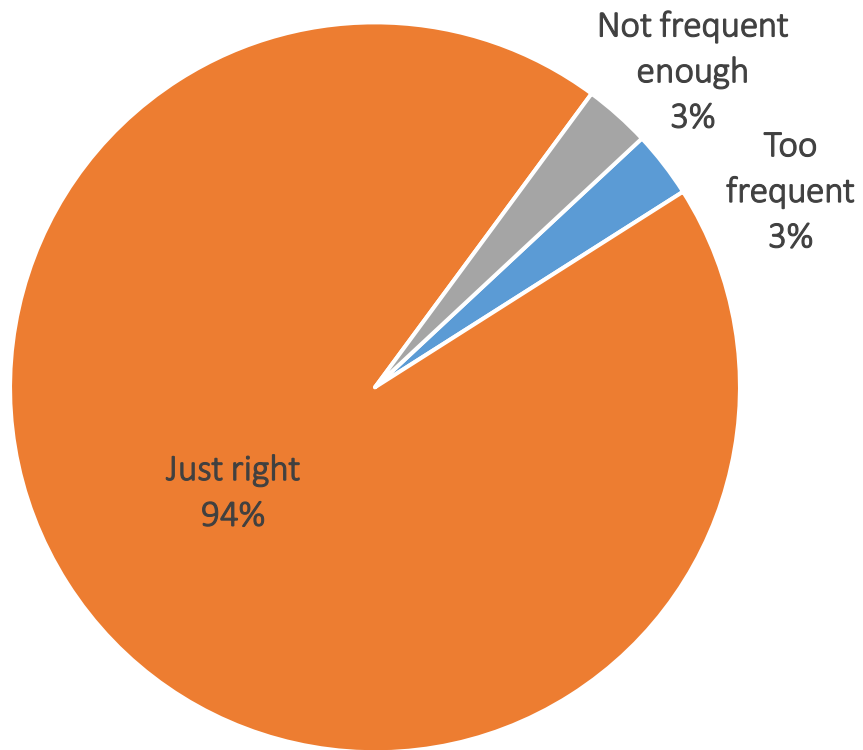
Diverse City/government staff

Contractors

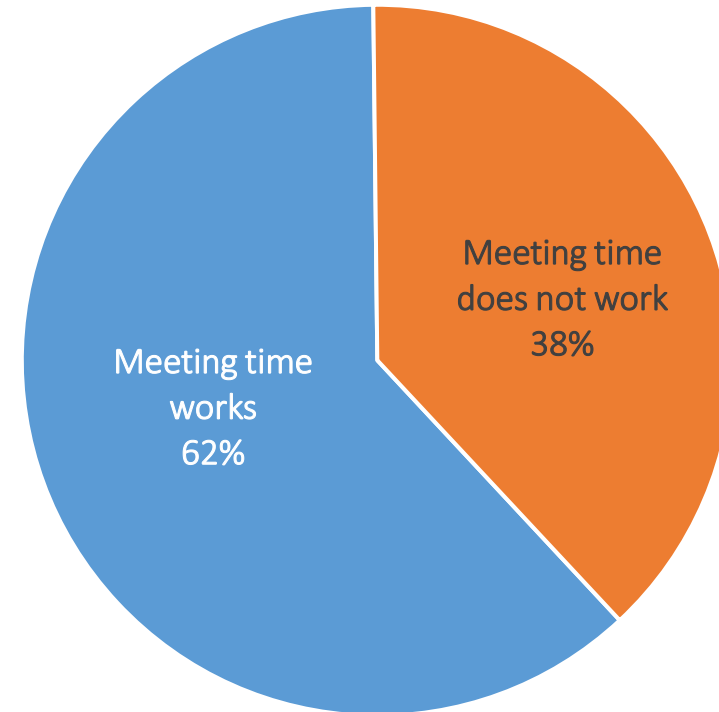
Residents and orgs in priority areas

★ Meeting timing/frequency

Frequency



Timing



★ **How can the City support your work?**

Plant more trees

Maintain trees

Education and data

Continue and expand existing
policies/programs

★ **Survey takeaways**

Diverse meeting times/topics – TBD

Member spotlights

Member events/updates (pre-meeting)

Member highlights (timed, during meeting)

TEWG mission statement

Upcoming events

TBD

★ Partner updates

Please keep updates to under 90 seconds

Send future updates to Jared Patton
2 weeks prior to meeting (January 25)



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