

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2014 Work Plan (Draft 2-5-14)

2014 Priority Actions:

1. DPD's Tree Protection Ordinance
2. Advising on City Decisions that Impact the 30% Canopy Goal
3. Internal Engagement of City Departments on Canopy Goals
4. Improving Transparency of Process / Operations of UFC
5. Outreach and Engagement

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| Urban Forest Stewardship Plan | | | | | |
| Participate in and support work to advance plan implementation | | | | | |
| • Review UFSP implementation strategy presented by UF IDT to Council | Peg/Sandra | UF IDT, OSE | March | March | Recom./support ltr. |
| • Review 2014 UF IDT work plan and provide feedback to departments | Peg/Sandra | UF IDT, OSE | April | April | Recommendation |
| • Review 2013 UFMP Progress Report and provide feedback to departments | Peg/Sandra | UF IDT, OSE | February | March | Recommendation |
| Tree-related City Regulations/Policies | | | | | |
| Advise the City on its urban forestry policies | | | | | |
| • Follow-up on UF IDT policy on decision-making when tree/infrastructure conflicts exist and pruning for private views | Leif/Tom | DPD, SDOT, Parks, CC, MO | April | April | Position Paper |
| • Explore advisory on ways to allow the ROW to accommodate larger trees | Tom/Leif | SDOT, CC, MO | June | June | Position Paper |
| • Review draft stormwater code regarding trees as GSI to the maximum extent feasible | Jeff/Peg | SPU | TBD | TBD | |
| Advise DPD on proposed tree regulations | | | | | |
| • Develop recommendations for revising Director's rules (including 20-2005, 11-2007, 16-2008 and other as applicable) to be consistent with a strong tree protection ordinance (Driven by DPD's ordinance timeline). | Jeff | UF IDT, DPD, OSE | TBD | TBD | Position Paper |
| • Formalize recommendations for existing and future DPD code enforcement. | Peg/Leif/Brennon | DPD | TBD | TBD | Recommendation |
| • Obtain the draft 2012 work on tree ordinance. | Peg/Leif/Brennon | DPD | TBD | TBD | |
| • Develop UFC principles and priorities for future, revised DPD tree ordinance. | Peg/Leif/Brennon | DPD | TBD | TBD | Position Paper |

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| Outreach and Engagement | | | | | |
| City Council and Mayor's Office interaction | | | | | |
| • Hold quarterly meetings with Council and Mayor's Office | Peg/Sandra Others | CC, OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Speaking points |
| • Present 2013 Annual Report and 2014 work plan to Council and Mayor | Peg/Sandra | CC, OSE | Q1 | February | Presentation |
| • Plan urban forestry outreach and engagement events such as Arbor Day, Green Seattle Day, reLeaf events, SDOT tree-sidewalk conflicts public engagement, etc. | All | UF IDT | January | Ongoing | Commissioners' presence at events |
| Conduct Internal Engagement | | | | | |
| • Develop annual calendar for invited speakers, guests and topics (to include inviting industrial groups to visit with UFC) | Peg/Sandra | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Calendar |
| • Review outreach efforts and create strategy (including using new stadium as catalyst to explore tree planting in industrial areas) | Erik | OSE | TBD | TBD | Memo |
| Align Urban Forest IDT and Urban Forestry Commission's work plan | | | | | |
| • Hold annual joint UFC/UF IDT meeting | Peg/Sandra | OSE | TBD | TBD | Workshop |
| Race and Social Justice Initiative | | | | | |
| • Continue exploring ways to incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work | Peg/Sandra | OSE | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| • Explore amendment of Ordinance 123052 membership to include an 'at-large' member in order to facilitate increased membership diversity | Peg/Sandra | OSE | March | March | Letter of recommendation |
| Funding for Urban Forestry | | | | | |
| • Parks District Levy | Tom | OSE | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| • Bridging the Gap Levy | Peg/Sandra | OSE | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| • SCL Urban Forestry Program | Tom | OSE | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| • SPU | Peg/Sandra | OSE | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Internal Operations | | | | | |
| • Issue 2014 Annual Report | Peg/Sandra | OSE | Dec/Jan | Nov/Dec | Annual report |
| • Review 2014 and create 2015 work plan | Peg/Sandra | OSE | Dec/Jan | Nov/Dec | Annual work plan |
| • Hold Chair and co-chair elections | Peg/Sandra | OSE | Dec | Nov/Dec | New leadership |