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.

January 8, 2020
DRAFT Meeting Notes
Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 2750 (27th floor)
700 5th Avenue, Seattle

Attending
Commissioners
Weston Brinkley – Chair
Whit Bouton
Steven Fry
Neeyati Johnson
Elby Jones
Jessica Jones
Josh Morris
Shari Selch
Blake Voorhees
Michael Walton
Steve Zemke

Staff
Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE
Brian Doherty - SDOT

Public
Nancy Penrose

Absent- Excused
Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair
Stuart Niven

NOTE: Meeting notes are not exhaustive. For more details, listen to the digital recording of the meeting at: http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocs.htm

Call to order
Weston called the meeting to order.
Steve encouraged people to review the UFC draft for the Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance and provide feedback to then share with SDCI. Sandra will be sending an email inviting up to six commissioners to another deliberative session with SDCI staff before they brief Council at the end of the month on the timeline, scope and budget to update the tree ordinance.

Public comment
None
Adoption of December 4 and December 11 meeting notes

ACTION: A motion to approve the December 4 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

ACTION: A motion to approve the December 11 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.

Safe Routes to School presentation

Brian Doherty oversees Safe Routes to School (SRtS) and all the pedestrian programs in the Seattle Department of Transportation.

Safe Routes to School implements safety improvements on walking and biking routes to school. Urban Forestry is one of several tools they use to calm traffic and make routes more comfortable for families to walk and bike.

Neighborhood greenways provide safer, calm residential streets where walking and biking is prioritized. This program also uses urban forestry as a tool.

Brian provided photos of examples of tree planting projects as part of these programs:
- Mercer Middle School
- Concord Elementary
- Beacon Hill Neighborhood greenway
- 30th Ave SW neighborhood greenway
- Roxhill elementary
- Rainier Beach High School
- Roxhill and Wing Luke Elementary

These projects are much more affordable than sidewalks running around $20K-$30K per block (sidewalks run approximately $400K per block where there is no curb; with a curb the cost is around $100K per block). They are currently focusing on arterials (such as Greenwood Ave N – where they are putting in drainage, retaining walls, removing encroachments, taking care of grade issues, etc.).

Future projects include Pathfinder K-8 West Seattle and installing more trees for Concord in South Park

UFC question/comment: What’s the priority for people to have access to bus stops.
Answer: The Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) sets the priorities: next to public schools and close to frequent transit service corridors.

UFC question/comment: how are you thinking of project connectivity? Does connectivity factor in terms of site selection?
Answer: Funding comes year by year. Sometimes they work on part of a corridor based on available funding. They do consider connectivity inside of the priorities set by the PMP. They focus on supplementing sidewalks alongside arterials within their priority areas. They sometimes have to take street trees out if the project can’t find ways to remediate impacts on sidewalk and roadway.

They would welcome a letter of support around the programs (Safe Routes to School and Greenways) incorporating tree planting.
These meeting notes are not exhaustive. To hear the full discussion, including Q&A, please listen to the digital recording of the meeting under the Meeting Documents page of the Urban Forestry Commission website, under the meeting’s date.

Whit will produce a draft letter for UFC review.

**Review of 2019 Annual report and transmittal letter continues**
Commissioners provided input on the latest iteration of the annual report. Sandra will incorporate input.

Steve mentioned that it would be helpful to recommend SDCI to create a clear Urban Forestry section to clearly delineate the way the department is working on keeping track of trees and permits.

Sandra will revise the annual report and the submittal letter.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the 2019 annual report and the transmittal letter as amended (with Weston confirming final versions) as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

**2020 Work Plan discussion continues**
Commissioners discussed the current work plan draft and continued to volunteer to take on actions. Prioritizing and placing specific timelines on actions was also discussed. The group talked about ways to keep the work plan alive by providing updates.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the 2020 workplan as amended (acknowledging that the workplan is a living document that will be revisited throughout the year) was made, seconded, and approved.

**Public comment**
None

**Adjourn**

**Public input:**
(see next page and posted notes)
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From: Deanne Marie <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 22, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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Deanne Marie
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Prior-D7 Council Sally Bagshaw and then legislative-aide (now D6 Council-elect) Daniel Strauss,

It is a sad day.

Not because it's a day of celebration for Kwanzaa or the other holidays. It is a sad day because Seattle's inert "tree-protection" enforcement, and weak administrative appeal authority has led to chainsaws and chippers destroying today and tomorrow a massive, healthy, Seattle Exceptional tulip tree within central Queen Anne neighborhood at 2813 4th Ave W.

