

Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through November 4, 2020.

From: Debra Hannula <dkhannula@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 7:57 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

Subject: project #3030811-LU removal of hundreds of trees in all Action Alternatives.

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- THANK you for your time and consideration,
- Debra Hannul
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From: Janet Matulia <janet.matulia@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:57 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Talaris Development Project #3030811-LU , 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA , 98105

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Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection

700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000

P.O. Box 34019, Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Attention: Public Resource Center

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Regards,

Janet Matulia

From: Angie <angied@whidbey.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:01 AM

To: Debra Hannula <dkhannula@gmail.com>

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Subject: Re: project #3030811-LU removal of hundreds of trees in all Action Alternatives.

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Thank you Debra for standing up do do what is law abiding in Seattle. I am so tired of larger companies getting exceptions to rules that are passed for the benefit of Seattle and that keep neighborhoods nice places to live whether is in height restrictions or tree cutting or what can be squeezed onto a property where the building maximizes the space regardless of what it does to the neighbors or neighborhood. Individuals who have large trees on their properties that have created problems with their houses, foundations, drainage and so on are forced to keep the trees so it is not right to allow a development company to just take out what they want for their convenience and profit. We also need clean air now more than ever and currently have a shining example of that need. Shame on the decision makers of Seattle. You need to do and act better on so many levels. We ALL live here - including you.

Angie Dixon

From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:03 AM

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

Subject: Please put in record

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https://www.davey.com/environmental-consulting-services/resources-news/growing-toward-a-common-goal/?utm_term=Grassroots%20organization%20helped%20this%20UFMP%20become%20award-winning&utm_campaign=Green%20space%20and%20social%20health%20%5CuD83C%5CuDF33%2C%20connecting%20data%20and%20budgets%20%5CuD83D%5CuDCB2%2C%20and%20creating%20a%20plan%20%5CuD83D%5CuDCCB&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email

Hi Sandra

Please put this article in the record. Its highlights the use of community engagement to support canopy goals in a city.

All the best,
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum
Heidi@calyxsite.com

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/HeidiSiegelbaum>

From: Spiderman Tribal <spidermantribal@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:59 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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Thank you.

Spider Kedelsky
1210F E. Shelby St.
Seattle, WA 98102

From: Bernice Maslan <bmaslan08@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:00 PM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
Subject: Project #3030811-LU, 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA , 98105

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Dear PRC, Mayor Durkan, Ms. Pinto De Bader, and City Councilpeople,

On May 15, 2013, the Battelle/Talaris site was named to the Most Endangered Historic Properties list by Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. This was great news, bringing this exceptional property to the attention of the local, regional and national preservation community. Now, however, plans are proposed that would remove 271 trees out of 455. Please do not let this happen!

I am writing to protest the proposed removal of hundreds of trees in all the Action Alternatives proposed for this beautiful property.

Here are some key points:

1. Seattle is trying to increase our tree canopy. We are already short of forested public and private space. This property should be purchased by the City or another jurisdiction, so as to preserve and enhance this treasure as a public park, or combination with affordable public housing.
2. As mentioned earlier, this entire site was designated a City Landmark in 2013 with a landscape designed by Seattle's world-renowned Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. The City has been unable to provide a coherent explanation why it is processing an application for redevelopment as if this site were not a designated landmark!
3. It is proposed to kill, i.e., remove over 60 percent of the trees on this site. There are currently 455 trees on this site and only 184 are proposed for retention. Trees to be eliminated included **175 Exceptional trees** per City standards, meaning they mostly exceed 30 inches in diameter. This is in direct violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.
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Please do the important and necessary work of preserving Seattle's beautiful Exceptional trees and other trees on this beautiful site. Require changes to truly honor this endangered historic site and its trees!

Thank you,

Bernice Maslan
9705 1st Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117
Resident since 1972

From: John Lorton <johnlorton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:42 PM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>
Subject: Talaris Property - please save it for the planet and the people of Seattle, project #3030811

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From: John W. Lorton
Date: September 17, 2020

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In closing, I grew up frequenting Talaris and do so still today. It is a gem. A lovely irreplaceable piece of nature inside a rapidly developing city. Please consider some of the trees there took over 100 years to grow but could be destroyed forever in a few minutes.

From: David Lahaie <david@evergreenrecycling.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:50 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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Talaris DEIS Scoping Comments to: prc@seattle.gov

Talaris Development Project #3030811-LU , 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA , 98105

cc. Pinto de Bader,

Sandra Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov , council@seattle.gov council@seattle.gov , jenny.durkan@seattle.gov

From: Leslie A. McGovern

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7. **From:** Anita Anderson <anitaanderson47@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:36 PM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>
Subject: re: #3030811-LU

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18. My address is 1413 n 38th st, Sea 98103.

From: Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:41 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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

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Please, please protect these trees.

Barbara Bernard

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: jebendich@comcast.net <jebendich@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:16 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

Subject: Talaris

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Dear Persons:

I agree with others that Talaris's proposal does not comport with the site's Landmark status, nor its tree protection ordinance. Talaris's proposal to remove 2781 of 455 trees will completely destroy the integrity of the Landmark. The entire creation of this Landmark was based on the unique use of the design and plantings. Additionally, the proposed structures are incompatible with the Secretary of Interiors Standards. These include compatibility and character with the physical site itself, which the destruction of trees alone would negate. The buildings too must be compatible with the Landmark. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment. None of these criteria are met by the proposal.

Nor does this comply with SEPA and the SMC which specify that the proponent provide a full review of historic resources, specifically delineating the adverse impacts resulting from the proposed project.

Sincerely yours,

Judith E. Bendich

1754 NE 62nd St.
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 525-5914

From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 9:46 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Ecological Destruction Proposed for Talaris Development would be single worst decision by SDCI in recent history and will negatively affect all of Seattle, now and forever

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Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

www.panorarbor.com

[ISA Certified Arborist PN-7245A & Tree Risk Assessment Qualification \(TRAQ\)](#)

[Arborist on Seattle Audubon Society Conservation Committee](#)

[Arborist on Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission](#)

[Board Member of TreePAC](#)

[WA Lic# PANORL*852P1](#) (Click to link to WA L&I's Verify a Contractor Page)

From: John Hart <john@hart.fm>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 4:08 PM

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Subject: Advocating smart development of Talaris

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I'm writing to ask that no variances be granted in the redevelopment of Talaris, and that all building/zoning/tree-perserving guidelines be vigilantly followed.

The current proposal for Talaris calls for eliminating 271 trees, of which 175 are "Exceptional" per City standards. That is wrong, and short-sighted: trees are part of what makes Seattle a special place, we need to retain them!

So: Let's protect all the trees we possibly can, and enforce all the zoning rules we have at our disposal to ensure that Talaris is rebuilt smartly rather than as-cheaply-as-possible. This means no waivers, no variances, and strict interpretation of all plans. We can guide our developers to win-win solutions that make beautiful developments that people want to live in.

Seattle is a beautiful city, and developers' profit margins are no reason to sacrifice that. We can guide our large redevelopment projects to smart outcomes that preserve the character and beauty of Seattle; retaining this natural beauty will increase the developers' returns as well.

Ideally the city would purchase this space to make a park, but I understand that may not be possible. Barring that, let's make Talaris a model of smart, tree-and-beauty retaining development.

Thank you for your time,
John

John Hart
Raised in Seattle
Resident of Montlake - it's the trees that make the neighborhood!!!

From: Kathleen Kerkof <katkerkof@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 4:38 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

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I protest the proposed removal of hundreds of trees in all Action Alternatives.

1. **Seattle is short of forested public and private space, and this property should be purchased by the City** or another jurisdiction, so as to preserve and enhance this gem as a public park, or combination with affordable public housing.
2. The entire site was designated a City Landmark in November 2013, with a landscape designed by Seattle's world-renowned Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. The City has been unable to provide a coherent

explanation on why it is processing an application for redevelopment as if the site were not a designated landmark. Why is the SDCI process preceding the Seattle Landmark Preservation Board (SPLB) approval process? The process is out of order and a waste of City resources.

