

**The following residents have reached out to OSE and the Urban Forestry Commission with emails about the City's update to the tree ordinance.
Emails through 10/30/19**

From: Judy Akalaitis <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2019 9:26 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor Durkin & All,

Reading your latest tweet, Mayor Durkin, "Climate change is one of the gravest threats we face. In the face of our federal government's failure to act, cities like Seattle must lead the way on climate. That's why I am in Copenhagen, Denmark to participate in the @c40cities Mayors World Summit."

I believe that you can make a larger impact on local climate by taking a trip around Seattle with me. I will show you sites on which majestic Cedars, Doug Firs and other large and significant trees once shaded the area and cleaned the air and are now clearcut lots on which developers will make their millions --- not by building low income housing, but by building houses and townhouses where ONLY THE WEALTHY - can afford to live.

Rather than take a flight to Copenhagen, I can take you around Seattle and show you sights where businesses licensed by you, are cutting down large, exceptional and significant trees WITHOUT permits. When you return to Seattle, I would love to join you in learning why tree companies operate with such lawlessness in taking down large, significant and exceptional trees. If such lawlessness continues, will you return to another world summit of mayors, knowing that Seattle is losing its tree canopy at an alarming rate which is a major contributor to climate change?

I'm a mom who has become aware of the lack of strong laws for our trees by watching the rapid cutting of trees all around the city. I am nothing other than shocked that a tree company

can, and will, remove massive trees without a permit. I am further shocked that I can witness giant Western Red Cedars, for example, being taken down and when I call SDCI's complaint line nothing happens.

Mayor Durkan and Councilmembers, 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. Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

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Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle. This is extremely important!!
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

A DIRECT IMPACT on SEATTLE'S CLIMATE can be made with your rapid action to preserve what large, exceptional trees that remain in our city as well as strengthening Seattle's tree ordinance. Just imagine the local impact that you can make AND you will have something to talk about at the next 40 cities mayors world summit! Don't be a doormat to developers! Be a strong mayor! You can do it, all of you! Be strong, be leaders, and save our climate by saving our trees!

Sincerely,
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From: Joshua Morton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: AIS Northwest urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection 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
WHEREAS Seattle's trees and urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure that (a)

reduces air pollution, stormwater runoff, and climate change impacts like heat-island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and (b) is important for the physical and mental health of Seattle residents: and

WHEREAS the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has drafted, at the suggestion of several City Council members, an updated Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance consistent with the eight recommendations specified by the Council in Section 6 of its Resolution 31870, which would:

a. increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring, in each land-use zone in the city, a permit for removal and replacement of any tree over 6" DBH, whether on developed property or property being developed;

b. require two-week on-site posting of tree removal and replacement applications (as SDOT already requires);

c. require on-site tree replacement equivalent, in 25 years, to the tree canopy volume removed, or payment of a fee into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund for planting and 5-year maintenance of trees elsewhere in the city;

d. retain current protections for exceptional trees and reduce the definitional upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH;

e. allow no more than two significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;

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.

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 AIS Northwest, Joshua Morton , Owner

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Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please introduce and pass a strong tree ordinance!

Our neighborhoods in north sSeattle are being clearcut for development (north Seattle).

This needs to be fixed NOW before the big old trees are gone (irreplaceable!)

PLEASE ACT NOW.

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From: Tahoma Doyon <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: More trees please

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle is beautiful because of the green landscape. If growth is going to continue we should make sure our canopy is increasing with it. Please do what you can. Thank you.

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From: Gordon Wood <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Rose Yu <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Seattle Leaders,

As a neighbor in the Leschi / Central area, I have seen rapid development of multi-unit homes and I am pro density. However, one of the key components of the vitality of a neighborhood is having tree canopies to gather under and socialize with neighbors. Plus it is inadequate to replace a 100 year old tree with a sapling that typically does its first few years as the owner doesn't adequately water the tree.

Lower income neighborhoods in the development zones are disproportionately impacted. You don't see people cutting down 100 year old trees in Madison Park or other areas that remain only single family homes.

I understand developers have to make money but they are underestimating the value of mature trees. Also in terms of energy conservation they provide needed shade to keep the sun out during our long summers.

Below is the standard text that I support.

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From: Karen Lambka <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 5:26 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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Trees, the green and the canopy are an essential part of Seattle's character and charm. I'm very much for progress but we have to be clear about what that means. One thing it Doesn't mean it destroying that character with stupid, lazy, ill-considered, unsustainable and ugly architecture of the fashion du jour. A barren artificial Seattle of the future would be a true tragedy when we are starting with so many riches. A very clear and obvious distinction between desirable and undesirable neighborhoods is the amount of Green; Trees in particular. So development that does not include Significant canopy is literally turning desirable areas into undesirable ones. Further, regarding climate change and sustainability, We would be idiotic to ignore the benefits of trees in the city in mitigating possible effects of climate change in our area. Don't let Seattle's desirability be the engine of its demise. More Trees, not fewer.