- Despite your District 7 representation visit to the site about a year ago (thank you for that);
- despite thousands of collective hours and legal fees spent among the 6 neighbors to engage tree regs;
- despite the prior mayor's 2017 executive order for a stronger tree ordinance;
- despite the collective environmental impacts on this steeply sloping ECA site with record of nearby landslides;
- despite 8+ alternative new development layouts that show how 4 to 5 dwellings could have been built on the lot while retaining at least 70-percent of the Exceptional Tree's critical root zone (Options A through H in the attached pdf drawings presented to the developer months ago);
- despite displaced natural habitats photographed in this immediate area;
- despite the City overlooking the recent heavy rains and allowing removal of this and 7 other trees and major excavations regardless of Seattle Code-limited October through March stays on excavation...

... despite all of these reasonable concerns, the site is being cleared of all of its site-stabilizing trees today.

This is just one example of weekly occurrences in Seattle. Rules and regulations were created for a good reason. Some change is needed by those who have the authority and is long-overdue.

David Moehring AIA NCARB
Board Member, TreePAC and concerned resident,
3444 23rd Ave W, #B Seattle
Tulip Tree (image above, being destroyed today, December 26 & 27, 2019)


Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 1:51 AM
From: "Steve Zemke"

Press release: Tuesday 12/10/2019 for immediate release
Steve Zemke
Chair - TreePAC.org
stevezemke@TreePAC.org
Received this e-mail late Monday night from Suzanne Grant regarding the Queen Anne Exceptional Tulip Tree:

**Exceptional Tulip Tree @ 2813 4th Ave W in Imminent Danger**

Suzanne Grant <>
Mon 12/9/2019 8:36 PM

Hi,

It looks like the Tulip Tree’s time may have finally run out. They have their demolition and construction permits and "No Parking Signs" went up along the streets today so we assume demolition could start as early as tomorrow. The Tree would probably go first. I would like to be able to contact people who might want to come by and witness and mourn the tree coming down. Any ideas for communicating? I'm emailing everyone I can think of and I'll leave a message on the Facebook page. Can I call you if/when it starts happening? Thanks for your help.

Suzanne

Here is a second e-mail from a neighbor of the tree she sent to the Mayor and Seattle City Council.

From: "Sharon LeVine"
> Date: September 23, 2019 at 11:44 PM
> To: LEG_CouncilMembers ,
> "jenny.durkanseattle.gov"
> Subject: Developer Allowed to Destroy "Exceptional Tulip Tree" in Violation of Tree Code/SEPA ( No "Exceptional Tree" is Safe in Seattle! )

[Seattle neighbors band together against developer to save exceptional tree](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.seattletimes.com%2Fseattle-news%2Fseattle-neighbors-band-together-against-developer-to-save-exceptional-tree%2F&amp;data=02%7C01%7C%7Cbd508854062d4e64330d08d77d44aebe4%7C84df9e7fe9f640af4b435a01111111%7C1%7C0%7C637115606244540956%26amp;sdata=NFxH65qNbEKDvIU5vSE0yxMIP650tR8wi6O%2FGCe0954%3D&amp;reserved=0>

Seattle neighbors band together against developer to save exceptional tree Seattle Times, Marcus Harrison Green, 3/29/2019

One neighborhood's conundrum highlights a larger one playing out across the city and its swiftly shifting
The Seattle Hearing Examiner ruled against my neighbors -and I - on September 6th, 2019 ( in a biased, unfair, trial ) where we tried to save the amazing, "Exceptional Tulip Tree. ( MUP-19-004 through MUP-19-015 named Grant Protection for Trees at seattle.gov/examiner )

Our trial proved that the City does not comply with the "Intent" of SEPA's, current tree codes and that the City is out of compliance with SEPA's requirement that "Cumulative Impacts" of tree loss be considered

My Queen Anne neighbors and I spent a lot of time, energy and money to ensure the retention of the "Exceptional Tulip Tree" and learned valuable information that may form the basis of a valid court challenge against our City.

The developer's "practiced attorney" convinced the Hearing Examiner - from the first hour of our trial - that the neighborhood appellants should not be allowed to refer to Seattle's tree code or to talk about "design review" issues.

In fact, I had an architect ( in the room during our trial ) who was not allowed to testify about the 9 alternative designs she produced that had a good chance of preserving the "Exceptional Tulip Tree" because the Hearing Examiner agreed with the developer's attorney that no design review issues were allowed.

In disallowing appellants to refer to the environmental, tree code, we were (wrongly) prevented from stressing that mitigation allows SDCI to deny the project in order to save the "Exceptional Tree" or to require the developer to readjust the location of buildings on the site.

Readjusting the location of structures should not be considered as a design review issue when it's a legitimate mitigation measure specified in the SEPA statute.

In spite of being restricted by the Hearing Examiner, we presented a strong case to show that the City of Seattle does not implement and enforce the "Intent" of the tree code or track any information on the 'Cumulative Loss of Exceptional Trees'.

A City Official stated -at trial- that no one in the City tracks (counts) the number of "Exceptional Trees" that are destroyed by development and that no one records the locations where " Exceptional Trees" are destroyed.

