

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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Jessica Jones (Position #12 – Public Health) • **Shari Selch** (Position #13 – Community/Neighborhood)

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

April 8, 2020

Meeting Notes

Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 2750 (27th floor)
700 5th Avenue, Seattle

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair
Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair
Steven Fry
Elby Jones
Jessica Jones
Stuart Niven
Shari Selch
Blake Voorhees
Steve Zemke

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE
Lyliana Allala - OSE

Guests

Elijah Selch

Public

None

Absent- Excused

Whit Bouton
Neeeyati Johnson
Josh Morris
Michael Walton

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

Public comment

None

Green New Deal briefing

Lyliana Allala – Lyli is the Climate Justice Director at OSE. Joined OSE not quite a year ago with a different role and was recently appointed to Climate Justice Director. She is using the foundational work

from the City's Equity and Environmental Initiative and working to incorporate that into the climate work OSE is doing. The Green New Deal (GND) is an example of the work she will be leading. The GND began as a youth movement and was elevated by Ocasio Cortez when she joined congress. CM O'Brien supported this effort last year. Communities of color, Puget Sound Sage, Got Green and other partners participated in putting together the GND, which is a multicultural movement and engages those most heavily impacted by environmental injustice.

The COVID-19 pandemic is having an impact on everyone's work. She is in the process of re-assessing the timeline. Current restrictions on travel and public gatherings are impacting this effort, especially for our most vulnerable communities that are experiencing lack of access to technology among other disadvantages.

The City's Internal budget has shifted. All hiring is on pause as staff has pivoted to COVID-19 response while dealing with the challenge of existing workloads as well.

Lyli shared the different documents supporting the GND:

- Executive Order [2020-01](#): Advancing a Green New Deal for Seattle
- Resolution [31895](#): relating to a Green New Deal for Seattle; establishing goals, identifying actions necessary to meet these goals, affirming the federal Green New Deal resolution, and calling for the federal government to enact policies to advance a Green New Deal.
- Ordinance [125926](#): relating to the Green New Deal for Seattle; establishing the Green New Deal Oversight Board; providing compensation for those who incur a financial hardship by their participation on the Board; requesting that the Office of Sustainability and Environment create an interdepartmental team to advance the Green New Deal for Seattle; amending Section 3.14.970 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Section 3.14.979 to the Seattle Municipal Code.
- Green New Deal [video](#)

The GND oversight board will have 19 members:

- Eight members of communities currently facing racial, economic, and environmental injustice
- Three representatives of organizations engaged in environmental justice work
- Four representatives of labor unions
- Three individuals with technical expertise
- One representative from a workforce training organization

Eight members will be appointed by the Mayor, eight by Council and the Board itself will appoint three of its members. Recruitment for members has not yet started.

The City's GND team include staff from:

- Office of Sustainability & Environment
- Department of Transportation
- Seattle City Light
- Seattle Public Utilities
- Office of Economic Development
- Department of Neighborhoods
- Finance and Administrative Services Department
- Office of Planning and Community Development
- Office of Housing
- Seattle Parks and Recreation

- City Budget Office
- Department of Human Resources
- Department of Construction and Inspections
- Mayor's Office
- City Council Central staff, and
- Others as needed

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Climate Crisis and Green New Deal integration

Steven introduced the topic. He has been looking at climate action goals and the GND. Trying to identify ways for the UFC to get involved. How can the UFC best support these efforts? Green spaces are vital for Seattle for many reasons, air quality, combating heat island effect, etc. This could be an opportunity to direct green investment to create a job pipeline for communities of color. UFC would seek direction from GND board (and the Environmental Justice Committee) to find ways to engage in this effort.

The UFC discussed ways for the UFC to ensure that the creation and maintenance of green space has a clear immediate priority of GND. Steven to produce strategy document to capture ideas for discussion in May.

Sandra will coordinate with Lyli to make sure the UFC visits both the Environmental Justice Committee and the GND Oversight Board to discuss UFC priorities and ways to support the GND.

Briefing coordination and letter drafting process guideline

Sarah framed the conversation by reminding the group of the feedback received the last time this was discussed. Commissioners discussed the draft and found the guidelines useful.

ACTION: A motion to approve the document as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

Seattle Parks District and GSP funding

Weston mentioned that SPR finalized their strategic plan.

Sandra explained the difference between the Green Seattle Partnership Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) that Council asked Seattle Parks and Recreation to respond to and the funding provided by the Parks District.