3. Of the current **455 trees** living on site, only 184 trees are proposed for retention, with the remaining **271 trees proposed for removal** – over 60 percent. Trees to be eliminated include **175 "Exceptional" trees** per City standards, meaning they are mostly 30+ inches in diameter. This is in violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.
4. These Exceptional tree removals are to accommodate the proposed single-family home footprints and required infrastructure as shown on the plans. Compounding the harm, the layout for the single-family home development is oblivious to the site's **integral landscape design** and would impinge on protected areas and wetland buffers..
5. Short of direct protection of all SEPA Exceptional trees, **development should be allowed only in areas with existing footprints of structures and no Exceptional trees**. If a minimum number of housing units for affordable housing is desired, then zoning changes should allow for building taller structures. **Single family or otherwise, this could be a model site for housing development, by building tall, dense, multifamily and preserving all Exceptional trees and wetland areas as open space. Build up not out. Open Space For All !**
6. There is no development alternative that allows for retention of the majority of SEPA significant trees. Removing 100's of trees for any project is in violation of the spirit of Seattle's Comp Plan. By moving the footprints of new buildings to locations with fewer trees, and minimizing utility and roadway impacts more trees could be preserved. Directors Rule 6-2001 encourages modification of the location and design of structures to preserve trees. SEPA allows for the modification of development to preserve SEPA.
7. Tree retention is a cardinal tenet of the Seattle Municipal Code for subdivisions and an important commitment by a City that has committed to increasing its tree canopy to 30 percent to mitigate climate impacts, such as reducing rising land temperatures and cleaning pollutants from increasingly contaminated air. The proposed redevelopment would remove 72 percent of the trees on the Talaris site, undermining a citywide goal.
8. As with any subdivision, and particularly one proposed for a site that is entirely landmarked, the City should be especially careful to make sure that any plan approved is in all respects in the public interest. That is a requirement for any subdivision in the City

I would like to receive future notices about this application. My address is 2235 NW 64th St., Seattle, WA 98107prc@

Sincerely,
Kathleen Kerkof

From: Amy Wimmer <amywimmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 3:58 PM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>
Subject: Battelle/Talaris property at 4000 NE 41st St., Seattle

CAUTION: External Email

Esteemed Officials,

I'm writing to you about your Project #3030811-LU, the Battelle/Talaris property. I just heard this afternoon that you are seriously considering the devastation of hundreds of Exceptional Trees on this property.

That entire site was designated a City Landmark in November 2013, with a landscape designed by Seattle's world-renowned Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. That's only 7 years ago. Have you forgotten?

You cannot possibly justify the removal of these trees to install single-family homes there, destroying wetlands in the process. You cannot justify the destruction of this gem of a landmark, especially since Seattle has a dearth of forested public and private space.

This is in violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.

If you can honestly say this site must be developed for housing, it should be for low-income use, with tall, multi-family buildings, only on the footprints of the existing buildings. You know how to change the zoning to allow this. Directors Rule 6-2001 encourages modification of the location and design of structures to preserve trees. SEPA allows for the modification of development to preserve SEPA significant vegetation.

Keep Seattle liveable, green, and make it finally adorable.

I remain a voter, determined to save our city from projects like this.

Sincerely,

Amy Wimmer

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 6:48 PM

To: Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Seattle "Tree Murderers" song

CAUTION: External Email

*Just in time for her birthday, Queen Anne's Suzanne Grant has granted us [this original tune](#) helping us to **visualize the clear-cutting** taking place in the City!*

Enjoy: <https://youtu.be/xb4EK35wn8U> 🪓

You might recognize a few of these recent tree clearings from your neighborhood.



Seattle must have both density AND healthy tree canopy to address climate change.

With 600 to 1000 street trees being removed each year, and I am guessing three times the number of private property trees being removed annually in Seattle, there is more tree protection work to be done...

but in the meantime, do have a good weekend!

David Moehring

[TreePAC](#) Member

Seattle Needs Stronger Tree Protections

<https://www.dontclearcutseattle.org/>

Coming soon: Interview from Martha Baskin with UW's Kathleen Wolf

From: Susan Scanlon <scanlons4@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 12:06 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 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:

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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.
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5. Establish one citywide database for applying for Tree Removal and Replacement Permits

and to track changes in the tree canopy.

6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
7. Expand SDOT's existing tree service provider's registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Susan Scanlon

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From: Jeannie Rae <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 12:20 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Jeannie Rae

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From: Julia Field <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 5:04 AM

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

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

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"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with

overlapping or touching crowns.” Include street trees in groves.

- Add “Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages.”
- Add “All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can’t be removed.”
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to “TREE PROTECTION”. Remove references to “Exceptional Trees” only and change to “Trees”. e.g., change “Exceptional Tree Protection Areas” to “Tree Protection Areas”.
- SECTION 4. Add “The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle’s Equity and Environment Initiative.”
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require “one or more trees” to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.
- SECTION 5. SEPA requirements under SMC 25.05.675 N are for protecting special habitats and need to be considered at the beginning of the development process. The language of this SEPA code section should be included in the Director’s Rule to be certain that the code is complied with.
- SECTION 6. SDCI should adopt SDOT’s registration process and requirements to assist Tree Care Providers in complying with city code and regulations. Reduce the number of citations that will remove a Tree Care Provider from being registered with the city to no more than 2 per year. Require annual registration same as Seattle business licenses require. Require that Tree Care Provider companies have a WA State contractor’s license to ensure they have workers’ compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.

Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 6:42 AM

To: Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; David Moehring <Dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Josh Morris <Joshm@seattleaudubon.org>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Results and Budgets during challenging times 📧

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you for the update Alex,

To be blunt, the first step to a better Carbon Note is to enact an immediate moratorium on all tree removals. In just two days this week I was alerted to three different situations where large healthy trees were being removed; one illegally, four permitted for 'development' and two due to poor 'risk assessment' by a known tree removal focused local company and because the trees are only a couple of inches too 'small' as regulated by the current DR 16-2008. These will be only a few of many that have been removed this week. This storm will damage more and more will be taken down by next week and beyond. We are losing trees every single day. The Talaris project if approved will remove nearly 300 which will be the single worst ecological disaster in Seattle in recent history.

Please help stop this madness and use the momentum on the notion of 'carbon measuring' to push for real tree protection. We do not need more analysis, as there is so much already out there that proves we are all suffering. If you have not already done so, please watch the recent PNW-ISA & UW Symposium on Climate Change; the guest speakers clearly explain how we are already in serious trouble and climate change will kill millions more trees in the next few years which will further impact Seattle. Talk of 'climate neutral' by 2050 is nonsense; we needed change years ago but as time travel is currently not available, we need change now!

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

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[Arborist on Seattle Audubon Society Conservation Committee](#)

[Arborist on Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission](#)

[Board Member of TreePAC](#)

[WA Lic# PANORL*852P1](#) (Click to link to WA L&I's Verify a Contractor Page)

On Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 6:13 PM Councilmember Alex Pedersen <alex.pedersen@seattle.gov> wrote:

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COUNCILMEMBER
ALEX PEDERSEN

 DISTRICT 4 / NORTHEAST SEATTLE

Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you looking forward to the season of Fall -- here at City Hall that means budget season.

Despite sometimes expressing policy perspectives different from several of my City Council colleagues, I have enjoyed crafting important measures to benefit our district and our city--and then working with those colleagues to adopt those measures including:

- an Internet for All action plan focused on achieving equity,
- an audit of Seattle's bridges focused on safety, and
- a vital analysis focused on addressing climate change.

These accomplishments are *in addition to* the basic work we need to do as chair of our Council's Transportation & Utilities Committee, which includes next steps to repair and replace the West Seattle Bridge.

These professional relationships with my Council colleagues and our Mayor are important as we head into a difficult discussions on how to close the growing gaps in our city government's budget which, due to the economic recession, will likely include reductions for government programs and projects. As the Mayor transmits her budget proposal for 2021 on September 29, I hope to use my extensive financial management experience to help our city navigate these troubled fiscal waters. We recently previewed how challenging it can be to agree on policies and budgets.

This past Tuesday, the City Council reconsidered the three pieces of budget legislation that our Mayor vetoed last month: Council Bills [119825](#), [119862](#), and [119863](#). Mayor Durkan explained her vetoes in [a letter](#) to the City Council. The City Council discussed the vetoes on September 21 and 22 and ultimately overrode the vetoes on all three bills. While I joined my colleagues on two of the bills, new information about the negative impacts of Council Bill 119825 convinced me (and Councilmember Debora Juarez) to vote to sustain (support) our Mayor's veto on that particular bill.

Council Bill 119825 was concerning to me and many constituents because it contributed to the early retirement of our city's first and only Black police chief Carmen Best and it deleted funding for our city's "Navigation Team" for those experiencing homelessness. It has become even more clear that we need this interdepartmental team of dedicated city employees who offer housing and services to people living in unauthorized encampments. I know many of us are eager to hear from my colleagues who voted to defund the Navigation Team about how they intend to replace the organized and coordinated efforts we had to address homelessness. We also need a better understanding of how the changes proposed in this legislation, combined with the accelerated attrition (loss) of police officers, will impact response times from our police department and our ability to adhere to the consent decree for police reforms.

This entire budgetary battle, unfortunately, avoided the hard work of what we really need to revamp public safety: City Hall must revamp the inflexible, expensive, and unjust labor contract with the police union (which I discuss more below).

The remarks I made at the City Council meeting explain my rationale for my various votes and you can review them on my blog: pedersen.seattle.gov. My blog also provides details of this historic issue of revamping public safety and the various votes and events stretching back to May.

Read on for more updates about my recent work for District 4 and other news.



City Council Unanimously Adopts Councilmember Pedersen's Climate Change Policy



Presenting the climate change analysis to my Council colleagues.

This past Monday, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution 31933, which I crafted and introduced. My Resolution will, for the first time, require City Hall to formally consider the crisis of climate change when crafting new legislation. The recurring wildfires that choked Seattle's air with harmful smoke were an ominous backdrop as Councilmembers recognized the urgent need to contemplate all new legislation through the lens of climate change.