Apparently, each development project is considered -individually- with no relationship to any other projects that have occurred, are in process or in the pipeline.
This is a serious violation of SEPA requirements.

If this tree could not be saved with the advocacy of 6 appeals from neighbors, NO "EXCEPTIONAL TREE IN SEATTLE IS SAFE from developments that are maximized for size.

SDCI does not implement the mitigations that are designated to help retain trees.

SDCI violates the intent of the environmental tree code by allowing developers to cut down the big, mature, full canopy trees and to mandate a new, planting plan of small bushes and trees as mitigation.

There is no assurance that the new, small trees will ever attain the size - and canopy cover- of the trees that are removed.

Meanwhile, Seattle will not have the benefits of new tree canopy for the 40 to 100 years it takes for the newly planted trees to attain their full size.

OUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS MUST TAKE ACTION TO KEEP SEATTLE AS " THE EMERALD CITY" AND TO HELP COMPENSATE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE!

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From: Sharon LeVine <sllevineusc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 11:24 AM
To: Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Cc: treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net; Steve Zemke <stevezemke@msn.com>; Danielle Chastaine <ppceditor@nwlink.com>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; infodontclearcutseattle.org <info@dontclearcutseattle.org>; info@lewisforseattle.com; Suzanne Grant <suzanne@grantharper.net>
Subject: Re: UPDATE - End of 90-foot tall and 60-foot wide Exceptional Tulip Tree on Dec 26, 2019

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Ballard Tree Service has begun to destroy the Exceptional Tulip Tree. The crew will probably be here for 2 days.

The crew leader says they have proper permits.

From: Mary Schlater <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!
Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I’m writing you yet again about 2813 4th Ave W in Queen Anne about an enormous exceptional Tulip Tree that will be removed today and tomorrow despite the below list of reasonable efforts to save it using our current completely inept tree ordinance. The following list illustrates why I’m asking you for a speedy process in updating the tree ordinance. The following actions were taken and yet,

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Mary Schlater
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Shameful and inexcusable. Seattle has become the developer’s give-away city and to hell with the well-being of its residents and the very thing that supports that well-being cost-effectively - its urban trees.

A sad day indeed. The decision makers should be held accountable.

Dear PRC-

Please keep TreePAC members informed AND please provide a public meeting (if at least 50 people do request) regarding the Environmentally Critical development proposed within 28,000 sq ft of urban forest.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on a development-disaster building site. It seems as if everyone wants exceptions to develop within designated environmentally critical areas. It is a waste given that there is much existing developed land within Seattle that is in real need to be refurbished. These multiple ECA-lots are not suitable for construction. This proposed project is yet another reason we need stronger tree protection enforcement applied in Seattle.

This 2-adjacent-lot owner now requests "ECA Exception to allow development to exceed 30% in an Environmentally Critical Area."
What is the big deal?

- These are undeveloped lots 100% covered in trees. **At least 29 of 83 significant trees within a Tree Grove will be eliminated.**
- These adjacent lots (one owner) **slope steeply over 60 feet** down within about just 80 feet or less (1 to 1 slope). It drops steeply from the street to the back of the lots to the west.
- This site is a hotbed **combination of ECAs**, including a Category III wetland and steep slopes. These natural critical areas do not exist in isolation by are interdependent.
• The SDCI is **offering ECA Exceptions** without any guarantees or liability to adjacent property owners.
• Both parcels are being proposed as **functionally-related** with sharing a drain line.
• The SDCI is willing to waive the "**Maximum of 30% construction disturbance area** is permitted within steep slopes" regulated by SMC 25.09.090 and 25.09.290.
• The Planners must acknowledge that these lots are also part of a **protected Tree Grove**.
• Preliminary arborist report has been prepared, identifying and locating exceptional trees. Although the site plan does not support this underestimated claim, the design team has prepared a conceptual tree retention plan (??) showing **5 of the 11 exceptional trees being removed**, and 1 of the 8 significant trees being removed.
• The proposed plans show an **unrealistic area of excavations** relative to the proposed building edges.
• The proposed buildings are located directly on steep slopes without consideration for **landslides and destabilisation** from connected tree root loss.
• There is a **wetland** at the bottom of the slope, which must be buffered.
• New homes floor areas should be no more than 50% of the developable lot area. There is really **NO area of this land that is fit for development**.
• The new homes are completely built within the **required front-yard setback** area.
• **Fire department access** requires 20 foot wide access and a turnaround when the drive exceeds 150 feet from the intersection. The proposed drive is only as wide as a 16-foot alley.

Keep Seattle safe.

David Moehring AIA
TreePAC Board member, Seattle resident
dmoehring@consultant.com
The quick scoop:

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Applicant Contact: CARMEL GREGORY - 425-778-8500
SDCI Planner: BRANDON CUMMINGS - (206) 684-0251

Land Use Application to allow 2, 3-story single family residences. Parking for 4 vehicles proposed.