SLI SPR-6A2 asks for a progress report from Parks on the Green Seattle Partnership Program and asked a series of specific questions:

1. Forest Restoration Progress: what is the status of the acres involved in the program?
 - a. Total number of acres enrolled
 - b. Number of acres in establishment phases 2-3
 - c. Number of acres that have reached the final phase
 - d. Number of acres remaining to be enrolled
 - e. Number of additional acres beyond the original goal of 2,500
2. Volunteers: how many volunteer hours have been leveraged to make this program successful
3. Community leadership: how many forest stewards are trained as volunteer and forest restoration experts?

4. Youth: what kind of youth engagement has the program accomplished?
 - a. Number of schools/students engaged
 - b. Percentage of the total volunteer house that are youth
 - c. Number of youth leadership opportunities/programs involved
5. Challenges: what are the challenges and barriers to completing the remaining work of restoring more than 2,500 acres of park land?
6. Investments: what are the estimated resources that have been invested to date by implementation partners, volunteer hours, and City funding?
7. Funding: what funding and resources (please list/describe separate for FTE for field, program and volunteer management, materials, contracts, etc.) are need to:
 - a. Enroll the remaining acres into phase 1 restoration
 - b. Move remaining acres into phase 4
 - c. Maintain acres in phase 4 between 2020 and 2025
 - d. Maintain all phase 4 long-term annually beyond 2025
8. Extended impacts: what are the unintended benefits that have resulted and resources leveraged (e.g. research, additional funding, etc.) from the partnership?
9. Neighborhood benefits: are there opportunities for these projects to better serve the needs of our neighborhoods and provide a greater degree of environmental services even more than it does currently?
10. Access to nature: how can we enhance the passive recreation offered by these properties as we also ensure they maintain a high degree of ecological integrity?

Sandra will ask Seattle Parks staff to come present progress on the SLI to the UFC.

UFC will begin putting together documents supporting the Parks District and Green Seattle Partnership funding to send when appropriate.

Public comment

None

Adjourn

Weston adjourned the meeting

Public input:

(see next page and posted notes)

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:03 PM

To: William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com>; Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Cc: michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Tage Nickerson <tage@platsplus.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; seattletreelossgooglegroups.com <seattletreeloss@googlegroups.com>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>

Subject: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Good afternoon Planner Vasquez-

In times like these, it is not Seattle fortunate to have an **urban forest to filter and clean the air** from pollutant gases and undesired particulates by trapping them on leaves and bark.

<https://www.treepeople.org/tree-benefits>

Dense urban populations and those areas with few trees are not so fortunate. In New York City and Chicago, virus cases have been doubling every 2 to 4 days. Although the correlation between COVID-19 and urban forests is still speculation, there is documented proof that parts of cities with **fewer trees have greater health issues** compared to those areas with more trees. Seattle is no exception. As such, density and urban tree canopies must be considered hand-in-hand.

For southeast Seattle, it is time to get to the virtual table on urban forest clearings. A publicly-requested meeting about a 4-acre tree clearing in southeast Seattle has been ignored for the past three months and needs to be attended to. This is all the more critical with the danger of additional tree grove clearings in the immediate of the **areas surrounding Kubota Gardens**.

