

Urban Forestry Commission / Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team Joint Meeting

October 12, 2011
Camp Long, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Department: Urban Forestry Commission

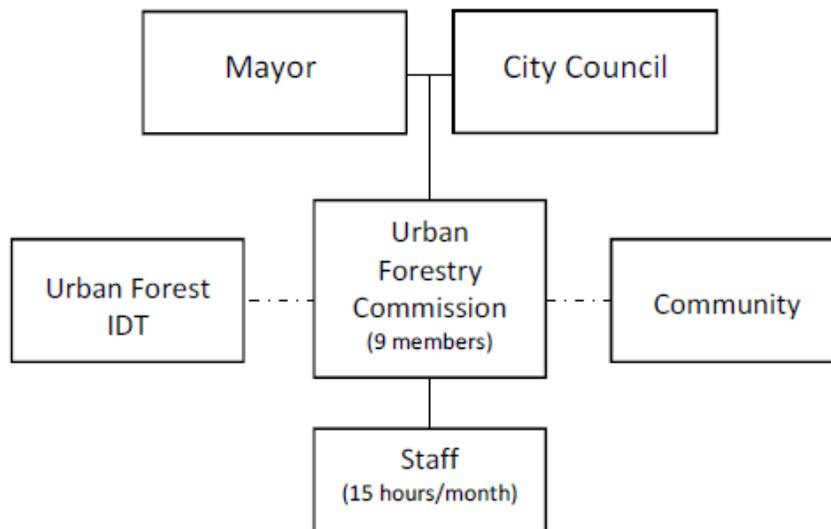
Urban forestry Role: the Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle

Urban forestry vision: Seattle’s urban forest is a thriving and sustainable mix of tree species and ages that creates a contiguous and healthy ecosystem that is valued and cared for by the City and all of its citizens as an essential environmental, economic, and community asset

Organization:

Nine Commissioners:

- Position #1 – Wildlife Biologist: John Floberg
- Position #2 – Urban Ecologist: John Small (vice-chair)
- Position #3 – University representative: Dr. Gordon Bradley
- Position #4 – Hydrologist: Peg Staeheli
- Position #5 – Arborist: John Hushagen
- Position #6 – Landscape Architect: Tom Early
- Position #7 – NGO representative: Matt Mega (chair)
- Position #8 – Development Community representative: Jeff Reibman
- Position #9 – Financial Analyst, Economist: Nancy Bird



Priorities:

- Establishment of a strong tree protection ordinance, written with input from the Commission
- Review of data collected about Seattle's forest canopy, related ecosystem services, and priority locations
- Promote efficient use of City resources dedicated to the care and management of the urban forest
- Develop recommendations grounded in professional expertise about locations and issues around which to engage community groups and leverage resources, educate the public about the value of trees, and incentivize positive outcomes
- Establish a clear advisory role and process for Commission input

Regulatory role: N/A (The Commission has an advisory role)

Budget/funding sources: N/A