Currently, all Council legislation requires a "fiscal note," which summarizes the financial implications to the City. Resolution 31933 expands this analysis by asking City departments to assess whether new legislation would increase or decrease carbon emissions and whether it would strengthen or weaken

Seattle’s resiliency to climate change. By the end of March 2021, the City Budget Office and the Office of Sustainability and Environment will be reporting on how well the new reporting requirement is working. Thank you to everyone who called and emailed City Council in support of the resolution, and especially to Dr. Cathy Tuttle, a climate activist and policy expert who ran for City Council in 2019 and whose “Carbon Note” concept inspired this new policy.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the resolution and [HERE](#) to read a statement from Dr. Tuttle in support of it.

Mayor Durkan Transmits her Budget to City Council Tuesday, Sept 29

Due to the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, we must be prepared for significant reductions to Seattle’s \$6.5 billion budget. In the face of these reductions necessary to balance the city’s budget as required by State law, I will still be working hard to secure funding for projects that will serve the over 100,000 constituents who call District 4 home.

I hope you’ll join me at a virtual town hall to discuss the Mayor’s budget, its impacts on District 4, and to voice your priorities for our city government budget process. City Budget Director Ben Noble will be with us to provide an overview and to answer questions.

YOU'RE INVITED:

DISTRICT 4 BUDGET TOWN HALL

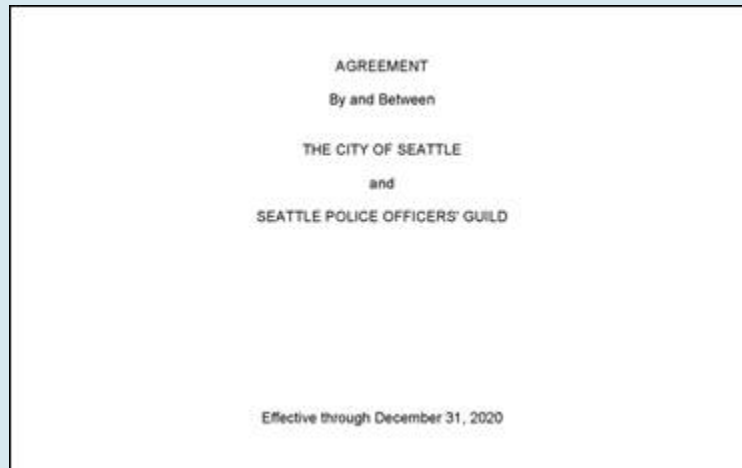
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6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

RSVP AND SUBMIT QUESTIONS AT
THE LINK BELOW

[RSVP HERE](#) to receive the Zoom call-in link and submit your questions. See you on October 8 for the virtual Budget Town Hall for our District 4 !

We Must Revamp the Police Union Contract to Revamp Public Safety



The 100-page [labor contract](#) with the Seattle Police Officers Guild (SPOG) is an expensive, inflexible, and unjust document that has become a disservice to both good police officers and all Seattle communities and it is the #1 impediment to reallocating additional resources to BIPOC communities, improving public safety, expanding police reforms, and ending institutional racism in policing. While that dysfunctional contract expires in only 90 days, both the Executive and Legislative branches of city government have, unfortunately, spent months dramatically tinkering with the police budget when we must first attack the root cause of the problems: the SPOG labor contract. I hope we can all encourage [those in charge of labor policy](#) for City Hall to roll up their sleeves to rebuild a better contract so that we have the flexibility and funding to revamp public safety in Seattle. For the entire contract, [CLICK HERE](#).

New Police Reform Monitors Appointed by Federal Judge Robart

I am grateful for the years of hard work by Merrick Bobb and look forward to the efforts of the new police reform monitors [Antonio Oftelie](#) and [Monisha Harrell](#). For the Seattle Times article, [CLICK HERE](#). No matter the size of our police department budget or number of police officers, we need to sustain and expand the reforms, such as improving the disciplinary process. The monitors provide important independent oversight and analysis in addition to the Community Police Commission, Office of Police Accountability, and Inspector General (for Public Safety).

City Auditor Completes the Bridge Audit I Requested and Concludes—We Need More Funding to Keep Our Bridges Safe



The University Bridge that connects the U District and Eastlake in District 4 was among the bridges ranked in “poor” condition along with the Magnolia Bridge, 2nd Avenue South extension, and the Fairview Avenue Bridge (which is being reconstructed). Photo: by SounderBruce on Wikipedia

As a result of the closure of the West Seattle Bridge in March, I requested a review by the City Auditor of the rest of Seattle’s City-owned bridges to determine their condition and ongoing monitoring and maintenance status.

In a city defined by its many waterways, our bridges connect us and this audit report proves city government must do a better job investing in this basic infrastructure,” said Councilmember Pedersen. “Vital for transit, freight and our regional economy, bridges require relatively large investments to build and maintain to ensure they remain safe for generations. I requested this audit of our bridges because the rapid deterioration of the West Seattle Bridge underscored the need for City officials and the general public to have a clear, thorough, and independent understanding of the condition of major bridges

throughout Seattle, including the adequacy of the City's preventative maintenance investments and practices.

The auditor's staff did a remarkable job and produced the audit report in mid-September. It is published [HERE](#). In addition to identifying the serious shortage of funding for needed bridge maintenance, the auditor recommends several changes to how SDOT assesses the condition of each bridge, including the importance of evaluating individual components of each bridge. The auditor also recommends that SDOT bridge crews spend less time helping other agencies and jurisdictions, so that SDOT can stay focused on Seattle's bridges.

The [Seattle Times editorial](#) on the audit said, "*New City Councilmember Alex Pedersen deserves kudos for requesting the audit after the West Seattle Bridge closure. It gives the council facts and improvements to consider, and has already prompted change at the Department of Transportation.*"

SDOT has agreed with almost all of the audit's conclusions and recommendations. I will continue to monitor SDOT to improve its care for our bridges and to encourage my Council colleagues to get City Hall back to the basics of our city's infrastructure.

You can read more about the bridge audit [HERE](#).

Concerns About SDOT's New Scooter Rentals



Photo from SDOT blog

On September 8, 2020, I voted against scooters in Seattle and here's why:

I support improved mobility options by encouraging environmentally friendly alternatives to gas-powered, single occupancy vehicles. Ideally, electric scooters (e-scooters) would provide an alternative for some trips for some travelers. At the same time, the City government is essentially authorizing a new mode of transportation — thousands of scooters traveling within our streets and other rights of way. This is big change that warrants a careful tracking of the results.

I had been looking forward to a standard 'pilot project' on scooters that would measure results as we are seeing elsewhere in King County but, unfortunately, this SDOT legislation is not a real pilot project. The legislation transmitted by

SDOT to the City Council did not explicitly and fully address safety, financial liability, infrastructure costs, or measures for success.

SDOT, however, said this legislation was time-sensitive, so I fulfilled my role as Transportation Committee Chair to facilitate discussion, ask questions, and enable my fellow Councilmembers to vote on it. While a majority of my colleagues approved it at my Committee on August 19 and at the full City Council on September 8, I was personally not willing to vote yes for something that, in my opinion, lacked details. “

Both [Council Bill 119867](#) and [Council Bill 119868](#) totaled only 2 pages in length. To retain some oversight role and to encourage a more standard pilot program that evaluates initial results, as Chair of the Transportation Committee, I sent [a letter](#) asking our SDOT Director to return to our Committee by next June and next December to report on specific metrics from the first 6 months and 12 months of the new program. To view my letter to the SDOT Director, [CLICK HERE](#).

West Seattle Bridge Closure Assessment and Mitigation
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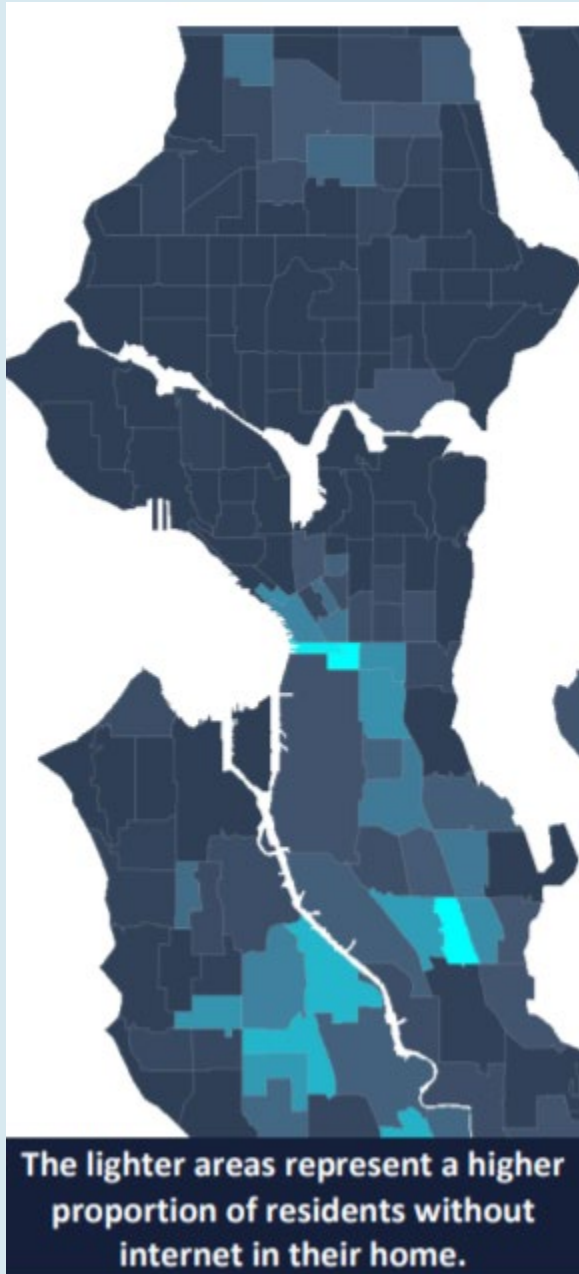


Photo: SDOT

Impacts from the West Seattle Bridge closure in March continue, with no near-term replacement of the lost capacity. Numerous measures have been put in place to reduce the impacts of traffic flowing through Georgetown and South Park. Engineering work to assess the best paths forward continues. The City Council also retained an engineering firm to provide input. After a cost-benefit analysis, we are expecting the Mayor to announce a decision on SDOT's preferred path forward in October. The two likely choices: repair with replacement in about 15 years or begin replacement as soon as possible.