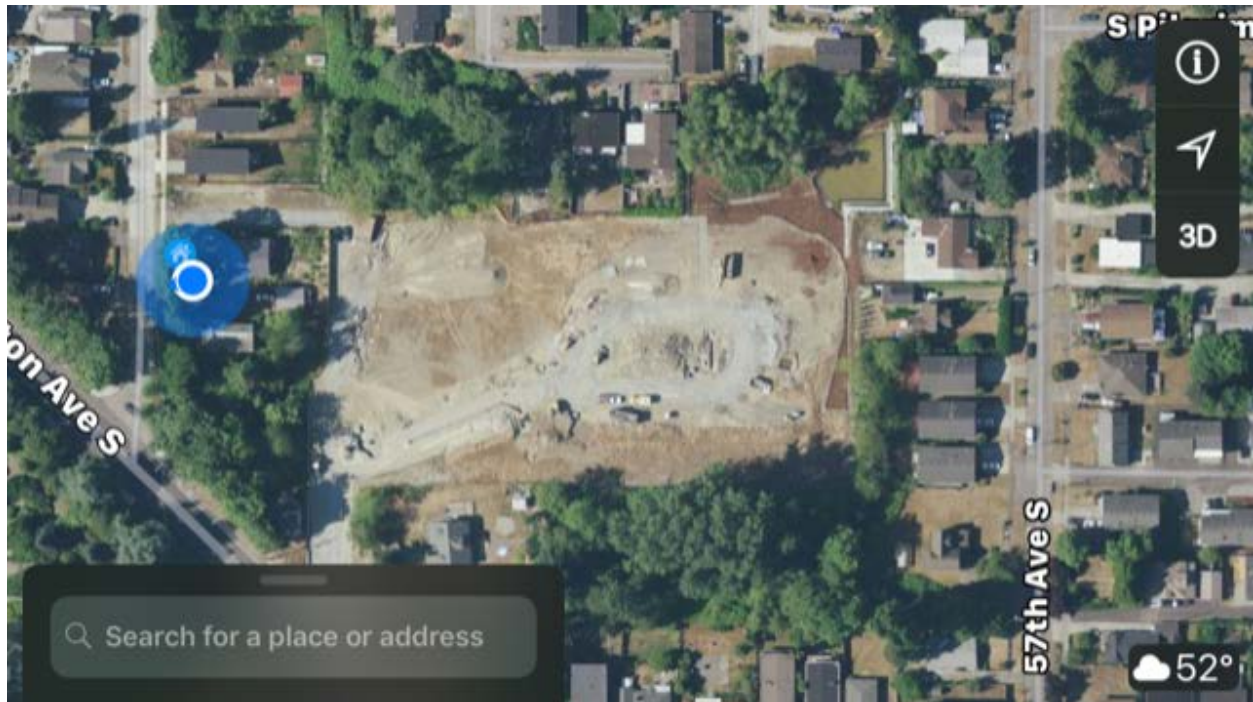
We know that you value Seattle's tree canopy. We all realize the difficult times with the COVID-19 physical distancing, so if you need assistance in setting up a virtual meeting with Zoom, GoToMeeting, or any other platform, please do not hesitate. Councilmember for this district, Tammy Morales, is conducting at this moment a their first of several virtual town halls!

For the TreePAC membership and those impacted by the immediate area loss of nine tree groves and several exceptional trees,

David Moehring

A public meeting was requested on early January 2020 for these addresses and application numbers:
3034697-LU 9668 LINDSAY PL S ,

3034698-LU 9670 LINDSAY PL S ,
3034699-LU 9672 LINDSAY PL S ,
3034700-LU 9674 LINDSAY PL S ,
3034702-LU 9676 LINDSAY PL S ,
3034703-LU 9678 LINDSAY PL S .



Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 at 4:27 PM

From: "William Millhollin" <william@nwpermit.com>

To: michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>

Cc: "Stuart Niven" <panorarbor@gmail.com>, tammy.morales@seattle.gov, "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>, "Vasquez, Colin" <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>, "Tage Nickerson" <tage@platsplus.com>

Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Hello Michael & All,

Thank you very much for including us here. Please let me know if you have a date and time in mind to visit the property and construction site area so that we can make sure that either Tage or myself are available to walk everyone through the site. Please keep in mind that these are active construction areas so we want everyone to be safe. We would love to take part in your meeting and discussion, if you are interested then please let us know, Tage or I can answer any questions you have while on site.

The K2 Short Plat for 6 new lots that is currently in review and adjacent to the Kubota East Village Subdivision where you have pictures shown. As we are still in design for preliminary platting, not all elements are exact or solid just yet but we are hoping this next round of correction responses will address the concerns raised so far by the public and by reviewers.

Please let me know if there anything I can send over at this time. We are striving to reply to all public comments, so certainly submit any questions you have and I will get them answered.

Have a great day and weekend

On Fri, Feb 21, 2020 at 9:49 AM michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net> wrote:

Howdy Councilmember Tammy Morales,

Thanks for tackling some of the environmental urban forestry issues in southeast Seattle.

There is a spot across the street from Kubota Garden we would like you to tour with us this weekend.

It is a proposed subdivision that would require bulldozing dozens of mature trees.

Today I received the attached email from the city planning official that says the arborist report is unavailable, even though the permit application is several years old, and even though public comment period closed on January 1st, 2020.

My concern is that the requirement hasn't been fulfilled that the permit application must answer the question: "Does the project maximize the retention of existing trees?".

Please see that the planning department releases the arborist report in time for our tour this weekend.

Please see the attached 3 photos of the 90' tall forest proposed for removal.

Thanks !

