

## Urban Forestry Commission

### January 27, 2010 DRAFT Retreat Meeting Summary

Jefferson Horticulture Building Conference Room  
1600 S. Dakota Street 9:00am – 2:00pm

#### **Attending**

##### Commissioners

Elizabetha Stacishin-Moura, Chair  
John Small  
Kirk Prindle  
Peg Staeheli  
John Hushagen  
Gordon Bradley  
Matt Mega, Vice-Chair  
Jeff Reibman

##### Staff

Tracy Morgenstern, OSE  
Brennon Staley, DPD  
Brent Schmidt, SCL  
Jana Dilley, OSE  
Mark Mead, Parks  
Nolan Rundquist, SDOT  
Darren Morgan, SDOT  
Shane Dewald, SDOT

##### Public

Andrea Okonski, Melissa Poe, Rich Ellison,  
Michael Oxman, Margaret Thouless

#### **Staff Presentations**

Staff provided presentations on:

Canopy cover, City flyover, UFMP overview, resident survey results, City tree planting and maintenance, Green Seattle Partnership, incentive programs, regulations, and audit findings.

#### **Exercise**

Commissioners participated in a brainstorming exercise responding to four questions and an open opportunity to offer ideas. The ideas were captured by staff. The questions were:

- How do we increase the quality and quantity of street tree maintenance, given the fact that the majority of street trees are privately maintained? Many of the oldest and largest street trees in the city are the maintenance responsibility of abutting property owners.
- How can tree protection regulations limit tree removal without discouraging planting and while accommodating other uses such as light access, solar panels, views, gardens, etc?
- How can we provide cost-effective incentives to encourage planting and retention in order to make trees a benefit rather than a burden?
- With limited City resources, how can we make progress in promoting the value of trees and inspiring tree retention, care, and planting?
- Other thoughts

#### **Lunch**

Councilmember Licata addressed the Commissioners.

**Workplan Discussion**

Members discussed the process for developing their workplan. It was decided that staff would provide the 5-Year Implementation Strategy for the UFMP in advance of the next regular meeting (February 3, 2010) to help commissioners consider what issues to take up and how to best organize into committees.

Members also requested that DPD staff begin the discussion of tree protection regulations at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Elizabeta Stacishin-Moura, Chair  
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