For more information on the status of the West Seattle Bridge, please see [SDOT's West Seattle Bridge page](#). District 1 Councilmember Lisa Herbold also posts insightful articles on the bridge on [her blog](#), and the West Seattle Blog contains [regular and in-depth reporting](#).

Internet for All Plan, Called For By Councilmembers Pedersen, Gonzalez, and Juarez, Now Available



I was pleased to hear the details of the [Internet for All Seattle report](#) at my Committee, including the Gap Analysis and Action Plan presentation at my Transportation & Utilities Committee on Wednesday, September 16; [the recording](#) of the presentation is available on the Seattle Channel. Our Internet for All Resolution requested Seattle's Information Technology Department to provide its first report last week, followed by subsequent reports for the longer term, sustainable solutions of the Action Plan. For our original Resolution (31956) that launched Internet for All, [CLICK HERE](#). For the presentation, [CLICK HERE](#) and for the Action Plan report, [CLICK HERE](#).

The Resolution, which I crafted and sponsored with Council President Gonzalez and Councilmember Juarez, was adopted unanimously by

the Council in July. It outlined a vision and requested a plan to make broadband

internet service accessible, reliable, and affordable to all residents. Increased access to the internet will increase access to key services and opportunities such as education, job training, unemployment assistance, and resources for those seeking relief during times of crisis.

Seattle is a city that rightfully prides itself on world-class technology, but the COVID crisis has laid bare the inequities and injustices of the Digital Divide. I called for this action plan with my colleagues to achieve Internet for All because we can no longer allow limited access to the internet to prevent learning, to impede our workers, or to hinder our small businesses. It's time to provide reliable and affordable access to the internet as part of our city's vital infrastructure for social justice, education, and economic development. This ambitious report from the Mayor and her team, in collaboration with the City Council, spurs Seattle's long-term efforts to provide affordable and reliable internet to low-income, BIPOC, and all communities, so that we can finally achieve Internet for All.

Building on the strong foundation created by the Mayor and her team, Seattle's IT Department worked diligently to establish strategies and objectives as concrete steps toward universal internet access and adoption. As we know, the COVID-19 pandemic has only accelerated and exacerbated inequities in society, including the digital divide with disparate outcomes for low-income and BIPOC communities. Especially during the pandemic, access to the internet has become a fundamental way people participate in society and this shift may have longer term impacts on how and where we conduct business, attend school, and participate in civic life.

For the joint press release on the Internet for All report from the Mayor's Office and City Council [CLICK HERE](#), and for more on previous Internet for All efforts, please see my blog post by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Seattle Channel Honored with Excellence Awards for Government Programming in National Competition



In an appearance on the Seattle Channel show “Council Edition” with Councilmember Herbold, Host Brian Callanan, and Councilmember Strauss during happier times before the COVID pandemic.

As Chair of the Transportation & Utilities Committee, which includes Technology, I'm proud to share the news that the Seattle Channel was recently named among the best municipal television stations in the nation when it received the prestigious Overall Excellence award for government programming from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. As I hope you all know, Seattle Channel is a local, public TV station that reflects, informs and inspires the community it serves. Seattle Channel presents programs on cable television—channel 21 on Comcast (321 HD), Wave (721 HD) and 8003 on CenturyLink (8503 HD)—and via the internet to help residents connect with their city. To access Seattle Channel online, [CLICK HERE](#). Programming includes series and special features highlighting the diverse civic and cultural landscape.

Whether it's increasing access to City Council meetings or producing original in-depth content focused on Seattle's diverse people and places, Seattle Channel is an important resource. Seattle Channel provides transparency and accountability in city government, sparks civic engagement and helps deepen understanding of local issues. Congratulations to everyone at the channel, whose hard work and dedication led to these prestigious awards.

I'm grateful that the Seattle Channel broadcasts the City Council briefings and City Council hearings every Monday at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. so that people across the city can see what is happening in their government.

New in D4: Christie Park is Open!

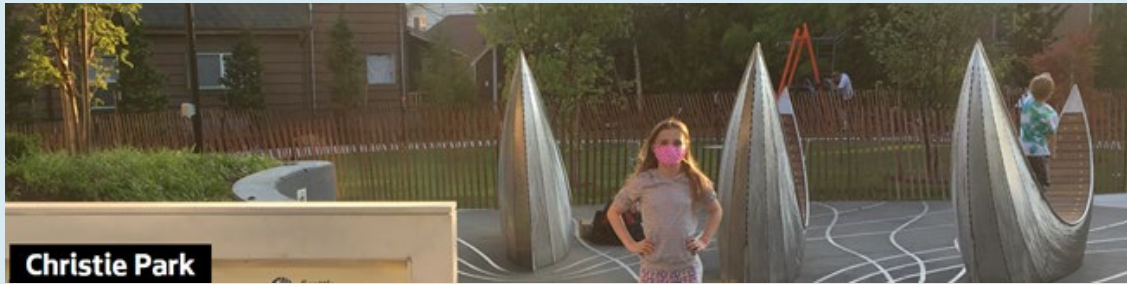


Photo: Seattle Parks & Recreation

Seattle Parks and Recreation is happy to announce the Christie Park renovation is complete and open to the public. SPR purchased land directly adjacent and south of Christie Park, 4257 9th Ave. NE, in 2012 to increase the open space for the University District urban village.

As noted on the Park's website, "The larger renovated park features an open lawn, plantings, trees, a multi-use plaza with donated art, a loop trail, and a fitness area. The Friends of Christie Park, formed by the Taiwanese American Community in Greater Seattle, provided the funding for the "Explorer Voyage" art piece by Paul Sorey. The three stainless steel art boat sculptures celebrate the explorer spirit and friendship between the people of Seattle and Taiwan. The park art includes Paul Sorey's boats modeled after Taiwanese Aboriginal's boats "Tatala", that offer seating areas, cultural tiles installed at the entrance to the park and decorative lighting for the boats. The word "EXPLORE" is written in different languages around the entry circle reflecting many cultures all sharing the same values and steel "ribbon" in the concrete represent water.

The opening celebration will occur next July during the [Tribal Canoe Journey](#) along Pacific Northwest coast when many Taiwanese Native Tao people come to Seattle and can join the celebration."

For more information about the project please visit seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/christie-park-addition.

UPDATES ON COVID PANDEMIC AND RELIEF



Eviction Moratoria and Rent Relief

Moratoria on evictions are currently in place through the rest of 2020 at both the city and federal levels. More information is available [HERE](#) about the nationwide order and [HERE](#) about Mayor Durkan's order for Seattle. Governor Inslee's eviction moratorium for the state is currently in place until October 15. Additionally, King County has a new Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program which you can learn more about [HERE](#).

New Round of Help for Small Businesses

During this time of COVID-19 impacts, our small businesses are especially impacted and yet we need them to thrive to provide jobs for our neighbors, vitality for our neighborhoods, and products and services for all of us. The Seattle Metro Chamber of Commerce, which serves as the King County Associate Development Organization, opened a new round of grant funding

Monday to ensure that \$580,000 in federal funding reaches King County small businesses and 501 (c)(6) non-profit business service organizations (e.g. neighborhood chambers of commerce and tourism bureaus).

I hope that eligible D4 businesses with 20 or fewer full-time employees apply for awards of \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000 through the program, called the Federal CARES Act Small Business Emergency Grant Program. The Chamber estimates that it will be able to make grants to 60-115 businesses/organizations within King County and is accepting applications through Monday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. Please view full details about business eligibility and the application form are available [HERE](#).

Priority will be given to applications that fall within these categories:

- Minority and women-owned businesses
- Most impacted industries including: Hospitality and Tourism, Retail, Air Travel, and Aerospace Industries, as outlined in the [Greater Seattle Region Covid-19 Economic Impact Analysis](#)

Internet Access Opportunities

I wanted to share some resources for helping secure internet access. For those with students in Seattle Public Schools, [CLICK HERE](#) for the District's internet assistance program. And the City of Seattle website has information on low-cost options [HERE](#).

Where to Find More Updates on COVID and Relief

The Seattle City Council continues to update its [COVID-19 webpage](#) which includes resources supporting [workers](#), [childcare](#), [small businesses](#), and [tenants/landlords](#).