Tree Assessment 2 MB 05/22/19 3034423-LU Master Use Permit
Tree Inventory 53 KB 05/22/19 3034423-LU Master Use Permit
Tree Retention 332 KB 05/22/19 3034423-LU Master Use Permit
Wetland Determination 2 MB 05/22/19 3034423-LU Master Use Permit

Neighbors on alert:
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What will you do to stop this wanton tree cutting? If you don’t speed up the modification and strengthening of the tree ordinance, many many more trees will be cut and it will happen soon. These are irreplaceable trees in our lifetime. Please hold a public meeting now about this lot.

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Sincerely,
Mary Schlater

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 28, 2019 8:43 AM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Cc: Suder, Jerry <Jerry.Suder@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: New Development at 2411 W Boston St (and new lot from historical parcels creating 2409 W BOSTON ST)

CAUTION: External Email
I formally second Mr Moehring's comments. Please add them to the public record as further proof that we need to radically improve the management of trees in Seattle, under threat from 'development'.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)
On Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 6:13 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Mr. Suder and Director Torgelson-

Thank you for taking your time to prepare a letter dated December 5, 2019 that was distributed today. It's been about 4 months (~August 5) since the request for a public meeting... so many may have been wondering.

I cannot speak for the many others that wrote in to request a public meeting about the property being developed at the parent lot of 2411 W Boston Street. We can be fairly confident, however, that they were likely as disappointed to see the letter stating "While we have received numerous identical requests to hold a public meeting to answer questions about impacts of proposed construction at these addresses, the specific concerns we have heard so far have been about the construction applications which are not subject to public comment. Therefore, we will not be holding a public meeting."

The common reaction from many Seattle residents is "No matter what we think, the City will just allow the Developers to do what they want anyway." They are correct in thinking so. This letter from you neglects the right for a public meeting and (speaking as an architect only) appears to be against the Seattle Municipal Code Title 23, and may be considered an insult to the public engagement process that our Mayor and other City officials often boast about.

23.76.015 - Public meetings for Type II and Type III Master Use Permits

The Director may hold a public meeting on Master Use Permit applications requiring Type II or III decisions if: Fifty or more persons file a written request for a meeting not later than the 14th day after notice of the application is provided;"

- The Department did release a Type II decision;
- More than 50 people requested a public meeting, many not providing a reason why - nor should it matter;
• The Department continues to advance permit applications including street tree removals in the interim;
• The application pre-dated the recent April 2019 zoning code changes, and the number of dwellings being created through Unit Lots exceeds that allowed within the prior zoning limits to this area (5 dwellings);
• The lot abuts existing SF-5000 zone.
• The single lot was sold to one developer who is developing at one time a functionally-related lot;
• This single development violates Seattle Code that restricts building any other dwelling behind rowhouses;
• Transparency is important. A covenant on the unit lot prohibits a condo organization being formed. If that is indeed the back-up plan as indicated in the first paragraph of the attached letter, then the original Notice from 4 months ago is null and void and a new notice must be released for just two rowhouse units at the street with two rowhouse units at the south backside of the parent lot.

• The optics on this Department action is extremely fuzzy, and appears to be determined by faulty SDCI policy not substantiated by City or County ordinance. In fact, Title 19 of the King County Code - where property deeds are recorded and mapped- prohibit the use of lot segregation in attempt to exceed the allowed density limits.
• In effect, SDCI is allowing a contract rezone of this (and many other) lots without obtaining the required contract rezone approval from the City Council.

Are neighbors and infrastructure cumulatively impacted when more dwellings are allowed than what the area and street right-of-way width is zoned for? Yes, they are.

Please retract the letter that seeks to circumvent the requirements of SMC 23.76.016.

A concerned area resident,
David Moehring AIA NCARB
3444B 23rd Ave W
Seattle
312-965-0634

3034386-LU (for 2411 W Boston St) or 3034388-LU (for 2409 W Boston St)
Rowhouse *verses Townhouse*

Rowhouses are attached side by side along common walls. Each rowhouse directly faces the street with no other principal housing units behind the rowhouses. Rowhouses occupy the space from the ground to the roof. Units can not be stacked.*

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| 30' + 5' for roof with minimum 6:12 pitch |
| Front: 5' minimum |
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Howdy Dave,

I received this message at:1:39 PM
Cutting it kinda close, doncha think?

Hello Michael, I'm right across the street from Kubota (actually I believe you picked up some trees from us once). As you're probably aware, we have a large subdivision being developed right behind our property called, "Kubota Village". Some other neighbors and I would like to know if you could refer us to an environmental expert who is familiar with waterways, wetlands and riparian corridors in our area. We are collectively trying to compromise with the developers regarding the next phase of development which would clear what is left of the trees. The City is giving us until 1/1/20 to comment. Thank you in advance for any referral you may be able to provide.

On December 5, 2019 at 9:34 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

What may Seattle leaders do to halt the needless clearcutting of forested areas with natural habitats?

Please inform me for the following functionally-related 'Kubota Village' development numbers 3034697 -LU, 3034698 -LU, 3034699 -LU, 3034700 -LU, and 3034702 -LU; and all permits involving the addresses related to these five site.

KUBOTA VILLAGE 28 LLC

9676 9678 + LINDSAY PL S subdivision #3034702, 3034703 -LU, 3034699 -LU, 3034700 -LU, and 3034703 -LU

"Land use application to allow a 3-story single family residences. Parking for vehicles proposed. To be considered with 3034697 -LU, 3034698 -LU, for shared access."

We should also have a public meeting to discuss what is going on here. Comments may be submitted through: 12/18/2019

David Moehring
Member of TreePAC

Two years: 2015 to 2017. The remaining grove just to the north may since have been cleared.
From: Suzanne Grant <suzanne@grantharper.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 29, 2019 5:23 PM
Hello,

I hope you have been enjoying pleasant holidays.

The magnificent Tulip Tree that lived quietly for almost 100 years at 2813 4th Ave W. was violently reduced in 4+ hours to a stump on Dec 26th while most of us were out of town. The crew from Ballard Tree is coming to finish the job of clearing all the trees on the lot tomorrow/Monday. I’d be glad to meet you there in the morning if you are interested in witnessing the continuing saga of clear cutting Seattle.

Thank you.

Suzanne Grant
206 799 0600
From: Sheryl Stahnke <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 1:24 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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ryan davis
Ryand8vis@gmail.com
100 south king st
Seattle, Washington 98102

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Yes, I live in Shoreline but I lived in Seattle for 25 years and fought for trees in Magnolia. I can't vote for you, but it's all one ecosystem! What affects Seattle affects Shoreline and vice versa. That's why I'm taking time to send this letter to urge you to protect what's great about Seattle--its trees. Thank you.

Ramona Gault
sheepyspinner@gmail.com
1305 N 167th St.
Shoreline, Washington 98133

From: Tamara Bunnell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 12:30 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: cutting down trees is not a sound environmental choice!
Sandra Pinto de Bader,

To whoever this concerns.. which is all of us:

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Cc: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree removals without arborist reports at 8046 32nd Avenue (more 'lows' in Loyal Heights)
Importance: High

Dear SDCI code compliance:

It has come to the attention of TreePAC that many trees have again been needlessly removed over the past nine months from a new house development at 8046 32nd Avenue NW.

Concerns to answer from SDCI (and SDOT) inspector(s):
1) where is the **arborist report** reviewed prior to permit? No record of an arborist report exists on SDCI EDMS.

2) why are trees within the **perimeter of the lot** being removed?

3) why was the large tree within the front yard set-back area of the lot **removed at the time of application** without a permit?

4) what where the species, condition, and size of the trees removed? Are / were any of these **trees Exceptional**?

5) what drawings showed the existing trees over 6-inches DBH on the **application site plan** as required?

6) Which **permit authorized the removal** of the significant trees?

7) without authorization, when will **Director Rules penalty fees** be applied using photos as evidence?

8) Per SMC 23.44.008, where is the **tree preservation plan**?

9) Per SMC 25.11, why was this lot of ample lot area not developed with the **new home being located for retaining existing tree** and the critical root zones?

10) Where is the **on-site tree root protection** as commented by the SDCI planner, David VanSkike?

(Note: TreePAC is a not-for-profit group that would like to see a stronger tree ordinance in Seattle, but TreePAC should not be affiliated in any way with the enforcement of tree protections as is the responsibility by SDCI and SDOT.)

Reference SMC:


[https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code/243570?nodeId=TIT7COPR?nodeId=TIT25ENPRHIPR_CH25.11TRPR_25.11.060TRPRSIUNDESIMIRESMOZO](https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code/243570?nodeId=TIT7COPR?nodeId=TIT25ENPRHIPR_CH25.11TRPR_25.11.060TRPRSIUNDESIMIRESMOZO)

"Tree Preservation Option. For lots over 3,000 square feet, at least 2 caliper inches of existing tree per 1,000 square feet of lot area must be preserved. On lots that are 3,000 square feet or smaller, at least 3 caliper inches of existing tree must be preserved per lot. When this option is used, a tree preservation plan is required."

City leaders, Seattle needs stronger tree protection enforcement. It is all common sense. Let's aim for better results in 2020.

David Moehring
Board Member for TreePAC

This image attached is from the the March 18, 2019 SDCI record showing the large tree near street removed PRIOR to the permit application.
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Thank you for your time and consideration. Keep the Emerald City Emerald, and the Evergreen State Green!