Michael Oxman
ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0756A
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----- Original message -----

From: William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com>
Date: 2/20/20 4:25 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
Cc: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>, "Vasquez, Colin" <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>, Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>, Tague Nickerson <tague@platsplus.com>
Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Hello David,

I hope all is going well.

I wanted to follow up on our response email here to see if you had any comments or questions regarding these responses?

Have a great day

On Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 6:44 PM William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com> wrote:
Hello David,

Thank you for your patience as we work through our response here. I want to clarify a couple statements here but I also have your questions answered in blue below each listed item.

- 3/14/2013 Greenwater sold to Van Veeny and Le Phong

7/14/2016 Van Veeny sold to Kubota Village 28 LLC (Us)

- I am still unclear about what you mean here by Greenbelt, I understand the term but we have not seen a state or municipal zoning designation for this area as Greenbelt or Wildlife Habitat, can you send over any info you have on this?

Simple questions are good to set the framework relative to a Kubota Village discussion:

a) how large was this land and who owned it before being subdivided?

- The land has changed in shape and size over time through land division and change in ownership through sales of those portions of land at various points in time. Greenwater Construction is the previous owner who you might be referring to. The development known as the Kubota East Village which completed initial platting in 2016 "originally" consisted of land totaling approximately 2.8ac.

b) why was it first developed a few years ago compared to other parcels around it?

- The permitting and development process for this site has been done in "phases" in order to most effectively expedite portions of development ahead of other portions so things like utilities, grading and roadways could be under construction as we wait for other larger permitting reviews to take their time.

c) was a tree inventory prepared including species, size, height, photos, and condition of the trees?

- Yes

d) if so, was it prepared by a certified arborist?

- Yes

e) how many trees were within a protected tree grove, and how many tree groves?

- I am getting confirmation on the final arborist report to send over to you as some documents date back prior to my involvement. I should be able to send this over on Wednesday.

f) how many significant trees were Exceptional trees? ... Hazardous trees?

- The arborist report will contain all of this information for you.

g) why were all the trees cleared and lots subdivided regardless of categorically protected trees?

- All trees that were allowed to be cleared were done according to the Zoning at the time and per any other land use conditions of the plat.

h) did the Department ask to see a site plan with all the protected trees identified?

- Yes, all trees are identified within the plat plans to match the Arborist Report.

i) if so, did the Department ask to see alternative lot division options to identify the maximum retention of existing significant trees?

- Kubota East Village is a very old subdivision that went through council review so I believe multiple renditions of the plan were conceived but were also limited to review under the 2005 Zoning ordinance which had more lenient restrictions here. This subdivision was not subject to the same restrictions that a new subdivision would be today due to its vesting period.

j) why were some of the subdivided lots less than 4,000 sq ft in size within a SF-5000 zone?

- The 2005 Zoning had different allowances at that time but also credits and exceptions can apply when public and open spaces are included as part of a plat or subdivision.

k) with the SMC requiring at least 2-inches of tree caliper for every 1000 sq ft of land area, where are these new trees on the lots being prepared for sale?

- New trees for each homes if required or desired for each lot would be located under each individual Building Permit for each lot.

l) with this large site being cleared of trees, how many of the properties are being sold as affordable units verses market-rate units? Or in other more direct words, what commitments or promises were made prior to the development applications to the community members and to the City Council or mayor that this development would achieve in terms of providing affordable housing for Seattle?

- No affordable housing requirements exist for this subdivision due to its vested 2005 Zoning.

As a general statement I understand your questions here related to the Kubota East Village and am happy to discuss further, but the permits here for comment are for a separate short plat unrelated to the Kubota East Village in terms of Land Use or Zoning conditions. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this (K2) Short Plat and we would be happy to answer them also. As a side note, we are still working through our current correction cycle responses but intend on including tree plantings for this short plat as well :)

Have a great day

On Mon, Jan 20, 2020 at 10:09 AM William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com> wrote:
Hello Stuart & All,

I apologize for the delay but I do still have this on my list to complete. I have most of the email queued up here but need to complete it and will try to send a reply by the end of today.

Have a great day

On Sun, Jan 19, 2020 at 1:11 PM Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com> wrote:

Did I miss the response to David's email?

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 2:13 PM William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com> wrote:

Hello David,

Thank you very much for your comments and questions. I am working through this email, generating a response to each item and should have something to send by tomorrow.

Have a great day

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 12:26 AM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Thank you Mr. Millhollin for your replies and offering to answer questions.