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

There was the most beautiful huge heritage cedar in a parking lot near my house. I was devastated - along with my neighbors - to wake up one more to see the poor thing chopped down to a stump. And yet right now that owner is building a lot full of crappy townhouses. How many fewer townhomes could they have let go out of their proforma to save such a beautiful specimen? And they don't even appear to be suffering any consequences.

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Trees keep us oxygenated. This is destroying our lives.

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Vera Trainer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Carol Haffar <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I'm sure you've read the recommended tree ordinance in detail. I haven't but don't discount my voice.

The are trees being removed NOW on 145th and 1st. It's a crime to remove stands of old trees.

Seattle will soon have reduced its truly natural environments of heritage tree canopy, open space, open sky, fresh air, and orca-friendly water to a point where there will be little left to enjoy for people of all ages and incomes. To simply go outside for refreshment, to enjoy the majesty of nature, is absolutely essential for those of us who know how precious a resource the natural environment of a region is.

While Seattle expands with development and growth I'm disappointed by the faux-natural environments I see designed into our city. This is NOT the same as having the trees that once thrived here, emblematic of the majesty of nature and the respect we owe to her.

The powerful in our city are allowing the natural gifts of our region to be squandered. I'm aghast thinking of how our city will feel to it's residents after environmental quality continues to degrade. Instead, the very highest priority in Seattle must be our environment health.

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From: Barbara O'Brien <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: charles williams <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Robert Blumenthal <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2019 4:31 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Viviana Bompadre <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2019 6:39 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Carol Stewart <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2019 6:44 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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Why do we have to state the obvious about protecting our tree canopy. I vote!

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From: Stephen Merlino <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2019 8:59 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Mike Cvitkovic <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Shira Rosen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2019 11:11 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Mary Jeppesen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Judi Jones <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 3:14 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Mary Schlater <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:09 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Weak Tree Ordinance, More Trees Indiscriminately Cut

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

It seems like there's a new lot every week where mature significant trees are cut, not just one but multiple. This time at the border of the City of Seattle and Shoreline at NE 145th and 1st Ave NE. No apparent attempt was made to save these trees. Where is the accountability with SDCI? It certainly appears that you are delaying dealing with strengthening this tree ordinance to benefit developers not the people who live in the city of Seattle. Our canopy will be significantly reduced by next year when you say you are going to start looking at the ordinance. It's just unbelievably negligent. You have been delaying this process of protecting our trees for at least 10 years. I know you could get a better tree ordinance passed much sooner and yet you continue to put this on the back burner and we won't stand for it.

Please consider an expedited new tree ordinance. The Urban Forest Commission has a draft ready. Further study of that ordinance is not needed. You've been doing only that for 10 years!

Respectfully,

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From: Jen Blume <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:57 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Steven Wells <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 9:34 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,

I'm very concerned about the continuing slaughter of Seattle's big trees. Large trees take decades to grow and yet it takes only a few hours to destroy them. Something is out of balance here. Large trees are irreplaceable in our lifetimes. We must plan for our children's futures by establishing a greener, more tree covered Seattle.

I worked as a volunteer with the city a few years ago helping to inventory the trees in the Rainier Beach neighborhood. I was shocked at the absence of large trees there. It's a working class neighborhood for the most part and these areas usually have fewer large trees than more affluent neighborhoods. This has to change. The city must do more to plant large growing trees in lower income neighborhoods, both for the well-being of those that live there, and for the health of the tree canopy for the city as a whole.

It seems that one arm of the city government is trying desperately to maintain and increase our tree canopy, while another arm of the city government is working madly to take them down. This disconnect is crazy! Who is in charge of all this? I'd say the City Council has a large voice in this arena. Why isn't the Council taking more positive steps towards creating a greater tree canopy here? Why aren't the different departments of the city working together instead of at cross purposes? It's sloppy government and it's devastating to our big trees, and our community as a whole.

At the same time the Council is also allowing unscrupulous developers to ravage the mature trees we have already. Profits before trees is a bad idea and always will be. You can't trust people who stand to make big bucks cutting down trees to plant McMansions we don't need or want. They'll always choose the money over the trees. They need to be strongly regulated and in some cases stopped completely from cutting down these big trees. There should be big fines for irresponsible and illegal cutting as well.

Trees provide benefits that money simply can't buy. Money won't shade our homes or create oases of green that hold the water in the soil when it rains. Money can't replace a 60 foot Douglas fir that some rich fool has cut down so they can have better views. They rarely face stiff consequences for their illegal and reprehensible behavior. Big fines, and even jail time

might stop them and make them think twice about killing these trees. But big money talks and trees go down to their greedy and selfish desires. This must change.

It's time for the City Council to step up and take a leadership role in preserving our heritage and other large and significant trees. Why isn't there more outrage in the Council over this travesty? It's like the Council is deaf to the cries of the trees and those of us who love them and know we need them far more than they need us. Get a grip on reality folks and do your jobs! It seems to me that the rich developers have far more sway over our city policies than is right, like it is all over our nation at the present time. Why do we have to play along here in "liberal" Seattle? Why can't we forge a comprehensive path to increase sustainability and urban forests for all? It seems much more egalitarian and helps all the people of the city, not just the rich ones who can afford to have big trees on their big lots.

