



City of Seattle

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Office of Sustainability & Environment

Jessica Finn Coven, Director

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Weston Brinkley (Position #3 – University), Chair • Sarah Rehder (Position #4 – Hydrologist), Vice-chair
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Stuart Niven (Position #5 – Arborist – ISA) • Michael Walton (Position #6 – Landscape Architect – ISA)
Joshua Morris (Position #7 – NGO) • Blake Voorhees (Position # 9 – Realtor)
Elena Arakaki (Position #10 – Get Engaged) • Whit Bouton (Position #11 – Environmental Justice - ISA)
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

Meeting notes

January 13, 2021, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Webex call

(206) 207-1700

Meeting number: 146-474-9698

Meeting password: 1234

In-person meeting are not being held at this time due to the pandemic. Meeting participation is limited to access by joining the meeting through a computer or telephone conference line.

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair

Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair

Elena Arakaki

Elby Jones

Jessica Jones

Julia Michalak

David Moehring (non-voting)

Stuart Niven

Shari Selch

Michael Walton

Staff

Sandra Pinto Urrutia - OSE

Guests

Toby Thaler – CM Pedersen’s office

Public

Michael Oxman

Steve Zemke

Absent- Excused

Whit Bouton

Josh Morris

Blake Voorhees

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 and made the UFC land acknowledgement. David Moehring, who is in the process of Council confirmation for Position #8 (Development representative) is joining the meeting. David introduced himself.

Public comment:

Steve Zemke – Wanted to make a suggestion for participants to use their camera function during meetings. He wanted to share with the UFC that the Edmonds Planning Commission is moving forward a draft ordinance to their City Council tonight. He also wants to encourage the UFC to be involved in the State’s legislative session, which has three bills relevant to Seattle:

- HB 1099 – about climate resilience to update the Growth Management Act to include an element on resiliency. He would like to see the language “urban and community forestry” into it. The environment element is still optional only mentions forestry, which is different from urban trees.
- Bill from last year from Evergreen Communities looking at funding in the Governor’s budget in Department of Natural Resources to help communities develop urban forest management plans and ordinances. This might include funding for Seattle’s next Lidar study.
- HB 1114 – Utilities to help mitigate heat island effect by promoting tree planting.

SPR thank you letter – initial discussion and possible vote. Commissioners discussed and amended the draft letter.

ACTION: A motion to approve the thank you letter to SPR as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

Draft 2020 annual report –discussion continues and possible vote: Commissioners discussed and adopted changed made to the annual report text. Sandra will produce the formal version for review.

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2020 annual report text as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

Racial equity and UFC work

- **UFC Coordinator protocols – revised for discussion:** Commissioners discussed the revised document and voted to adopt and include as an appendix to the Commission’s bylaws (to be discussed at the next meeting).

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

- **Protocols for letter writing and briefings – revised for discussion:** Commissioners began discussion on the protocols and agreed to include them as an appendix to the bylaws. Discussion will resume at the next meeting.

- **UFC Bylaws – revised for discussion – moved to next meeting**

- **Time permitting:**

- o UFC membership recruitment practices and barriers
- o How can UFC apply environmental justice to its work?

2021 UFC work plan – discussion continues: Commissioners continued the 2021 workplan discussion. This effort will continue at the next meeting.

Public comment: Michael Oxman: Wanted to let the UFC know that a bill on climate change is moving forward in the State legislature. It calls for using white building materials and for utilities to support tree planting as mitigation.

Adjourn: Weston adjourned the meeting.

Public input: (see next page and posted notes)

From: David Peckham <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 5:23 PM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

David Peckham

roomfulofbud@hotmail.com

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Snohomish, Washington 98290

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 1:35 PM

To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; alex.petersen@seattle.gov; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>

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Lot Boundary Adjustment risks 49 trees 11350, 11344, 11342, and 11340 23rd Ave NE

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David Moehring
 TreePAC Board Member
dmoehring@consultant.com
 312-965-0634

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 December 28, 2020

JULIE LEDOUX
 SEATTLE PERMITS & PLANNING LLC
 21004 44TH DR NE
 ARLINGTON, WA 98223

Re: SDCI #3036857-LU – 11350 23RD AVE NE

Dear JULIE LEDOUX,

Your Lot Boundary Adjustment (LBA) has been examined for consistency with all applicable criteria and is approved. This approval is a final land use decision under the Land Use Petition Act and expires 3 years from the date of this letter. Final LBA recording documents must reflect any issues the Department identified during its review of the application. After submitting the final recording documents to the Department for its review, you will be notified by a Routing Coordinator of any project fees that remain owing and must be paid before the LBA is recorded with King County Recorder.