You can also visit [Mayor Jenny Durkan's centralized COVID-19 webpage](#), as well as the [Mayor's blog](#) for additional updates. Additionally, our [Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs](#) has been translating and sharing information on COVID-19 in several languages. For links to OIRA's fact sheets and other translated materials, go to their blog: <https://welcoming.seattle.gov/covid-19/>. And for the latest from [Public Health Seattle-King County](#), you can visit their website to track our region's response to the virus.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



City Council Meetings on the Internet

Listening: Even though City Council is not currently holding meetings in person in order to follow public health guidelines, you can still follow along by listening

on your computer or phone by [CLICKING HERE](#). You can also listen on your phone by calling 253-215-8782.

Commenting: You can also submit public comment by sending an e-mail to me at Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov or to all 9 Councilmembers at council@seattle.gov. Please remember to add “For City Council Meeting” in the comments. Now you can also phone into the meeting to speak directly to the Council live. For the instructions on how to register and call in, [CLICK HERE](#). Sign up begins two hours prior to the meeting start time.

We are still receiving a very high volume of e-mails (for example, over 1,000 e-mails about the Mayor’s recent vetoes), so I ask for your patience as we try to respond to those District 4 constituents who asked for a response. Either way, we read your e-mails and they have an impact. Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Virtual Meetings with Your Councilmember Pedersen

I continue to schedule virtual in-district office hours, so we can chat by telephone or via Skype. Please continue to sign up through [my website](#) or by [CLICKING HERE](#) so I can hear your ideas, concerns, and requests. You can also just send an e-mail to alex.pedersen@seattle.gov

For previous e-newsletters, visit my blog by [CLICKING HERE](#).

We will get through this together, Seattle.

With gratitude,



Councilmember Alex Pedersen

Seattle City Council, [District 4](#)

Email: Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov

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From: kristal lana <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 6:58 AM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Lori Jo Tanaka <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 11:55 AM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 6:33 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Aldrich, Newell <Newell.Aldrich2@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>

Subject: 5232 and 5244 23RD AVE SW undeveloped sites

CAUTION: External Email

Please keep me informed of the tree-grove clearings at 5232 and 5244 23RD AVE SW.

This clearcut is to sell 13 townhouses.

Project:3036949-LUArea: West Seattle

Notice Date:9/24/2020

Project DescriptionLand Use Application to subdivide one development site into seven unit lots. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lotsComments may be submitted through:10/07/2020

Along with
5232 23RD AVE SW
3036950-LU

Date:9/24/2020

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TreePAC Board Member
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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 7:01 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>

Subject: 13 single-family residences with Accessory Dwelling Units

CAUTION: External Email

Please keep me at TreePAC informed about the Proposed 13 residences with ADU planned with Application for project 3036866-LU

There appears to be a large street tree, a perimeter grove of trees, and at least one Exceptional tree - many of which may be retained along with development.

If this is a lot within a SF-5000 zone, how will this property be subdivided into so many lots given the size of the surrounding lots and the 75/80 rule?

How will emergency access be provided to those proposed homes without direct access from the street?

Address:719 S DIRECTOR ST

Project:3036866-LU Area: South

Notice Date:9/24/2020 Project Description:

Land Use Application to allow 13, 2-story, single-family residences with Accessory Dwelling Units. Parking for 25 vehicles proposed Existing buildings to be demolished. Comments may be submitted through:10/07/2020

Exceptional trees rule

<https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/Resources/DR2008-16xExceptionalTrees.pdf>

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:46 AM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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<Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: [TREE LOSS] 5232 and 5244 23RD AVE SW undeveloped sites

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David, for raising this very important point about yet another threat to environmentally critical habitat.

We, as a civilization cannot afford to lose any more healthy trees. The world is dying. The environment around is locally and beyond is changing rapidly and every healthy tree removed further compounds this fact. This is not just my claim based on my love of trees and the environment, but it is science fact as reported and observed by thousands of scientists globally. These experts in their respective fields, whether it be climate science itself, botany, marine biology, meteorologists, entomologists or any of the other variety of scientists looking at the complex systems of life on the planet, including arborists like me, base their conclusions on recorded and documented observations. I am not able to afford the time to do the same volume of recorded documentation because of the work I need to do to earn a living, but I make mental notes of the different aspects of the world me, which I see at different times of the day, during different seasons and over different years and in only ten years of living in Seattle and the Puget Sound, I have observed an increasing number of trees in decline., beyond those being removed. This decline is worrying as it is generally always connected back to climate change and the increased stresses of the increased heat and lack of water and nutrients in our increasingly hostile urban environment.

If SDCI and the City of Seattle continues to ignore the reality around them, we all suffer; even rich property developers, Council Members, the Mayor and all influential corporate billionaires; and moreover, their children and grandchildren! Environmental chaos and destruction and the impact of it on the rest of the planet's complex interconnected systems do not discriminate between those with money and those without; all life is impacted.

We are well beyond the need to consider relatively minor changes to any of the tree protection codes. We must STOP removing trees. A universal moratorium is the only hope we have left, to stop the irreversible destruction and plan for a future where trees and the environment are truly at the forefront of City planning and not being ignored. It is all very manageable if we work together for a common purpose but this continuing unmanaged and disorganised destruction of all greenspaces (whether one tree or three hundred) in the City is purely diabolical.

Please be the generation of leaders who go down in history as those who acted positively, proactively and with a purpose beyond the short term, immediate gratification and greed which is destroying Seattle and the wider world.

We can be so much better than this.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

www.panorarbor.com

[ISA Certified Arborist PN-7245A & Tree Risk Assessment Qualification \(TRAQ\)](#)

[Arborist on Seattle Audubon Society Conservation Committee](#)

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[WA Lic# PANORL*852P1](#) (Click to link to WA L&I's Verify a Contractor Page)

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Help support TreePAC's efforts to create a stronger tree ordinance, more informed residents, and more informed City Officials.

Guide to save trees before it is too late:

<https://treepac.org/step-by-step-saving-seattle-trees-guide-new/>

Donate to non-profit TreePAC:

<https://donorbox.org/support-treepac-and-seattle-s-urban-forest?>

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From: Richard Nicol <rlnicol@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 6:11 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Imogen Love <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:08 PM
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Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Stephen Groening <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI’s Director’s Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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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"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns." Include street trees in groves.
- Add "Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects

must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages.”

- Add “All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can’t be removed.”
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to “TREE PROTECTION”. Remove references to “Exceptional Trees” only and change to “Trees”. e.g., change “Exceptional Tree Protection Areas” to “Tree Protection Areas”.
- SECTION 4. Add “The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle’s Equity and Environment Initiative.”
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require “one or more trees” to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.
- SECTION 5. SEPA requirements under SMC 25.05.675 N are for protecting special habitats and need to be considered at the beginning of the development process. The language of this SEPA code section should be included in the Director’s Rule to be certain that the code is complied with.
- SECTION 6. SDCI should adopt SDOT’s registration process and requirements to assist Tree Care Providers in complying with city code and regulations. Reduce the number of citations that will remove a Tree Care Provider from being registered with the city to no more than 2 per year. Require annual registration same as Seattle business licenses require. Require that Tree Care Provider companies have a WA State contractor’s license to ensure they have workers’ compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.

Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

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Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:01 PM

To: Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Additional suggestion for the DR - Exceptional Tree update

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Feel free to reach out for more info and details of how and why this would be good for our large and 'protected' trees.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

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zartsarts@gmail.com

10248 20th Ave SW
Seattle, Washington 98146

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7:59 PM
To: DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Large street tree status and removed tree grove cleared at 1314 & 1326 YAKIMA AVE S (3033649-LU to 3033651-LU)

CAUTION: External Email

This looks like a complete tree clearing in an area of the City that needs trees to combat local heat islands and climate change. **Please clarify why no trees are being retained and how many street trees will be retained (see attached page 3 design).**

Also, please clarify how a LBA (Lot boundary adjustment) is allowed on project #3033168-LU adjusting SEVEN parcels into THREE reconfigured parcels.

Address:1314 YAKIMA AVE S
Project:3036859-LU
Notice Date:10/5/2020

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The above five rowhouses are in front of five townhouses at address 1326 YAKIMA AVE S,
includes projects 3033651-LU (parcel C)
3033650-LU (parcel B)
Project:3033649-LU (parcel A)

David Moehring
TreePAC Member

From: dmoehring@consultant.com <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 7:38 AM

To: TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>; bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; suzanne@grantharper.net; Martha Baskin (mobaskin@earthlink.net) <mobaskin@earthlink.net>; Jerry Harter <jrh100@hotmail.com>; heidi@caylxsite.com; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; James Davis <jamesdavis1400@gmail.com>; treesyes <treesyes@gmail.com>

Subject: Stand up Friday for Cedar trees at 2616 NW 62nd St

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Save Seattle from needless clearcutting!

David

Sent using the mobile mail app

Forwarded email

From: "Jerry Harter" <jrh100@hotmail.com>

Date: October 8, 2020

To: "Stuart Niven" <panorarbor@gmail.com>, "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>,

"Jim Davis" <jamesdavis1400@gmail.com>

Cc:

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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Jerry Harter

206-734-9307

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Janetway <janetway@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 9:30 AM

To: dmoehring@consultant.com

Cc: TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>; bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; suzanne@grantharper.net; Martha Baskin (mobaskin@earthlink.net) <mobaskin@earthlink.net>; Jerry Harter <jrh100@hotmail.com>; heidi@caylxsite.com; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; James Davis <jamesdavis1400@gmail.com>; treesyes <treesyes@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Stand up Friday for Cedar trees at 2616 NW 62nd St

CAUTION: External Email

Thanks David!

I found this example of huge existing trees saved on Aloha St in Queen Ann yesterday.

Janet





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From: Abby Liu <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 9:31 AM

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

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

CAUTION: External Email

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Abby Liu

abbseys@hotmail.com

5280 17th Ave NE

Seattle, Washington 98105

From: Julie Syrdal <jbsyrdal@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 8:45 AM

To: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>

Subject: City trees: Article in The Atlantic today

CAUTION: External Email

Sending along an important article from The Atlantic today regarding the importance of trees in urban areas for your review.

Excerpt:

People are more likely to walk down tree-laden streets, and they pay a premium of 6 to 9 percent for homes in neighborhoods with good tree cover. Sick people do better when surrounded by trees, too: One study found that patients recovering from surgery spent 8.5 percent less time in the hospital when they had a view of nature, compared with those who didn't. Other research found that children with ADHD displayed better concentration after a 20-minute walk in a green park. Trees even appear, remarkably, to correlate with lower rates of crime: Academic research in 2001 discovered that apartments with abundant greenery experienced 52 percent less crime than those with less foliage.

https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2020/10/trees-need-be-future-proofed/616660/?campaign_id=58&emc=edit_ck_20201012&instance_id=23008&nl=cooking®i_id=77596333&segment_id=40686&te=1&user_id=12f24572799922ce7292a180971da5aa

Thanks,
Julie

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 4, 2020, at 9:06 PM, Julie Syrdal <jbsyrdal@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Nolan,

Please save the big leaf maple in Madrona. It is a gorgeous tree and adds so much beauty to the neighborhood. In an urban environment like Madrona, an old tree like this is hard to find and is a much needed connection to nature.

There is a lot of ugliness in our city right now. Please don't take away something that makes it better. It would be a huge loss for the whole neighborhood and generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julie Syrdal
Denny Blaine resident

PS: If you haven't read *Overstory*, I highly recommend it! An incredible novel about trees.

From: Monal Pathak <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 11:52 AM

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

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Monal Pathak
monal.pathak@gmail.com
156 Florentia St Apt D
Seattle, Washington 98109

From: Lynne Hyerle <lynne@nosprayzone.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@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:

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6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
7. Expand SDOT’s existing tree service provider’s registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Lynne Hyerle

lynne@nosprayzone.org

3011 NW 75th St

Seattle, Washington 98117

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8:41 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Bretzke, Daniel <Daniel.Bretzke@seattle.gov>

Cc: Land Use Advocacy Forum <land-use-advocacy-forum@googlegroups.com>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; PCD_SOCMedia <PCD_SOCMedia@seattle.gov>

Subject: Disposition of City Property at Yakima Ave and S Irving St (1314, 1326, 1336)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle PRC and Mr. Bretzke,

Thank you for taking comment on the proposal to add 18 more new greenfield homes. Yes, it is delightful to hear that the new homes will be selling between \$250,000 - \$275,000. It almost sounds too good to be true. The "Giving Tree" story comes to life

once again in this block, with an entire Seattle urban forest grove being cleared off a sloping half-city block.

Please review the arborist report and advise how the Seattle Municipal Code 25.11 will be enforced to replace the clearcutting of trees within a part of the City where trees are disproportionately compromised compared to other parts of Seattle.

Please remember that fighting climate change is a two-way street that not only includes adding more 'brownfield' density within Seattle; it also means sustaining our shrinking urban forest that fight the effect of urban heat islands.

Thank you,
David Moehring
TreePAC Board Member

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Address:1336 YAKIMA AVE S

Project:3036865-LU

Area: South

Notice Date:10/8/2020

Project Description: Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into six unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6706683-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots. Comments may be submitted through:10/21/2020

Non-compliant unit lots (dwellings behind rowhouses)

Address:1326 YAKIMA AVE S

Project:3036863-LU

Area: SouthNotice

Date:10/8/2020 Project Description Land Use

Application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6706682-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Comments may be submitted through:10/21/2020

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Address:1314 YAKIMA AVE S

Project:3036859-LU

Notice Date:10/5/2020

Project Description

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<https://web8.seattle.gov/SDCI/ShapingSeattle/buildings/Details/6706682-CN>

David Moehring
312-965-0634

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January 26, 2018

RE: Update on the Disposition Status of City Property PMA 1594, Yakima Ave and S Irving St.

Dear Neighbor,

The Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) manages the property located at Northeast corner of Yakima Ave S and S Irving St. This vacant property is excess to the Department of Finance and Administrative Services' needs. A Preliminary Recommendation Report has been published, and on June 21st 2017, the Public Involvement Plan was presented to the City of Seattle Council's Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee. These and other reports can be found on the City's Real Estate Services website at: <https://www.seattle.gov/real-estate-services/property-reuse-and-disposition-overview/pma-1594>.

Based on an evaluation of suitability of this property for affordable housing development, and in accordance with the Public Involvement Plan the Seattle Office of Housing published a Request for Proposals for the development of the property for permanently affordable ownership housing on this site. After reviewing and evaluating proposals submitted, the Office of Housing (OH) has selected the preferred developers, Homestead Community Land Trust (CLT) and Edge Developers LLC. FAS will be recommending the transfer of this property to the preferred developers. This transfer will be subject to City Council approval.

Homestead CLT, a Seattle based not-for-profit organization, has over 25 years of community-based experience creating affordable homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income community residents. Edge Developers, a market rate builder, will be partnering with Homestead CLT on project development and construction. The current proposal is to build nine affordable townhomes. The proposed homes will have three and four bedrooms and will sell for estimated prices of \$250,000 - \$275,000. In partnership with other community partners, Homestead CLT intends to reach households who are either at risk of displacement from the neighborhood due to increasing rents and home prices or those who have already been displaced and would like to return to their neighborhood. If you would like more information about Homestead or how to apply to their affordable homeownership program, go to www.homesteadclt.org.



PMA 1594 Parcels

Prepared by FAS RES daniel bretzke no warranty for information represented October 2017



For more information

If you have questions, concerns or to be added to the project contact email list, please contact Daniel Bretzke at Daniel.Bretzke@seattle.gov.



Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor
Samuel Assefa, Director

City Hall Fourth Ave 5th Floor, Seattle, WA 98104

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:02 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Fill in ECA at 9280 WATERS AVE S; clear grove at 9269 57th Ave S

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Public Resource Center
(PRC@seattle.gov),

Please provide a public meeting (with 50 requests)
for the development in Rainier Beach.

More tree groves are being cleared at 9269 57th
Ave S

Project: 3036931-EG

for 9 new townhouses on a steep slope...

And across the street at

9280 WATERS AVE S

Project:3033729-LU

Notice Date:10/8/2020

Project Description

Land Use Application to allow a 5-story, 31-unit apartment building. No parking is proposed.

Comments may be submitted through:10/21/2020

David Moehring
312-965-0634

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:40 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>

Subject: New South Park house addresses after expansive tree clearing

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle PRC,

Please provide a public meeting for the following functionally-related development within greenbelt land along the northeast edge Highway 99 in South Park. This includes the following new addresses:

- 856 S Concord (lot boundary adjustments that change number of lots?!);
- 859 S Concord (Single Family Residence);
- 855 S Concord (Single Family Residence);
- 849 S Concord (Single Family Residence);
- 848 S Concord (lot boundary adjustments that change number of lots?!);
- 843 S Concord (Single Family Residence);
- 842 S Concord (Single Family Residence);
- 840 S Concord (Single Family Residence);
- 834 S Concord (Single Family Residence); and
- 832 S Concord (Single Family Residence).

This is just another tree grove being cleared in order to add 8 to 10 new homes in-lieu of green space.

Description Land use application to adjust the boundary between five

parcels of land resulting in four parcels of land. Existing building to remain. (And more)

<https://web8.seattle.gov/SDCI/ShapingSeattle/buildings/Details/3033984-LU>

The addresses on Concord Street are deceiving, as the street has not yet been extended. The nearest property to search for on the GPS would be 833 S Trenton Street.

David Moehring
[TreePAC](#) Board Member
<https://treepac.org/>

From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 6:22 AM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Bretzke, Daniel <Daniel.Bretzke@seattle.gov>; Land Use Advocacy Forum <land-use-advocacy-forum@googlegroups.com>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; PCD_SOCMedia <PCD_SOCMedia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: Disposition of City Property at Yakima Ave and S Irving St (1314, 1326, 1336)

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David, I second your comments and request.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)
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On Wed, Oct 14, 2020 at 8:42 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Dear Seattle PRC and Mr. Bretzke,

Thank you for taking comment on the proposal to add 18 more new greenfield homes. Yes, it is delightful to hear that the new homes will be selling between \$250,000 - \$275,000. It almost sounds too good to be true. The "Giving Tree" story comes to life once again in this block, with an entire Seattle urban forest grove being cleared off a sloping half-city block.

Please review the arborist report and advise how the Seattle Municipal Code 25.11 will be enforced to replace the clearcutting of trees within a part of the City where trees are disproportionately compromised compared to other parts of Seattle.

Please remember that fighting climate change is a two-way street that not only includes adding more 'brownfield' density within Seattle; it also means sustaining our shrinking urban forest that fight the effect of urban heat islands.

Thank you,
David Moehring
TreePAC Board Member

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Address:1336 YAKIMA AVE S

Project:3036865-LU

Area: South

Notice Date:10/8/2020

**Project Description: Land Use Application to
subdivide one development site into six unit lots.
The construction of residential units is under Project
#6706683-CN. This subdivision of property is only
for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit**

lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots. Comments may be submitted through:10/21/2020

Non-compliant unit lots (dwellings behind rowhouses)

Address:1326 YAKIMA AVE S

Project:3036863-LU

Area: SouthNotice

Date:10/8/2020 Project Description Land Use

Application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6706682-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Comments may be submitted through:10/21/2020

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Address:1314 YAKIMA AVE S

Project:3036859-LU

Notice Date:10/5/2020

Project Description

Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6687028-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Comments may be submitted through:10/19/2020

<https://web8.seattle.gov/SDCI/ShapingSeattle/buildings/Details/6706682-CN>

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David Moehring
312-965-0634

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January 26, 2018

RE: Update on the Disposition Status of City Property PMA 1594, Yakima Ave and S Irving St.

Dear Neighbor,

The Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) manages the property located at Northeast corner of Yakima Ave S and S Irving St. This vacant property is excess to the Department of Finance and Administrative Services' needs. A Preliminary Recommendation Report has been published, and on June 21st 2017, the Public Involvement Plan was presented to the City of Seattle Council's Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee. These and other reports can be found on the City's Real Estate Services website at: <https://www.seattle.gov/real-estate-services/property-reuse-and-disposition-overview/pma-1594>.

Based on an evaluation of suitability of this property for affordable housing development, and in accordance with the Public Involvement Plan the Seattle Office of Housing published a Request for Proposals for the development of the property for permanently affordable ownership housing on this site. After reviewing and evaluating proposals submitted, the Office of Housing (OH) has selected the preferred developers, Homestead Community Land Trust (CLT) and Edge Developers LLC. FAS will be recommending the transfer of this property to the preferred developers. This transfer will be subject to City Council approval.

Homestead CLT, a Seattle based not-for-profit organization, has over 25 years of community-based experience creating affordable homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income community residents. Edge Developers, a market rate builder, will be partnering with Homestead CLT on project development and construction. The current proposal is to build nine affordable townhomes. The proposed homes will have three and four bedrooms and will sell for estimated prices of \$250,000 - \$275,000. In partnership with other community partners, Homestead CLT intends to reach households who are either at risk of displacement from the neighborhood due to increasing rents and home prices or those who have already been displaced and would like to return to their neighborhood. If you would like more information about Homestead or how to apply to their affordable homeownership program, go to www.homesteadclt.org.



PMA 1594 Parcels

Prepared by FAS RES daniel bretzke no warranty for information represented October 2017



For more information

If you have questions, concerns or to be added to the project contact email list, please contact Daniel Bretzke at Daniel.Bretzke@seattle.gov.



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Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 8:01 AM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: New South Park house addresses after expansive tree clearing

CAUTION: External Email

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Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

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Hello David and Stuart,

Your comments on the current land use applications for the above noted properties are best directed to the Public Resource Center at Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI). <http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/who-we-are/public-resource-center>

You might also direct your comments to the DCI Land Use Planner, Stephen Fesler, who is copied here.

Our office is no longer involved with this property, as it was sold by the City back in 2018. The webpage below announcing the property disposition dates from January 2018. Daniel Bretzke with our office is no longer the contact for compiling public comments.

Thank you!



Layne Cubell
Deputy Division Director – Policy and Administration
Real Estate Services Division
City of Seattle, [Department of Finance and Administrative Services](#)
O: 206-684-0421 | M:206-418-8160 | layne.cubell@seattle.gov

From: Zachary Pfriem <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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.
6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
7. Expand SDOT’s existing tree service provider’s registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Zachary Pfriem

zachpfriem@gmail.com

11316 28th Ave NE

Seattle, Washington 98125

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 8:31 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>

Subject: Clearcutting two lots with Tree Groves abutting Kubota Garden

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Planner Mr. Colin Vasquez,

Thank you for the two publicly-requested online meetings regarding tree clearcuts of urban forest areas around Kubota Gardens:

- **Oct 27, 5:30pm (9666 51st Ave S)**
- **Nov 2, 5:30pm (9714 LINDSAY PL S)**

Please be prepared to share with the public participants information relative to these projects so they may be informed, including:

- site plans (before and after development)
- number of affordable units (under \$450k) to be provided
- total number of trees removed
- number of tree groves removed
- number of Exceptional trees removed
- where the proposed unit lots correspond with these trees
- number of trees to be replanted and comparison of before / after canopy
- alternative site plans considered to increase the retention of existing large trees
- alternative access options to reduce amount of impermeable surfaces
- locations of riparian pathways and flyways over this Kubota area.
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Looking forward to being better informed!

Member of TreePAC

David Moehring

[Videos](#) on Seattle tree loss and habitats...

<https://treepac.org/tree-videos/>

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MEETING ONE:

Public Meeting for project 3018093-LU

Address: 9666 51ST AVE S

Area:SouthNotice Date:10/12/2020

Project Description Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into nine unit lots in an environmentally critical area. Proposed parcel sizes range from 3,982.03 sq. ft. (typical for 9) to 27,413.57 sq. ft. (east end at creek). Existing structures to be demolished.

This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots.

Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots. Comments may be submitted through: **10/27/2020**

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MEETING TWO:

Public Meeting for project 3030337-LU

Address: 9714 LINDSAY PL S

Project: 3030337-LU

Area:South

Notice Date:10/12/2020

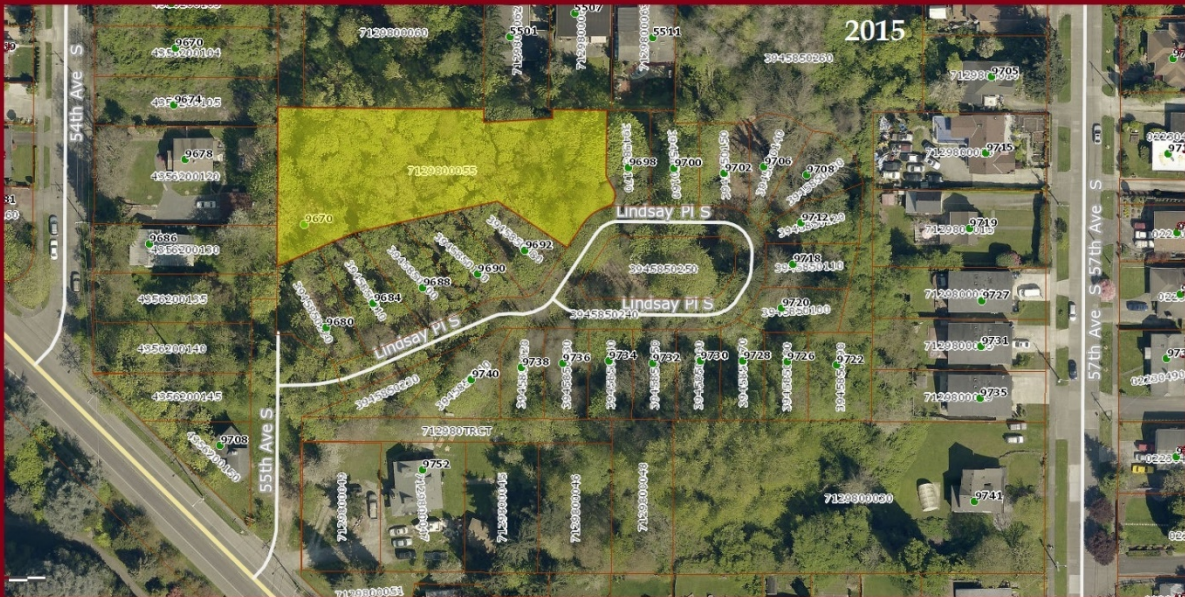
Project Description

Land Use Application to subdivide two parcels into six parcels of land and one tract.

Comments to PRC@seattle.gov may be submitted through: **11/02/2020**

CLEARCUT SEATTLE:

9670 LINDSAY PL S being DIVIDED INTO 4 MORE LOTS...



Seattle clearcutting at Kabota Village from 2015 (above) to 2017 (below)



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Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:07 PM
From: "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>
To: "PRC" <PRC@seattle.gov>, "DOT_LA" <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>, "DOT_SeattleTrees" <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>, nathan.torgelson@seattle.gov
Cc: "seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplist.riseup.net" <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>, shyanika.burton@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)

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.