I have much respect for the one-on-one response approach; although some of those who inquired have been told that this development is not eligible as a Type II discretionary land-use decision or a public meeting. We know there are considerable discretionary choices being made during the short platting of this large lot. These choices include **tree retention and required tree replanting** (SMC 23 and SMC 25.11). As such, I believe folks like Stuart, Michael and I within the urban forest community as well as those witnessing the **urban forest's incremental devastation** still desire a local discussion in to glean a better understanding how clear-cutting Seattle's green spaces like this so happens to takes place at Kubota Village 28.

Yes, the larger area around Kubota Village East may have started under development some time ago. But it's only been 7 years since this completely wooded remaining site exceeding 100,000 square feet was sold to the **Greenwater Partnership** / Greenwater Construction / et. al. It seems that green space and green belts are being sought out as relatively inexpensive land. Yet these developments proceed despite the expense and toll to the natural habitats and the resulting impacts from urban heat islands. Seattle is not only interested in protecting limited "wildlife habitats" areas, it also protects heritage and Exceptional trees and wetlands... and many other features.

Simple questions are good to set the framework relative to a Kubota Village discussion:

- a) how large was this land and who owned it before being subdivided?
- b) why was it first developed a few years ago compared to other parcels around it?
- c) was a tree inventory prepared including species, size, height, photos, and condition of the trees?

d) if so, was it prepared by a certified arborist?

e) how many trees were within a protected tree grove, and how many tree groves?

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Other neighbors have specific questions why access routes proposed were not better placed to avoid removing trees along shared property lines... or where are the buffers between adjacent properties... or is Tract 999 also being sold for a house... or will it be kept as open space?

Without getting a good understanding of what is happening here, these related land-use actions should come to a halt. The builders can take their \$20-million, re-forest what they took away, and cease further impacts to Seattle's dwindling tree canopy.

Yes, many of us are familiar with the Seattle Dept of Construction & Inspections EDMS system. You will likely know that "record snapshots" often post a listing of documents that are not accessible to the public digitally. For this and these many reasons, the folks in the area and TreePAC respectfully **desired a meeting in order to address many questions**. Everyone has property rights... but a century has passed... and Washington has evolved to understand that our resources are limited... including existing trees being removed without the space being available to replenish this valuable sustaining resource. Property rights are not a license to environmental derogation.

We can do better.

David Moehing
Board Member, TreePAC

Sent using the [mail.com](mailto:) mail app

On 1/6/20 at 6:39 PM, William Millhollin wrote:

> Hello Again David,

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> I am trying to discern the comment or question in this email chain. The

> only question I can see is "What may Seattle leaders do to halt the

> needless clearcutting of forested areas with natural habitats?". I think

> this is a much broader question best suited for city council, urban

> forestry and for the ordinance process. Although all "natural habitats" are
> something to take note of, this project site is not designated as a
> Wildlife Habitat, which you may be referring to.
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> I will have to defer to Colin and the PRC as to whether or not they have a
> process to notify you directly of any permits related to ours, outside of
> normal noticing, but resources do exist to allow individuals to locate any
> and all active permits.
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> Let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.
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> Have a great day
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> On Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 8:22 AM Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>
> wrote:
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> > William, Please see Dave's email below. Please copy me on your email to
> > Dave.
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> > *From:* Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
> > *Sent:* Sunday, December 29, 2019 2:44 PM
> > *To:* David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
> > *Cc:* seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net <
> > seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>; DOT_LA <
> > DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Pinto de
> > Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
> > *Subject:* Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE
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> > *CAUTION: External Email*
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> > Howdy Dave,
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> > I received this message at: 1:39 PM
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> > Cutting it kinda close, doncha think ?
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> > 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.

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

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

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> > 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

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

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> > " 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."

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> > We should also have a public meeting to discuss what is going on here.

> > Comments may be submitted through: 12/18/2019

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> > David Moehring

> > Member of TreePAC

> > Two years: 2015 to 2017. The remaining grove just to the north may since

> > have been cleared.

> > David Moehring

> > 312-965-0634

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From: Emily Van Bronkhorst <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 2:19 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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.

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.

Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

Here are the key provisions that need to be in the updated tree ordinance:

1. Expand the existing Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program, including 2-week public notice and posting on-site, as used by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) – to cover all Significant Trees (6" and larger diameter at breast height (DBH)) on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.