Instructions are attached for preparing and submitting final recording documents, paying any outstanding project fees, recording the final documents, and securing issuance of your LBA permit. The LBA permit will be issued after the final recording documents have been submitted for Department review, any outstanding project fees have been paid, and the final documents have been recorded.

Thank you,
Jamie Carlson
Email: Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov
Phone: 206-684-8850
Land Use Planner

| Document | Size | Date | Record # | Record Type |
|---|---------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Plan Set - Land Use | 956 KB | 12/30/20 | 3036857-LU | Master Use Permit |
| LBA Determination Letter | 139 KB | 12/28/20 | 3036857-LU | Master Use Permit |
| Correction Response Cycle3 | 396 KB | 12/21/20 | 3036857-LU-003 | Upload Documents |
| Correction Response Cycle3 | 404 KB | 12/21/20 | 3036857-LU-003 | Upload Documents |
| Plan Set - Land Use Cycle3 | 1338 KB | 12/21/20 | 3036857-LU-003 | Upload Documents |
| Correction Letter-Land Use-Cycle2 | 360 KB | 11/25/20 | 3036857-LU | Master Use Permit |
| Correction Response Cycle2 | 367 KB | 11/03/20 | 3036857-LU-002 | Upload Documents |
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| Correction Letter-Addressing-Cycle1 | 180 KB | 09/30/20 | 3036857-LU | Master Use Permit |
| Correction Letter-Land Use-Cycle1 | 360 KB | 08/20/20 | 3036857-LU | Master Use Permit |
| Correction Letter-Zoning-Cycle1 | 168 KB | 08/20/20 | 3036857-LU | Master Use Permit |
| Record Snapshot | 213 KB | 07/31/20 | 3036857-LU | Master Use Permit |
| Arborist Report | 3 MB | 07/29/20 | 3036857-LU-001 | Application Intake |

50+ Public meeting requests from 2017 and 2018:

[Public Comment: Songer 09/06/2018](#) 47 KB 09/07/18 [3028516-LU](#) Master Use Permit

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| Preliminary Assessment Report | 70 KB | 04/28/18 | 3026308-LU | Master Use Permit |
| Public Comment | 53 KB | 09/26/17 | 3028516-LU | Master Use Permit |
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From: Bernice Maslan <bmaslan08@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 11:58 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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Subject: Pease hold public meeting for 49 trees 11350, 11344 and 11342 23rd Ave NE (3036857 et. Al)

CAUTION: External Email

THello,

As David Moehring recently wrote, 49 trees are seriously at risk for proposed new houses at 11340, 11342, 11344 and 11350+ 23rd Ave NE. The City of Seattle claims it is committed to increasing its urban canopy, yet allows this. Of note, included to be removed is an Exceptional **71-inch diameter (DBH) Western Red Cedar** because the arborist stated the tree was in the way of a new access road and the arborist could not find any other way to keep the tree. There is no way a treasure like this, with a trunk nearly 6' across can be replaced. Removal of this tree and four dozen others impacts much more than the property owners. In a large area of land of nearly 45,000 sq feet, is there really no other way to provide access or to configure the boundaries within?

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Thank you to David for this research.

Please, responsible people, hold a public hearing. The trees cannot advocate for themselves.