Speaking of big lots - it used to be that a lot had to be left with at least a majority of the ground as space for trees and other plantings. We need that now. Why has it changed to allow people to plant houses that cover whole lots leaving no room for big trees at all, sometimes not even small ones? This is nuts and the zoning laws need to be reviewed and changed to stop this insane practice. We must allow more room to plant big trees on properties that have the room for them. Anything less is an abdication of the Council's responsibility to safeguard our city's environments for the long term, not for just a quick buck.

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I still believe that you have good intentions and want to keep our city green and beautiful. So prove me right and get it together. Act on the deep knowing of your higher natures. It's past time to do your jobs and pass a revised city-wide Tree Protection Ordinance. Anything less is just empty talk. Act Now!!

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From: Rachel LaRoche <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:21 PM

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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From: david wood <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 4:09 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: alberto villanueva <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 5:32 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:17 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.O'Brien@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Jessica Dixon-Horton <bardjess@msn.com>; Barbara Bernard via Magnolia Tree Keepers - All messages <Magnolia-tree-keepers_all@googlegroups.com>; seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net; Steve ZemkeSAVEOURTREES <stevezemke@msn.com>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Abridged recipients <tree-ordinance-legal@googlegroups.com>; Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Holmes, Peter <Peter.Holmes@seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>

Subject: Record Number: 005294-19PA - 536 N 67th Street - Exceptional Western Red Cedar removed without permit

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David for raising our attention to this situation and for providing the evidence of the recent removal. According to documents in the online portal, I can find no evidence of an arborist report documenting the tree as a 'hazard' and through looking back on Google Street view the tree is clearly on site as recently as May 2019.

There are photos in the SDCI inspector's 'Site Photos' that clearly show the remaining stump that due to the colour of the heart wood, it is evidence of the recent removal (see <https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=DPDPPermits&TabName=DPDPPermits&capID1=19SCI&capID2=00000&capID3=18142&agencyCode=SEATTLE>)

Presuming this was carried out under the instruction of the current owner of the property, please find them in violation of DR2008-16 and fine them accordingly for the removal of a healthy, clearly 'exceptional' native Western red cedar.

We cannot continue to allow property owners / developers remove healthy trees like this, simply for the future development of sites. If the protocol of the SMC 25.11 and DR2008-11 was followed here, this tree would be protected and retained, but unlike some trees that are being removed due to weakness in the current tree ordinance, this tree was simply removed illegally.

Please review this and act accordingly. I will submit a complaint to SDCI as the system requires before the stump is removed and the site razed.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)
PanorArborist

From: Beverly Crocker <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 9:45 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Beverly Crocker

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From: Melanie Kay Moser <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:26 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The Birch Bark Borer beetle is already destroying the Birch tree of Seattle, and it saddens me to think that residents don't realize their shady spot will be gone eventually. And NOW to realize developments can scrape a lot clean of healthy trees, infuriates me.

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From: Martin Westerman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 8:38 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Seattle Green Spaces Coalition urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

WHEREAS Seattle’s trees and urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure that (a) reduces air pollution, stormwater runoff, and climate change impacts like heat-island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and (b) is important for the physical and mental health of Seattle residents: and

WHEREAS the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has drafted, at the suggestion of several City Council members, an updated Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance consistent with the eight recommendations specified by the Council in Section 6 of its Resolution 31870, which would:

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- c. require on-site tree replacement equivalent, in 25 years, to the tree canopy volume removed, or payment of a fee into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund for planting and 5-year maintenance of trees elsewhere in the city;
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e. allow no more than two significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;

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.

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 Seattle Green Spaces Coalition, Martin Westerman, Co-Director

Martin Westerman

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From: Matthew Weatherford <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 9:08 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>
Cc: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Timber!!! Clearing at 3826 Meridian Ave N for ADU (SDCI #6718865)

CAUTION: External Email

Seattle Dept of Const & Inspections:

Seattle has issued a permit for 3826 Meridian Ave N to "Establish use as and construct new single family residence with attached garage & ADU, per plan."

What plan might that be? Those plans show existing building and existing trees to remain.

Moreover, why was the large tree (photos attached) removed last week given that the healthy tree was within the lot's required front-yard setback area - which should have been undisturbed.

Of this 114 by 40 Foot lot, the issued permit indicates "Total Disturbed Area: 3270 square feet."* That means that almost three-quarters (72%) of the lot's 4560 sq ft area is being disturbed on a property that should have no more than 1685 sq feet of lot coverage (1000+15% of lot area). Something is amiss and the inspector should issue a fine if code-protected trees are being removed at a whim.

This looks like yet another example of why Seattle needs better enforcement and a stronger tree ordinance.

Codes Reviewed by SDCI's Eddie Buker on September 12, 2019 states that: "This project has been reviewed for conformance with the applicable development standards of the Land Use Code."

Corrections

"1. ADU owner occupancy covenant: For your information. The ADU covenant was not recorded, however due to a recent change in ADU code, the owner occupancy covenant is no longer required.
2. ADU square footage. Per SMC 23.44.041, ADUs are limited to 1000 sq ft."

