

# **2019 Urban Forestry Commission/Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team Annual Meeting/Tour**

## **Meeting notes**

June 12, 2019

The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) and the City's Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team (IDT) held their ninth annual meeting on June 12 at the Rainier Beach Community Center.

### **In attendance:**

Art Pederson, Ben Roberts, Chanda Emery, Cindy Kozak, Christina Orrino, David Bayard, David Landry, Deborah McGarry, Elijah Selch, Eric Sterner, Glen Allen, Heidi Narte, Jana Dilley, Jessica Jones, Josh Meidav, Josh Morris, Kym Foley, Lisa Ciecko, Lou Stubecki, Maggie Glowacki, Matt Stemple, Michael Yadrick, Nich Johnson, Nolan Rundquist, Patti Bakker, Paul Humphries, Sandra Pinto de Bader, Sarah Rehder, Shari Selch, Sherry Graham, Steve Zemke, Steven Fry, Whit Bouton

Sandra Pinto de Bader welcomed everyone, and Andrea Petzel reviewed the agenda and the goals for the meeting:

1. Strengthen the partnership between the Urban Forestry Commission and the Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team in order to accomplish the goals of the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP).
2. Understand the complexities of urban forestry work on the ground. Share examples of good work and discuss challenges.

### **Walking tour:**

After introductions, meeting participants split into two groups and proceeded to the 1.3-mile walking tour (see map enclosed). The tour gave opportunity for UFC and IDT members to interact, learn about urban forestry challenges "on the ground," exchange ideas, and ask questions about specific departmental work.

### **Tour debrief:**

After the lunch break, the group debriefed and talked about what they learned on the tour. Heidi Narte (SCL) delivered a presentation on Rainier Beach and nearby projects for trees and pollinator habitat. Michael Yadrick (SPR) talked about Heat Island effect and the effects it has on vulnerable populations.

### **Wrap up and announcements:**

Steve Zemke shared that an UFC subcommittee will be meeting with Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, Councilmember Lisa Herbold, their staff and Central staff to talk about UFC recommendations for the tree protection ordinance update.



**UFC/IDT Tour**  
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Stop	Project Description	Photo	Stop	Project Description	Photo
1. Rainier Beach Community Center (SPR)	Trees on the Community Center property maintained by SPR		6. Seven new townhomes (SDCI)	MUP #3025113 Seven townhomes	
2. Tree Ambassador Henderson Street Tree Care (Trees for Seattle/SPU and SDOT)	T45's Tree Ambassador volunteers have been caring for these trees for several years as part of the neighborhood's annual Bridge to Beach event.		7. Green Seattle Partnership's East Duwamish Greenbelt Restoration Site (SPR-GSP)	4.6-acre section of E Duwamish Greenbelt. Since 2011: 5,600 volunteer hrs, 594 trees planted, and 3,641 plants installed.	
3. Chief Sealth Trail / Transmission Corridor (SCL)	SCL will talk about their transmission vs. distribution lines and maintenance of the Chief Sealth Trail		8. Tree Ambassador Rainier Beach Tree Walk (Trees for Seattle/SPU and SDOT)	This is the start of the Rainier Beach Tree Walk.	
4. Light Rail Station (Sound Transit – SDOT)	These trees were planted as part of the Rainier Beach Light Rail Station and is maintained by Sound Transit		9. SDOT maintained Street Trees	Scarlet Oaks planted in 1977 on Rainier Ave S from I-90 overpass to Seward Park Ave S.	
5. Greenbelt Station Townhomes and new development (SDCI/OPCD /SPR)	MUP#301745 Townhome development and GSP encroachment  MUP#3027128 10 live/work units				