Sincerely,

Bernice Maslan
Seattle resident since 1972

From: Cynthia ROSE <crose1453@gmail.com>
 Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:22 PM
 To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>
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A public meeting on a these properties has been requested since 2017, with no response .Please hold a virtualmeeting to hear about the use of Lot Boundary Adjustment converting 5 lots into 6 lots, ignoring the criteria per SMC 23.24.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia Rose
11557 23rd Ave. NE
Seattle, Wa. 98125

From: Brandon Baugh <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:02 PM

To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>

Subject: PLEASE! Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

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Brandon Baugh

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Edmonds , Washington 98020

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Sincerely,

Jane Kortz
2304 NE 115th Street
Seattle, WA 98125
(206)378-1644
kortzj@msn.com

From: DS Fisher <simfish46@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: urgent action regarding tree loss

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I am not an unreasonable person. Urban development is a part of life. But contractors and builders must be encouraged (with some real “teeth”) to find ways to compromise in the pursuit of maintaining our vibrant

urban canopy.

Sincerely yours,
Douglass S. Fisher
2205 NE 117th St
Seattle, WA 98125-5226

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 5:39 PM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Cc: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Queen Anne Historic Architecture Preservation Association <QAHAPA_all+noreply@googlegroups.com>; queenannecc@gmail.com; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; 3terrell@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Why chainsaw a 150 year old Healthy Sycamore tree in Uptown street

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Thank you David, I second your request.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)
PanorArborist
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From: Mary Schlater <mschlater7108@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:08 PM
To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>
Subject: Regarding 49 trees in Victory Heights

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This isn't the first time I have written to you with concerns about tree removal. This is yet another project in Victory Heights removing a substantial amount of trees! This neighborhood has seen an alarming number of trees removed in the last 2 years and many of them have been exceptional trees. This has to stop! Please why have you continued to delay any real action to save our trees? When will you add funding and some accountability measures to the tree ordinance so that SDCI and builders have to create designs that preserve our exceptional trees? I appreciate that you included in the recent budget more intent to study the tree situation in Seattle but the city has done nothing but study the situation in various ways for 12 years now and meanwhile so many trees are already gone. Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,
Mary Schlater

Mary E Schlater
12003 23rd Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98125

From: Catherine Ruha <ruhac@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>
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Since 2017, citizens have requested a public meeting be held on these properties. There has been no response by the city. Why is this? Not a responsible way to act toward the citizens of this city .

Please hold a virtual meeting to hear about the use of Lot Boundary Adjustment converting 5 lots into 6 lots, ignoring the criteria per SMC 23.24.

There are better ways to deal with these lots so that trees live and continue to clean our air and water and heal our souls with their beauty.

Sincerely,
Catherine Ruha
1541 NE 91st Street, Seattle, WA 98115

From: Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:52 PM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; treepac@groups.outlook.com
Subject: HB1114

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HB-1114

Encouraging Heat Island Mitigation

Sponsor:

Representative Mary Dye, 9th Washington Legislative District

HOUSE BILL 1114

State of Washington

67th Legislature

2021 Regular Session

By Representatives Dye and Ramel

Prefiled 01/08/21. Read first time 01/11/21. Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy

AN ACT Relating to encouraging utility mitigation of urban heat island effects; amending RCW [35.92.355](#), [35.92.390](#), [54.16.400](#), [80.28.260](#), and [80.28.300](#); adding a new section to chapter [54.16](#) RCW; and creating a new section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature acknowledges the scientific consensus that there is a well-documented problem of urban heat islands. The buildings, roads, and infrastructure that comprise urban environments make cities hotter than surrounding rural areas. Concrete, asphalt, and shingled roofs can get much hotter than vegetated areas, causing surface temperatures in cities to be several degrees hotter in the midday than in rural areas. At night, these same materials release heat more slowly, keeping urban air temperatures higher than overnight temperatures in most rural areas. Cities tend to have fewer trees and less vegetation, resulting in a deficit of shade to keep areas cool. Cities also have more industrial heat sources, including cars and air conditioners.

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(4) The legislature recognizes that this problem is a clear and present danger that impacts the environment of our state. The Pacific Northwest, with its reputation for rain and temperate weather, is not immune to urban heat islands. Seattle is among the top 10 cities for most intense urban heat island effect, with greater than four degrees Fahrenheit difference between the city and nearby rural areas. Portland, Oregon was among the top 10 cities with the most intense summer nighttime heat island over the past 10 years.