Original comment was "Please provide an ADU diagram showing which portions are counted toward the stated 708 sq ft. If required ADU parking is provided in a garage, the portion of garage needs to be included in ADU square footage."

Latest comment was "Due to a recent change (8/8/19) in ADU regulations, required parking for ADUs is no longer required. If you would like to not provide ADU parking on site, please contact me directly for more information on how to revise the permit application."

Will the new house be 2,500 sq feet or less as also required by the new code, or is the SDCI planner allowing them both a larger than allowed house AND a 1000 sq ft ADU?

There does not appear to be even an arborist report or a permit for the large front yard tree that was removed. We believe the City did not know. The caliper of the trunk appears to be well over the 30-inch DBH trunk size threshold for most trees like this.

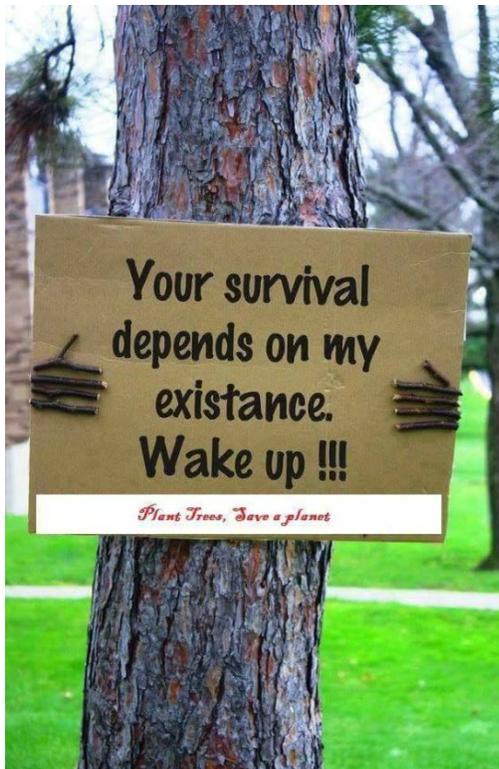
David Moehring
for TreePAC

*(not clear what "New Impervious Surface: 510 SF" and "New Plus Replaced Impervious Surface: 2528" means...)





Record Snapshot	212 KB	06/28/19	6718865-CN	Construction Permit
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Site Photos	48 MB	03/04/19	001007-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Map	202 KB	02/20/19	001007-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Site Plan	202 KB	02/20/19	001007-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application



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Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 8:45 AM

To: O'Brien, Mike <Mike.O'Brien@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>

Cc: neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com; seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>; treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net; Carolyn Rodenberg <carolyn@1sustainableplanet.org>; Lynn Fitz-Hugh <lynn.fitzhugh@earthlink.net>; Jessica Dixon-Horton <bardjess@msn.com>; Anne Siems <annesiemsart@gmail.com>; bscg_katzenberger@outlook.com; Kaplan, Martin <mhk@martinhenrykaplan.com>; sabrosio@comcast.net; ediebirk@gmail.com; carriefrankenburg@gmail.com; chuckaross@gmail.com; BetsyLRoss@gmail.com; sarahconeill@gmail.com; dihong.shao@dhsengineers.com; sdeforest@foxrothschild.com; llsnider2000@yahoo.com; Kim@Kim-Mulligan.com; mblums@gmail.com; judi@writeguru.com; astanko@comcast.net; carldahlman1@comcast.net; brgovmail@rulifson.com; patti.loesche@gmail.com; bspinazze@sbcglobal.net; 'Barbara Bernard' via Magnolia Tree Keepers - All messages <Magnolia-tree-keepers_all@googlegroups.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Oct 1 massive tree removed before DADU application 3 days later

CAUTION: External Email

Yet another example that Seattle residents have been deceived and why a stronger tree ordinance and stronger enforcement are long overdue:

536 N 67TH ST

On Oct 1st 2019, TreePAC reported a massive tree in the process of being removed without a permit or any sign of a development. No reaction from the city except 'not my problem'.

Surprise, what shows up at the Department of Construction and Inspections just 3 days later after the tree chopping on October 4th is an DADU application along with several parking spaces being including within the area where the once massive environmental workhorse stood. In fact, the Department's recent EDMS record now clearly shows the stump of the removed casualty.

Primary Applicant: Akasha Whoolery has done many of these projects in the city of Seattle. Is this okay for our City stewards to look the other way? How will this be remedied for urban heat island, carbon sequestration, and natural habitats/ pathways?

This is an embarrassment.