Best,

Anna Laush
Born and Raised PNW

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Subject: Re: UPDATE - End of 90-foot tall and 60-foot wide Exceptional Tulip Tree on Dec 26, 2019
Thank you David, as always you raise very good points.

I have been thinking a great deal about what problems exist with the current regulations and the changes proposed in the revised version being suggested by the UFC, and always come back to this one simple question, which I have never had answered with any clarity or authority that the situation cannot be changed, simply, efficiently and with no additional cost to the City:

"Why are developers not subject to the same restrictions as regular property owners?"

I would very much appreciate a clear explanation beyond "It is just how it is!"

Thank you and kind regards,

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Subject: Re: Yet another 29+ trees to axe at Inverness Drive NE along Country Club (3034423 and 3028628)

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Thank you again David for your diligence in finding out about this proposed development that could very well wipe out a large section of natural and established 'green belt' environmental buffer. I agree that there are plenty of other already developed areas in the City to target for increased density, we simply cannot afford to lose yet more healthy, active forest; especially one in an ECA.

Please take this as my request for a public meeting. I am sure more than 50 concerned residents of the City will like to find out more about the plans and openly discuss them with the developer and those responsible within SDCi and other departments.

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Shame on you, Jenny Durkin. You have no vision or love for this city. You are not a leader. You let us down with every concession you make that allows developers to dismantle the very heart of this place.

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From: Sierra Houston <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees
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Furthermore, where I live we have been losing many trees to construction that could have been replanted elsewhere, please stop killing out olde growth trees.

Thank you for your time.

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From: Jean Darsie <jdarsie@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 8:57 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable! Protect its tree canopy!

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Even though I live just outside of Seattle’s city limits, I beg of you to better protect and expand the urban forest that makes Seattle what it is. If there is ONE thing we can do to counteract climate change, saving trees is it. It seems so simple - and it’s a legacy we leave for generations to come. It’s our duty to be shepherds of the land while we’re here - for future generations.

While it may seem insignificant to cut down a few trees here and there (in the name of development and to accommodate the increased population growth), actually INCREASING a city’s urban forest can have the MOST impact on health and happiness, not to mention combating climate change.

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From: joan lassiter <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 9:37 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Cc: Alex Pedersen <alexpedersenseattle@gmail.com>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew J <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>
Subject: UFC Decade Report for 2009-2019

Dear Urban Forestry Commissioners,
I have 3 requests to be included in the 2019 Annual Report:

1) Please provide a summary of the activities of the Urban Forestry Commission's during the first 10 years of the group in 2009-2019.

2) Please have each Commissioner provide a report of how the work affects their constituency. ie: A report by the development community representative; a report by the real estate/finance representative, etc. Please include a chapter heading in the annual report for each constituency.

3) Please advise Seattle Channel to stop deleting archives of videos of Council meetings that document the progress of work to enhance/protect the urban forest. Currently, archives are discarded after 7 years.

If I hadn't downloaded this video clip from October 19th, 2006, the fact that sitting Councilmembers were so ignorant as to question the value of tree maintenance would be lost to history. Our history may be unpleasant and show our weaknesses, but we rely on Seattle Channel to preserve these important archives. The attached .jpg photo is a screengrab from the YouTube video link https://youtu.be/tr085KHXGaE

I say this because the future of archives may evolve to include multimedia photos, videos, and text to more accurately depict the sequence of events as they happened.

Currently, the Urban Forestry Commission has the best minutes/audio recording archives of any city department, due to the diligence of the staff liason. However, in ten more years, the method of capturing what actually happened may change significantly.

Arboreally yours,

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PROTECT THE NAME. PROTECT THE EVERGREEN STATE.

-Lana Nyman

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Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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Trees are a critical component in the goal to keep our planet habitable.

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From: Allison Conley <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:14 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 2:57 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Keep Seattle Livable!

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Please let me know what action you plan to take. Thank you.

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It should be added here that no amount of new planting can compensate the effect on micro and macro climate change that takes place when a mature tree is removed. Seattle does not need reminding that mature trees have an outsized impact on precipitation, temperature regulation and soil improvement. They also contribute to real estate value and community beauty, an effect that can't be quantified scientifically but that is nonetheless lamented by urban dwellers once it vanishes. Removing them simply because they are now on private property and are at the whim of the owner is irresponsible.

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 12:15 PM
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Subject: Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance
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From: Sherry Dryja <sherry@dryja.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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Subject: Save our Trees!

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: The Trees of Seattle deserve your attention

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

WILL YOU READ THIS? DO YOU CARE?
Density and growth are causing the systematic removal of Seattle urban forest. While both are necessary to the continued economic health of our city, the trees are essential to keeping our city healthy. We don't want to be like Beijing or even LA - breathing masks and hazy days. Crisp, clear blue skies and verdant horizons are what make living in our city so amazing on days when we have a break from the clouds.