(5) The legislature finds that organized shade tree and cool roof programs offered by utilities can reduce the amount of energy required to cool buildings. Energy conservation results in carbon dioxide reduction in areas where fossil fuels are part of the fuel mix that supplies the electricity. Secondary benefits of shade tree and cool roof programs are the mitigation of the urban heat island effect. Other nonenergy benefits include improvement in local and regional air quality, enhanced neighborhood aesthetics, and improved property values for program participants.

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(7) From the customers' perspective, these programs save money by reducing average summertime electricity bills. In 2008, researchers showed that the Sacramento municipal utility district tree program reduced summertime electricity bills by an average of \$25.16. Additionally, the utility's commercial cool roof program provided average energy cooling load savings of 20 percent.

(8) In consideration of the environmental, public, and customer benefits, the legislature intends to encourage policies for the state's utilities that will promote shade tree and cool roof programs to facilitate energy conservation and mitigate urban heat island impacts.

Sec. 2. RCW [35.92.355](#) and 1993 c 204 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

The conservation of energy in all forms and by every possible means is found and declared to be a public purpose of highest priority. The legislature further finds and declares that all municipal corporations, quasi municipal corporations, and other political subdivisions of the state which are engaged in the generation, sale, or distribution of energy should be granted the authority to develop and carry out programs which will conserve resources, reduce waste, and encourage more efficient use of energy by consumers.

In order to establish the most effective statewide program for energy conservation, the legislature hereby encourages any company, corporation, or association engaged in selling or furnishing utility services to assist their customers in the acquisition and installation of materials and equipment, for compensation or otherwise, for the conservation or more efficient use of energy including, but not limited to, materials and equipment installed as part of a utility cool roof program. The use of appropriate tree plantings for energy conservation is highly encouraged as part of these programs. It is the policy of the state of Washington that any tree planting program engaged in by a municipal utility as part of a broader energy conservation program under this section should accomplish the following:

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(8) Ensure that trees are planted in locations that limit the amount of public funding needed to maintain public and electric infrastructure; and

(9) Measure program performance in terms of the estimated present value benefit per tree planted.

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(iii) Fund a tree planting program for energy conservation that accomplishes the goals established under RCW [35.92.355](#).

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NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter [54.16](#) RCW to read as follows:

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From: B. Bordas <bebordas@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:10 AM

To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>

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From: Wendy Oberlin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and short platting process
- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of

Transportation already requires

- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the grove
- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

The following changes to the draft Director's Rule are needed:

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development"
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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

I live in a community with some of the few remaining exceptional trees! I worry daily that they will be taken down leaving our bird and animal populations without shelter. In a time of climate crisis we should be working to save all of these air filtering giants! And planting more trees everywhere. Please delay not longer. The earth depends on you to do all you can to keep our city more livable.

Wendy Oberlin

Wendy Oberlin

wendy.oberlin@gmail.com

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Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Suzanne Grant <suzgrant206@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:03 PM

Cc: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; alex.petersen@seattle.gov; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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| 6808941-DM | Demolish rear existing single family residence, subject to field inspection, STFI., | Demolition | 11/4/2020 | \$0 | SEATTLE |
| 6777162-DM | Demolish existing structures, subject to field inspection (STFI)., | Demolition | 11/2/2020 | \$0 | SEATTLE |

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December 28, 2020

JULIE LEDOUX
SEATTLE PERMITS & PLANNING LLC
21004 44TH DR NE
ARLINGTON, WA 98223

Re: SDCI #3036857-LU – 11350 23RD AVE NE

Dear JULIE LEDOUX,

Your Lot Boundary Adjustment (LBA) has been examined for consistency with all applicable criteria and is approved. This approval is a final land use decision under the Land Use Petition Act and expires 3 years from the date of this letter. Final LBA recording documents must reflect any issues the Department identified during its review of the application. After submitting the final recording documents to the Department for its review, you will be notified by a Routing Coordinator of any project fees that remain owing and must be paid before the LBA is recorded with King County Recorder.

Instructions are attached for preparing and submitting final recording documents, paying any outstanding project fees, recording the final documents, and securing issuance of your LBA permit. The LBA permit will be issued after the final recording documents have been submitted for Department review, any outstanding project fees have been paid, and the final documents have been recorded.

Thank you,
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Phone: 206-684-8850
Land Use Planner

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Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:52 PM

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Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Hello,

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