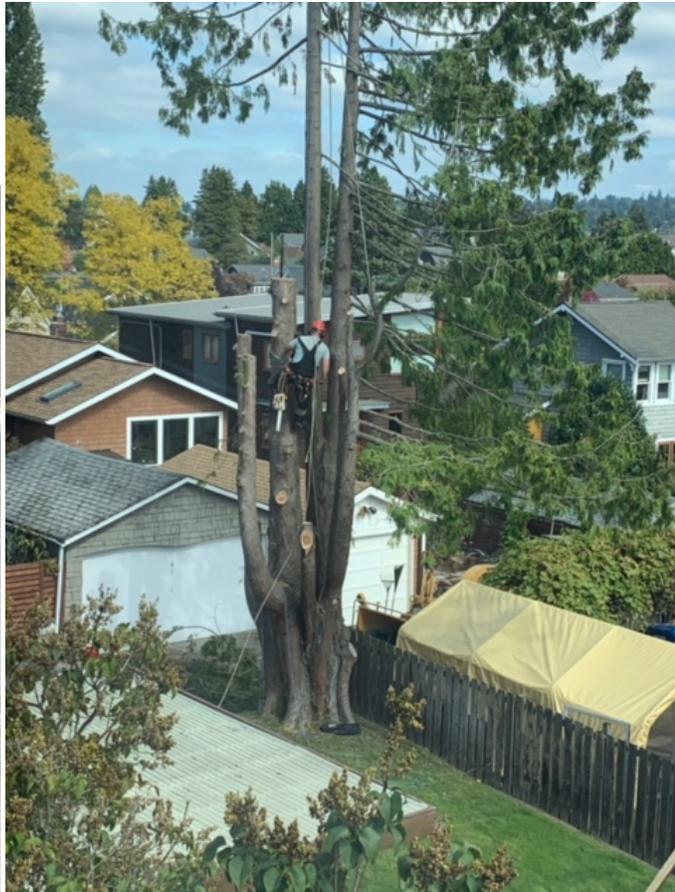
David Moehring
TreePAC Board member



Per <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/>

Check out the Record 005294-19PA:

Preliminary Assessment Report	136 KB	10/17/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Site Photos	36 MB	10/11/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
PASV Authorization Letter	18 KB	10/08/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
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Site Plan	105 KB	10/04/19		



From: michael graham <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 7:05 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Suzanne Grant <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 7:10 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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An exceptional Tulip Tree in my neighborhood is planned to be cut down by Alex Mason, developer, and has been approved by SDCI since he can't build as much as he wants to on the site. This is a travesty! Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

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From: Colleen Weinstein <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:17 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Elaine Hickman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 10:15 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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Elaine Hickman

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From: Toby Thaler <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 9:00 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please fund the maximum amount for maintaining Seattle's urban forest.

We are losing trees faster than they are growing.

thanks

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Toby Thaler

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From: Rose Yu <rosehyu@me.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 3:35 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep our mature trees

CAUTION: External Email

Hello,

Here is a beautiful tree that is slated to be chopped. I gave feedback when they asked for it but to no avail.

If you do a search in my area I bet you'd see lots of them have been cut down or will be cut down.

Pls help. Thanks.





Rose Yu

Sent from my iPhone

From: David Pike <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 2:48 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Annie Thoe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 8:18 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please Vote YES today for providing money for Natural Capital Assessment today. We need to provide a budget provide money for Natural Capital Assessment. In a time of dire climate crisis we need to protect our tree resources more than ever and should make sure we have funds. Assessing our trees is critical if we intend to have a decent tree protection, maintenance and stewardship plan for the city. No more delays! We need our trees more than ever— with illegal cutting, clear-cutting and with rapid development. Neighborhoods have 80% of our mature trees. Particularly as we build without mandatory enforcement or demands for tree replacements or planning new parks near giant developments with no trees. Without funds, there is no hope for a green, livable Seattle and we will be responsible for more air and water pollution, flooding noise, rising temperatures for future generations.

Thank you so much for working for a healthier, more vibrant future in Seattle.

All the best,

Annie Thoe

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From: Melinda Mueller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am a long-time resident of Ballard. All over my neighborhood, I see trees being lost to development, and I have no confidence they are being replaced elsewhere. On my block, two small houses are now abandoned because of a coming multi-plex development. There are a dozen trees on the two lots, including some quite mature ones. The development plan shows virtually edge-to-edge building and parking, so there's no space for trees of significant size.

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From: Deanne Marie <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Cynthia Rose <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:20 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Please do the tree assessment!!!

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From: Jenny Estep <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:53 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have noticed that many of the large cedar and hemlock trees in my neighborhood are dying, including many of the trees at Calvary Cemetery. One of our neighbor's cedars fell into our yard last year, narrowly missing our house.

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Jenny Estep

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From: Celia Topalian <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 5:36 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Since moving to District 6, into a house with a lot devoid of trees, I have planted 11 parking strip trees (corner lot), and 5 yard trees. Because of location restrictions I suspect that none of these trees will reach the height needed for bird habitat and effective shade. I am aware that Seattle's parking strip trees are protected, in that they cannot be removed unless they show evidence of disease, and that trim work is to be provided by certified arborists. I also notice that developers of multi-family sites aren't held to the same standards as residential homeowners. Within a few blocks of my house, on a corner lot on Greenwood, 5 LARGE healthy trees were removed from the parking strips. Of course, they will be replaced, but how long will it take for them to reach the height of the trees removed? 30 years? Further,

Seattle's lot coverage limits aren't what they used to be which was roughly 30% of the lot. Does the lot include the sidewalk? and parking strip, and part of the street? Why is this information so hard to get from the city?