2. Require the replacement of all Significant trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay a replacement fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
3. Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24” DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit Significant Trees being removed on undeveloped lots.
4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development
5. Establish one citywide database for applying for Tree Removal and Replacement Permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
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Emily Van Bronkhorst

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4107 Wallingford Ave North

Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Jack Strubbe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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9022 15th NW

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:51 AM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com>; Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Tage Nickerson <tage@platsplus.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; seattletreelossgooglegroups.com <seattletreeloss@googlegroups.com>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David,

I completely agree with your comments and requests and hope that the City acts appropriately with this very important matter.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

PanorArborist

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From: Judith Henchy <judithh@uw.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Harriet Phinney <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: rene Alcauter <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:02 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Frances Merenda <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:38 PM

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

Subject: Save our (Seattle) Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

To Whom It May Concern,

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Frances Merenda

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6503 Dayton Ave N
Seattle, Washington 98103

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 12:36 AM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Conrad, Sean <Sean.Conrad@seattle.gov>
Cc: kajitani_72@msn.com; mannydupper@yahoo.com; neighborhoodtreekeepersgmail.com <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: 2212 NE 125TH ST 3032669-LU

CAUTION: External Email

Please **provide a public meeting** for the church property at **2212 NW 125th Street** that is being proposed with drawings that show 16 homes and 11 garage spaces within SF-7200 zoning.

A significant part of this property includes Thornton Creek and it's **wetlands** buffer zone... which should reduce the land area available to build on. Yet five of the homes and several of the garage spaces are being built within the wetlands buffer.

Typically, 16 single-family properties within this zone would require 97,920 square feet (16*7200*85%). Yet this lot including the ECA with wetlands and **tree groves** is just 84,942 square feet according to the King County Property Records. The property is, therefore, too small for all of the proposed homes without a contract rezone.

Nine homes without encroaching within the wetland buffer and without removing a tree grove would likely work. Please have drawings the clarify the site plan proposed at the public meeting. Please answer under what conditions, also, would SDCI allow more than one single family residence on a lot as stated in the Notice?

Also, please make available the **arborist report** that documents trees to remain compared to trees to be removed.

Finally, please make available how the Seattle Municipal Code requirement to **retain or replant** at least 2-inches of tree diameter for every 1000 square foot of lot area is being satisfied.

Thank you,

David Moehring
Board Member, TreePAC
dmoehring@consultant.com

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Zone: SF 7200
Date of Application: 03/31/2020
Date Application Deemed Complete: 03/31/2020
Applicant Contact: LINDA PRUITT - (206) 852-3755
SDCI Planner: SEAN CONRAD - (206) 733-9063

Land Use Application to allow 9, 2-story single family residences. Parking for 21 vehicles proposed. Existing building to be demolished. ECA Administrative Conditional Use to allow more than one single family residence on a lot.
SEPA Environmental Determination (This project is subject to the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355) and Early DNS Process (SMC 25.05.355). This comment period may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this proposal.

David Moehring
312-965-0634



2212 NE 125TH ST

ST GEORGE
CHURCH

Taxpayer name: DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA INC
 Address: 2212 NE 125TH ST 98125
 Appraised value: \$1,902,300
 Lot area: 84,942

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Your message has been received by the SDOT Urban Forestry Landscape Architect's Office.

This mailbox is set up to expedite response by the **SDOT LA** Office staff assigned to support Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI) project applicants to meet Land Use Code requirements for street trees in a manner compatible with Green Factor Ordinance requirements proposed for the ROW.

Ensure your email is formatted per the following: *resend if necessary*

Email Subject line: Project address - SDCI project number (if assigned)

Clarify request for one or more of the following:

- Pre-Design Tree Preservation or Remove & Replace existing trees in the ROW. Please send a current photo of the tree(s) to expedite review.
- Conceptual Approval - Review of project site plans for Conceptual Approval from SDOT Urban Forestry required for MUP submittal
- Protection Review - Confirm protection requirements for existing street trees in the Right of Way adjacent to the project site, including pruning requirements.
- Standards - Clarify standards for protection of undisturbed soil as a tree protection measure or to meet soil volume requirements for new trees

You will receive a response directly from staff assigned to your project.

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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:13 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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Subject: Re: 2212 NE 125TH ST 3032669-LU

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Thank you David, I second this request. Given the current restrictions on public meetings, I request that there be no decisions made on projects such as this until the public can be involved in ensuring the City's own codes are enforced to help protect environmentally critical locations such as this very fragile wetland.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist
