Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2014 Work Plan (Draft 2-12-14)

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

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable			
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	April	Recom./support ltr.			
Review 2014 UF IDT work plan and provide feedback to departments	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	March	Recommendation			
Review 2013 UFMP Progress Report and provide feedback to departments	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	March	Recommendation			
Tree-related City Regulations/Policies								
Advise the City on its urban forestry policies								
Follow-up on SDOT sidewalks operations plan	Leif/Tom	SDOT	TBD	TBD	Recom./support ltr.			
Explore advisory on ways to allow the ROW to accommodate larger plantable areas	Tom/Leif	SDOT, CC, MO	June	June	Position Paper			
Explore advisory on constraints imposed by schools and urban villages on tree capacity	Jeff/Steve	DPD	TBD	TBD				
 Review draft stormwater code regarding trees as GSI to the maximum extent feasible 	Jeff/Peg	SPU	TBD	TBD				
Seattle School District	TBD	TBD	TBD	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/Brenno n	DPD	TBD	TBD	Recommendation			
Obtain the draft 2012 work on tree ordinance.	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD				

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 Develop UFC principles and priorities for future, revised DPD tree ordinance. 	Peg/Leif/Brenno n	DPD	TBD	TBD	Position Paper				
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				