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From: Kim Sather <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 8:42 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Kjersten Gmeiner <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 8:32 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: National Organization for Women Seattle Chapter urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

WHEREAS Seattle's trees and urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure that (a) reduces air pollution, stormwater runoff, and climate change impacts like heat-island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and (b) is important for the physical and mental health of Seattle residents: and

WHEREAS the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has drafted, at the suggestion of several City Council members, an updated Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance consistent with the eight recommendations specified by the Council in Section 6 of its Resolution 31870, which would:

- a. increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring, in each land-use zone in the city, a permit for removal and replacement of any tree over 6" DBH, whether on developed property or property being developed;

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- e. allow no more than two significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;
- 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.

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 National Organization for Women Seattle Chapter, Kjersten Gmeiner, President

Kjersten Gmeiner

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From: Bill Bronecke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 10:23 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 9:55 AM

To: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Harrell, Bruce <Bruce.Harrell@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.O'Brien@seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; Holmes, Peter <Peter.Holmes@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>

Cc: David Moehring <Dmoehring@consultant.com>; Steve Zemke <stevezemke@msn.com>; Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>

Subject: Another illegal tree removal but 'No Violation' according to SDCI - HZW Investigation (Housing, Zoning, Weeds) (3124017) 6517 Ravenna AVE NE

CAUTION: External Email

Dear all who can have an effect on the tree codes in Seattle,

I have just received yet another notification of the closure of my complaint for illegal tree removals, with the response of 'No Violation' despite there being NO PERMITS on file for removal, NO PLANS for development and NO HAZARD trees on site.

I reported the illegal tree cutting after hearing about it from neighbours locally. I complained with "Unpermitted removal of at least 6 trees over 6" DBH, and it looks as though at least another 6 trees larger than 6" DBH are marked for removal, including 'Exceptional' trees, one of 89" DBH Lombardii poplar tree. I have photographs of the stumps and have measured all of the trees as of Saturday Sept 21st. Due to the nature of the site as it is, I do not believe the company removing the trees is a licensed tree service, so L&I should be contacted also. Some trees may be SDOT trees."

Shantel McEachin was the SDCI inspector who has bizarrely found there to be NO VIOLATION, despite the removal of more than at least 6 trees larger than 6" DSH, which was the case when I first saw the site and took measurements and photographs for proof. Since then, more trees have been removed, leaving only a couple of trees left on the sight, but they look to be next on the list, given the way the site looks currently.

How can this be a 'No Violation' complaint when there has been logs, branches, woodchips, and stumps still visible from the time I made my complaint almost one month ago? If this is not a development site, which according to the lack of documents on the online portal, then this is a blatant violation of SMC 25.11 as more than 3 Significant Trees have been removed in one year, and some of the trees are 'Exceptional' and they likely would have been considered a grove as there seems to have been numerous cherry trees and maples with touching canopies.

I have attached some photographs for additional evidence, and would appreciate a response with a detailed explanation as to why this illegal removal yet again is being found as 'No Violation'.

What is the point in a Tree Protection Code when the Department managing it at ignoring it, or simply have inspectors that do not understand it, or care about it?

Again, I remain highly disappointment in SDCI and the City of Seattle, in their apparent disregard for the care of trees.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 4:07 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Cc: seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>; McElroy, Shanyanika <Shanyanika.McElroy@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com

Subject: Clearcutting Tree Grove abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you for allowing public comment on the **9666 51st Ave S**. With at least 50 requests to PRC@seattle.gov, please hold a public meeting to review the environmental and landuse issues of the proposed clear-cutting of a large wooded lot bordering Kubota Gardens.

This is yet another reason why Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance.



Parcel 7131300100; Owned by Amerinor Holding, Lot area 62,726 sq ft

FACTS:

- A tribe sent in a public comment asking that the dam be removed to protect the fish population. Besides the dam on this property, there are 4 other dams, all within 200 feet of each other, 2 up stream and 2 downstream, and on Parks property.
- Another Correction letter requires the plans be revised to indicate the abutting Kubota Gardens Natural Area. The current version merely says there is a park within 100'.

- About 6 years ago another project on the southern boundary of Kubota Garden sought a 29 unit project on 5 acres in a wetland buffer on the upstream edge of the garden on S 55th St.. Fortunately, Seattle Parks purchased the 5 acres from them for \$5 million.

We know of lot subdivisions within Single-Family zone, but since when does SDCI allow selling 9 homes on one 62,726 sq ft lot within a SF-7200 zone? Is the owners at Amerinor Holding looking for a contract rezone from SF-7200 to LR1 in order to allow multiple family dwellings on this lot? Will any of these nine homes be set aside as affordable housing? Is Seattle that desperate to take away more park-like land in lieu of redeveloping run-down existing properties that have no adjacency to a Seattle nature habitat?

It was my understanding that in order to build nine market-rate and unaffordable homes on this deep lot that a subdivision of a lot should be pursued instead on the proposed unit lots. Please review carefully the code sections that are applicable to single-family zones compared to multifamily zones. See that plans of the project that referenced SMC 23.22.062:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3341073>

This was sent in this Streams report :

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3318786>

- **SUMMARY OF POINTS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING IF CALLED FOR BY AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE:**
- This 900' long X 100' wide parcel that crosses Mapes Creek & a Category 4 wetland.
- The September 16th, 2019 Site Plan Cycle 8 for MUP 3018093 shows this project I have been monitoring for a long time has been reactivated.
- This unbuilt natural site is zoned SF7200, but the 9 unit lots in the 1.44 acre site are only 4,000 sq ft. Since when is the 75/80 lot division rule ignored for lots like this?
- A 1-31-19 Corrections letter from Parks asks if the applicant considered a deed to the city for the creek area on the east side of the site. They would like to own it as done adjacent to this lot. Why is the City willing to accept a Conservation Easement?
- Parcel F is part of separate lot that appears to be shelved in the current application. Parcel F was previously included in a design that did not have adequate driveway turn radius's for fire trucks, due to the narrow 100' width of the majority of the site.
- What enforcement is being pursued by SDCI on the existig tree grove and two Exceptional trees? The plans only mention 1 of the Exceptional Trees, and does NOT mention the Grove, but they are not close to each other. Both Exceptional trees are extra large, and thus are deal-breakers in the existing design. Each of the trees would cost an entire lot to save.

To quote the Arborist Report, the forest is so dense that plotting the trees on the plan 'presents real problems'. So does that warrant the arborist to avoid plotting any trees?

David Moehring
TreePAC and concerned Seattle resident.

Let's build a community by following the Codes.

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 6:38 PM

To: Sharon LeVine <sweetumsseattle@yahoo.com>; Ivy Tabbara <ivyarai@gmail.com>; ecmishaol.com <ecmish@aol.com>; reed lyons <ardvarkeng@gmail.com>; Suzanne Grant <suzanne@grantharper.net>
Cc: Shannon Standish <shannons@twist-design.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Final autumn for healthy Exceptional tulip tree on 2813 4th Ave West ?

CAUTION: External Email

Neighbors of the Exceptional tulip tree,

After seeing this, there is no doubt that Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance and enforcement. Thank you neighbors for the challenge!





From: Jane Rockhold <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 8:36 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Thank you for your consideration of this highly important matter.

Jane Rockhold

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From: Jennifer Nelson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 4:38 PM
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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From: Rebecca Kelley <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 6:51 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I'll leave the opening paragraph. But please read on.

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From: R Kelley <rkelly@halcyon.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 7:16 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree protection

CAUTION: External Email

I have written the following via Save Our Trees.

I originally contacted the Urban Forestry Commission re: **Project # 3028516; 11340 23rd Ave. NE.**

Please enter the following as part of your public record:

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From: Abigail Jarret <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 7:51 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: We Need More Trees Now!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am writing to inform you of an increasing concern that has become apparent in my own Northeast Seattle neighborhood. The once-Emerald City is losing its trees. In the few blocks around my home, dozens of trees have been removed in the past few months alone. These include a whole street of old and beautiful trees bordering Roosevelt High School. In all cases, these trees were tagged by the city for removal. However, I see no efforts made to replant trees. All that is left are empty spaces.

Now more than ever, this city needs its tree canopy. Before any settlers arrived on this land, the entire area that is now Seattle was an old-growth forest. It is our responsibility to restore that forest as much as we are able, while still maintaining our growing and vibrant city. There is no reason why we cannot have both. What it takes is commitment from the city government, and investment in protecting our existing trees and planting new ones. This is what people would like to see our tax money doing. Plant new trees and reap the benefits now, and later.

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I hope you will take this into consideration as you plan for the future. Without trees our city is nothing special. With trees, we are truly a beacon for the future and a place of beauty for the

present.

Respectfully,
Abigail Jarret

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From: Deborah Stewart <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 8:35 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The mayor and city council must protect our city's trees as well as its citizens because they are an essential part of a livable city. Replacing trees lost to development is extremely important during this growth period.

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From: John Lombard <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Update the Tree Ordinance!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle needs trees--not just in its parks, greenbelts, and natural areas, but in its neighborhoods, where we spend most of our lives. Trees are compatible with growth and development--at a regional scale, where we depend on people voluntarily choosing to live in denser urban areas to protect rural areas and natural systems, trees are part of the quality of life that can attract people to city living. They are part of what attracts me to my northeast Seattle neighborhood, where Thornton Creek, its tributaries, and their protected riparian areas provide a natural character to our community.

The City Council passed the current tree ordinance as a temporary measure a decade ago. It's long past time for the Council to pass a stronger, more effective ordinance--and you've got a good model for it right now, recommended by the City's own Urban Forestry Commission. It is important to pass it, but at least as important to provide the resources to enforce it, and to direct new planting efforts to parts of the City that have long been neglected, out of environmental justice and simple equity. Please act!

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From: Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 10:10 AM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Re: Clearcutting Tree Grove abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

CAUTION: External Email

The rear 400' of the lot is a creek, thus, unbuildable.

They must want credit for the unbuildable portion to cram in more undersized lots in the subdivision.