Please tighten the ordinances aimed at protecting our trees. I want to continue to see my fair city as the Emerald City it's always been and not a city that is filled block to block with light-blocking soulless apartment buildings. Keep our city GREEN. Protect our heritage trees. Protect our lungs. Protect our environment.

thank you.
Rebecca Rowland
Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have watched too many trees disappear in Seattle in ways which were preventable. It is way, way, way past time for Seattle to get its money where its mouth is, and actually preserve our urban tree canopy.

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From: Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Lewis,

Howdy Jesus,

Thanks for your November 25th, 2019 value statement that Seattle Parks trees are assets.

The same day as we received your message, the city council passed the 2020 budget, which authorized funds for a Natural Capital Assessment.

We appreciate the effort your staff must have undertaken to determine the $12 million dollar figure Parks spends annually to maintain trees.

Each of the 9 city departments with authority to plant or condemn trees will participate in the assessment of the city's trees, parks, streams, hillsides, and wildlife habitat.

We hope that the inventory reveals that an adequate investment is being made to optimize financial resources that help us achieve equity, canopy, and climate goals.

In closing my New Years message, please find attached the photo of today's Rose Parade float, designed as a massive tree by a landscape company called Western Asset Management.

Michael Oxman
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(206) 949-8733

On November 25, 2019 at 1:04 PM "Aguirre, Jesús" [<jesus.aguirre@seattle.gov>](mailto:jesus.aguirre@seattle.gov) wrote:

November 25, 2019
Michael Oxman
michaeloxman@comcast.net

Dear Mr. Oxman,

Thank you for your November 7 email about valuing trees as assets. We appreciate your interest in and advocacy for Seattle’s forested parklands.

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) values trees as major capital assets in our urban setting, providing ecological, economic, and social benefits. Trees are important assets that are a part of a community’s infrastructure, requiring care and maintenance the same as other public property, such as streets, sewers, public buildings, and recreational facilities. Trees help define the character of the city, support Seattle’s public health, provide habitat for wildlife, create spaces for exploration and enjoyment, clean our air and water, and reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff, further helping to improve water quality. SPR invests significant resources in urban forestry and tree maintenance (over $12 million in the 2020 Proposed Budget) in support of the Green Seattle Partnership (GSP) and city staffing responsible for tree health and maintenance.

SPR cares for trees by starting with specimens of appropriate species that have been sourced from a responsible nursery in an appropriate zone and are of good quality and health. Trees are then planted in appropriate conditions (location, season) and according to quality planting specifications, including mulching and watering to start them off with the best chance for success. Planting is followed by typically 2-5 years of continued establishment care, the level of which varies depending on weather and site conditions. Monitoring of planted trees is accomplished annually by evaluating trees planted in the initial years after planting, gauging tree health, and developing the list of trees to receive continued watering each year. Trees are included in SPR’s tree inventory database, which tracks information about them. In addition, since 2018, the GSP has begun conducting seedling survival studies to more accurately assess the health of trees planted by the program.

Again, thank you for reaching out and for your interest in ensuring that the City values Seattle’s urban trees as assets.

Sincerely,

Jesús Aguirre
Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: My "Plea to Preserve and Protect Seattle's Trees"

Dear Ms. Pinto de Bader:

I have sent the following email to the Mayor and individually to the six members of the Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee as well as to the general City Council email address.

Good Day:

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Do we want clean air and water? Trees give it to us. Do we want relief from heat and emissions from air conditioning? Trees give it to us. Do we want inviting public places? Trees can give that to us, too. One guest speaker stated that Portland, OR recognizes trees as part of their infrastructure and integral to the well-being of its citizens. We need to value what we have. You need to preserve and protect what we have and lead. Help us citizens understand the benefits of our trees and make us follow a plan to insure that there will be a glorious tree canopy many years from now.

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From: anjali shrikhande <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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David Moehring

TreePAC 🌳

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From: jebendich@comcast.net <jebendich@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 2:56 PM
To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
Cc: 'Stuart Niven' <panorarbor@gmail.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; 'David Moehring' <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Subject: RE: Clearcut pocket of trees at 6517 Ravenna Ave NE

Dear DPD,  I live not far from this clearcutting, which is across the street from a wine store.  I was shocked when I saw the trees cut down.  If you haven’t done it yet, whoever did this needs to be fined up the kazoo and required to provide and pay for replacement trees of equal size.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Bendich

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From: Lia Hall <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:46 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

Dear Sandra Pinto de Bader,
We were neighbors to a mature 4 acres of forest which was clearcut and is now a non-affordable housing development of 30 large homes. This was home to owls, bats, many birds and other species.

What we lost can not be replaced, but could have been salvaged. we can develop in a way that is mindful to preserve the quality of life for all.