At the least, we want the 2 exceptional trees saved, which would require fewer lots to set back the driplines 50' from the construction envelope.

On October 27, 2019 at 4:07 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Thank you for allowing public comment on the **9666 51st Ave S**. With at **least 50 requests to PRC@seattle.gov**, please hold a public meeting to review the environmental and landuse issues of the proposed clear-cutting of a large wooded lot bordering Kubota Gardens.

This is yet another reason why Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance.



Parcel 7131300100; Owned by Amerinor Holding, Lot area 62,726 sq ft

FACTS:

- A tribe sent in a public comment asking that the dam be removed to protect the fish population. Besides the dam on this property, there are 4 other dams, all within 200 feet of each other, 2 up stream and 2 downstream, and on Parks property.

- Another Correction letter requires the plans be revised to indicate the abutting Kubota Gardens Natural Area. The current version merely says there is a park within 100'.
- About 6 years ago another project on the southern boundary of Kubota Garden sought a 29 unit project on 5 acres in a wetland buffer on the upstream edge of the garden on S 55th St.. Fortunately, Seattle Parks purchased the 5 acres from them for \$5 million.

We know of lot subdivisions within Single-Family zone, but since when does SDCI allow selling 9 homes on one 62,726 sq ft lot within a SF-7200 zone? Is the owners at Amerinor Holding looking for a contract rezone from SF-7200 to LR1 in order to allow multiple family dwellings on this lot? Will any of these nine homes be set aside as affordable housing? Is Seattle that desperate to take away more park-like land in lieu of redeveloping run-down existing properties that have no adjacency to a Seattle nature habitat?

It was my understanding that in order to build nine market-rate and unaffordable homes on this deep lot that a subdivision of a lot should be pursued instead on the proposed unit lots. Please review carefully the code sections that are applicable to single-family zones compared to multifamily zones. See that plans of the project that referenced SMC 23.22.062:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3341073>

This was sent in this Streams report :

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3318786>

- **SUMMARY OF POINTS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING IF CALLED FOR BY AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE:**
- This 900' long X 100' wide parcel that crosses Mapes Creek & a Category 4 wetland.
- The September 16th, 2019 Site Plan Cycle 8 for MUP 3018093 shows this project I have been monitoring for a long time has been reactivated.
- This unbuilt natural site is zoned SF7200, but the 9 unit lots in the 1.44 acre site are only 4,000 sq ft. Since when is the 75/80 lot division rule ignored for lots like this?
- A 1-31-19 Corrections letter from Parks asks if the applicant considered a deed to the city for the creek area on the east side of the site. They would like to own it as done adjacent to this lot. Why is the City willing to accept a Conservation Easement?
- Parcel F is part of separate lot that appears to be shelved in the current application. Parcel F was previously included in a design that did not have adequate driveway turn radius's for fire trucks, due to the narrow 100' width of the majority of the site.
- What enforcement is being pursued by SDCI on the existig tree grove and two Exceptional trees? The plans only mention 1 of the Exceptional Trees, and does NOT mention the Grove, but they are not close to each other. Both Exceptional trees are extra large, and thus are deal-breakers in the existing design. Each of the trees would cost an entire lot to save.

To quote the Arborist Report, the forest is so dense that plotting the trees on the plan 'presents real problems'. So does that warrant the arborist to avoid plotting any trees?

David Moehring

TreePAC and concerned Seattle resident.

Let's build a community by following the Codes.

From: Andrew Grueter <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's forests are nearly all gone. We are lucky by comparison to have some remnants, and we must not let property developers and uninformed residents remove the last of our life support systems.

Healthy forests provide clean water, clean air, crucial wildlife habitat, food resources, mental health benefits, carbon sequestration, property value increases, and more.

Allowing the last of our trees to be swept out of the way for another bezos project, or another real estate mogul is inexcusable.

Additionally, I'd advocate for stronger protections than this proposal does, especially easily enforceable consequences for permittees and perpetrators such as fines, property seizure, and stronger mitigation requirements.

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 5:44 PM
To: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
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<ecmish@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Final autumn for healthy Exceptional tulip tree on 2813 4th Ave West ?

CAUTION: External Email

Ha! Who are those blokes or Sheilas?

So the public records we recently received showing about 7000 trees lost since 2003 might turn some heads more than images of this glorious tulip tree? (I glanced at the spreadsheet very quickly !)

Genocide might be a strong term to use here... but it seems like there is a lack of transparency.

Sent using the mail.com mail app

On 10/28/19 at 6:49 AM, Stuart Niven wrote:

> But we have been told by those more important and powerful than us
> lowly types, that there is 'no cumulative negative effect to the
> environment by removing this tree' so we should not worry ourselves
> with such trivial issues as tree protection.

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> Thank you and kind regards,

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> Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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> On Sun, Oct 27, 2019 at 6:38 PM David Moehring

> <dmoehring@consultant.com>

> wrote:

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>> Neighbors of the Exceptional tulip tree,

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>> After seeing this, there is no doubt that Seattle needs a stronger

>> tree ordinance and enforcement.

>> Thank you neighbors for the challenge!

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