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From: Naomi Zurcher <treerap@sprintmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 1:35 AM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Cc: Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net; Sharon LeVine <sllevineusc@yahoo.com>; Steve Zemke <stevezemke@msn.com>; Danielle Chastaine <ppceditor@nwlink.com>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; infodontclearcutseattle.org <info@DontClearcutSeattle.org>; info@lewisforseattle.com; Suzanne Grant <suzanne@granharper.net>
Subject: Re: UPDATE - End of 90-foot tall and 60-foot wide Exceptional Tulip Tree on Dec 26, 2019

CAUTION: External Email

Please share the following with friends and colleagues. Off-base helicopter training areas will heavily impact wilderness classified areas in Washington State and is a violation of Wilderness law

From: USARMY JBLM ID-Readiness Mailbox JBLM NEPA Office <usarmy.jblm.id-readiness.mbx.jblm-nepa-office@mail.mil>
Subject: NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - Northwest Aviation Operations, Off-Base Helicopter Training Areas EA
Date: January 7, 2020 at 5:12:10 PM EST
To: USARMY JBLM ID-Readiness Mailbox JBLM NEPA Office <usarmy.jblm.id-readiness.mbx.jblm-nepa-office@mail.mil>
Northwest Aviation Operations - Off-Base Helicopter Training Areas EA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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To submit comments, send an email to:
usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dpw-eis@mail.mil

or write to:

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From: Lance Young <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Interurban Trail Tree Preservation Society urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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The following resolution was adopted by our organization.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission’s Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance
WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and
WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all “exceptional” trees and trees over 24” DBH (diameter at 54” high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and
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f. require registration of all tree services providers with the city;

g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and

h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

i. Designate a minimum canopy coverage percentage per type of lot use and zoning category.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle’s current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission’s June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by Interurban Trail Tree Preservation Society, Lance Young, Director

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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The following resolution was adopted by our organization.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission’s Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and

WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all “exceptional” trees and trees over 24” DBH (diameter at 54” high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and

WHEREAS Seattle, unlike Portland and other major cities, has not instituted a permit system to govern tree removal on developed property or property being developed, but relies instead on a complaint-based system that is applicable only to already-developed property and does not protect trees even there; and

WHEREAS the Seattle City Council voted in 2009, and again by Resolution 31870 in March 2019, to support an updating of its Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the City concluded, in its 2017 Tree Regulations Research Report, that “Current code is not supporting tree protection” and that “we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general”; and

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g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and

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Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle’s current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission’s June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by Phinney Ridge Community Council, Jessica Dixon, Board Member

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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Dear Seattle Mayor et al,
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Kind regards,
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CAUTION: External Email

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Subject: Save our Trees!

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I did not write all of the words you’ll read below but I support them wholeheartedly. I moved to Seattle in 1981 and I loved how people loved their city and respected all of the natural beauty of Seattle and the surrounding area. How could you not? We all know that the Seattle of today is not the same Seattle. What happened to green building? I'll tell you what happened: greed! What happened to preserving our environment for future generations? Same thing: greed! It seems that every mayor and city council member has some sort of special interest that benefits a small group but not those of us who have been the backbone for decades or for a lifetime. Well enough is enough. Please grow the (insert whatever body part works) to take a stand for quality of life for ALL, including our native wild creatures. Please make sure Seattle to returns to THE EMERALD CITY.

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From: Nancy Hanson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Trees have always been my friends. I grew up in Southern California with a black walnut tree in my backyard. It was my refuge. When we moved to Seattle in 1997, the urban forest sang to me. I have been dismayed at the rate of tree removal in our city.

Seattle’s trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents.

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Please give thoughtful consideration to this legislation that will allow continued beneficial community between people and their environment.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hanson

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From: Janet Calcaterra <2004kunkcal@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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I have watched with disappointment in recent years as the tree canopy in the "Emerald City" has shrunk noticeably. This threat -- which is not only aesthetic, but can also lead to a cascading effect on other vegetation, wildlife and structural support for residences and related improvements -- increases each year as Seattle deals with the challenges inexorably posed by pressures to increase density. Seattle's outdated tree ordinance is inadequate to this challenge. It is urgent that we act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves.

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I believe this can be done in a manner that adequately accommodates the desire to increase density in Seattle. Let's not lose this opportunity to preserve Seattle's canopy for future generations.

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From: Alexandra Griffith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Hadley Wan <hads@tuta.io>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 9:38 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Aloha! Seattle Trees Need Your Support!

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Any tree which has managed to thrive for over 50 years deserves to be honored and protected from greedy and dishonest neighbors and businesses. Can we count on YOU? Please contact me if you have any suggestions for action I can take to help you help our trees.

Warmest aloha,
Dr. & Mrs. Randolph (Kathleen) Jackson
Washingtonians for trees.

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