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Address:
9666 51ST AVE S
Project:
3018093-LU
Zone:
SF 7200
Applicant Contact:
MYLOAN NGUYEN – (206) 763-8496
SDCI Planner:
COLIN VASQUEZ - (206) 684-5639

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into nine unit lots in an environmentally critical area. Proposed parcel sizes range from 3,982.03 sq. ft. to 27,413.57 sq. ft. Existing structures to be demolished. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

The project requires the following approvals:

ECA Administrative Condition Use to allow smaller lot sizes to recover development potential.

Unit Lot Subdivision to create nine unit lots.

SEPA Environmental Determination

INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

The project file, including application plans, environmental documentation and other additional information related to the project, is available in our electronic library at Seattle Services Portal and at the following web link: <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/>, by entering the project number.

ONLINE MEETING INFORMATION

Date:

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Time:

5:30 PM

Online Access:

Webex Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/Mtg3018093>

Listen Line: 206-207-1700 - Access Code: 146 973 8519

Public Comment Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/Comment3018093>

Translators/interpreters provided upon request.

Contact the Public Resource Center at PRC@seattle.gov or (206) 684-8467 at least five business days prior to the meeting to request this service.

From: jebendich@comcast.net <jebendich@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 10:29 PM

To: 'David Moehring' <dmoehring@consultant.com>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>

Subject: RE: Clearcutting two lots with Tree Groves abutting Kubota Garden

CAUTION: External Email

Please include me as one of the public participants and notify me how I may join the online meetings.

Thank you,

Judith E. Bendich

1754 NE 62nd St.
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 525-5914

From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 10:21 AM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: [TREE LOSS] Clearcutting two lots with Tree Groves abutting Kubota Garden

CAUTION: External Email

I second David's request.

Thank you and kind regards,

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From: jebendich@comcast.net <jebendich@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>
Cc: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Public meetings on Oct. 27 and Nov. 2 and 5:30 pm re Clearcutting over 90 trees from groves abutting Kubota Garden (9714 Lindsay Pl S and 9666 51st Ave S)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mr. Torgelson and Mr. Vazquez,

Please be prepared to answer the following questions which were prepared by Mr. David Moehring and others:

- o Can we see in advance and at the meetings the outline of the 6 proposed lots?
- o Can we see in advance and at the meetings the outlines of the proposed lots with the existing trees?
- o Can we see in advance and at the meetings which existing trees will be retained?
- o How did or will the development explore maximizing the retention of existing trees per the city code SMC 23.24 criteria #7?
- o We understand that a fire truck turnaround may be provided. How did or will the

development provide adequately sized emergency access easement across the subdivision. (drawings should be prepared before the meeting by Collin V of Seattle Dept of Construction and Inspections)

Please address the following points by those who have written re these proposals:

- o 1: Firsthand seen neglect of neighborhood, lack of communication re: Kubota Village Phase 1, etc.
- o 2: Tree groves are riparian pathways for wildlife habitat to move through neighborhood; what steps are contemplated for buffering along riparian areas? What studies and analyses have been done re the high water mark, flora and fauna both along riparian stream banks and along migratory pathways and how these will be protected?
- o 3: Kubota Village does not meet the requirements of affordable housing
- o 4: Do the lots and house plans meet the city code? How are they taking current code into consideration?
- o 5. Phase 1 included at least 4 tree groves and several Exceptional trees that were cleared rather than protected in some part. SMC 25.11 requires those tree groves and exceptional trees to be replaced with equitable tree canopy. Where are the equitable replacement trees? Where are the code required 8-inches of new tree caliper for every new residential lot of roughly 4,000 sq ft.?
- o 6: Half of Phase 2 has already been clear cut BEFORE the subdivision application has been removed. How was this permitted? The Seattle Hearing Examiner concurs that tree removal is only allowed per SMC 25.11 with a construction permit. Construction permits should not be issued before the lots are legal lots. Will there be fines assessed per the Director's Rule. Trees for Seattle indicates that this part of Seattle has significantly less tree canopy than other parts of the City. We is tree clearing of green space continuing here and other areas like South Park?

Sincerely yours,

Judith E. Bendich

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From: Mari Malcolm <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:27 AM

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

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

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's trees are essential in curbing climate change and the urban heat island effect. They also make our city so much more lovable and beautiful, and provide much-needed habitat for urban wildlife!

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"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the

city.”

- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as “a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns.” Include street trees in groves.
- Add “Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages.”
- Add “All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can’t be removed.”
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to “TREE PROTECTION”. Remove references to “Exceptional Trees” only and change to “Trees”. e.g., change “Exceptional Tree Protection Areas” to “Tree Protection Areas”.
- SECTION 4. Add “The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle’s Equity and Environment Initiative.”
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require “one or more trees” to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.
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Mari Malcolm

Marimalcolm@gmail.com

605A NW 77th St

Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Mari Malcolm <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Time to adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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:

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4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development
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6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.

7. Expand SDOT's existing tree service provider's registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Mark Pedini

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From: Heather Carlton <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:57 PM

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To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Cc: Steve Zemke (stevezemke@msn.com) <stevezemke@msn.com>
Subject: FW: Shrinking Forest Canopies and Urban Heat Islands

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra

Please submit the article below into the public record and to support adopting a tree ordinance.....

All the best and many thanks,
Heidi

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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Siegelbaum, Heidi <heidi.siegelbaum@wsu.edu>
Subject: Shrinking Forest Canopies and Urban Heat Islands

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Color enhanced aerial image of New York City illustrating variations in vegetation cover.

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Shrinking Forest Canopies and Urban Heat Islands

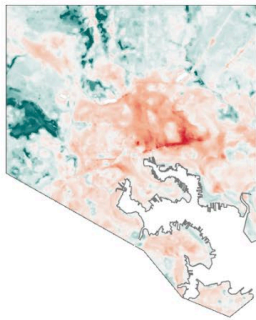
By Lucia Shuff-Heck

In the [latest issue](#) of the Biophilic Cities Journal, Vol. 3 No. 2, [Taking Stock: The First Step to Creating Healthier Cities With Trees](#) provided an overview of tools to assist cities in improving tree canopy, targeting areas of the city that need it most. The article by David Novak, a senior scientist and i-Tree Team Leader with the USDA Forest Service, outlines

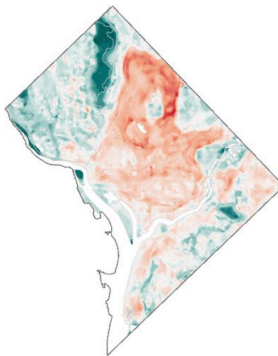
some of the characteristics of tree canopies in cities, including the problems they are facing.

As urban populations grow, and cities expand, tree populations continue to decline. An important aspect of forest management is data collection, something the USDA hopes to encourage with tools such as [I-Tree](#), an analytical tool that provides information on urban forests by quantifying the structure and value of local forests. Through I-Tree, cities can accurately assess tree canopies by parcel and identify threats to the health of trees and forests.

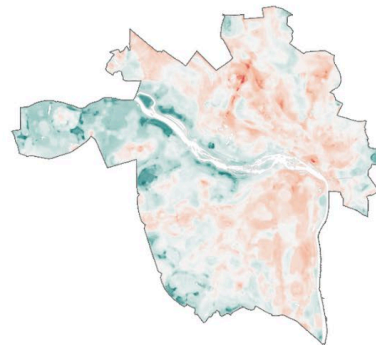
Forest management tools like I-Tree also have the potential to help cities identify insufficient tree canopy in underserved neighborhoods. Unequal distribution of nature across cities is part of a larger trend, in the United States and across the globe, that threatens cities and their residents. One of the detrimental effects of inadequate green space is the urban heat island effect, a challenge that only grows more severe as climate change stokes increasingly higher temperatures in hot summer months.



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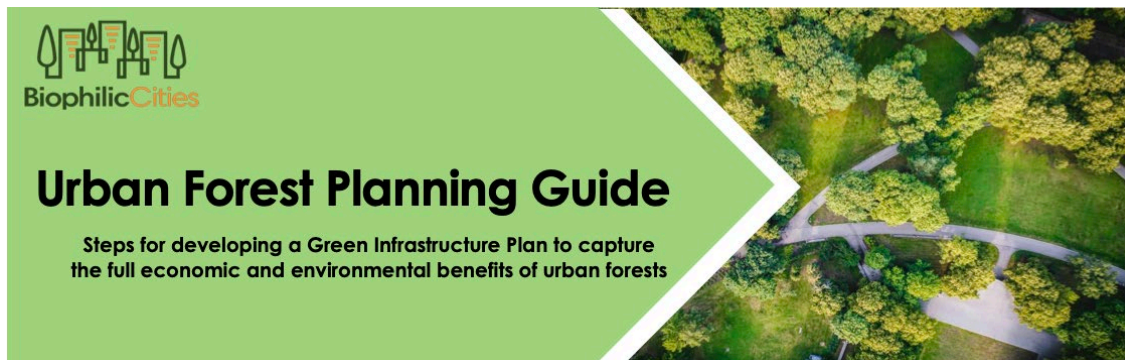


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A [recent article](#) in the New York Times highlights the staggering disparities within "urban heat islands," noting that temperatures can vary by as much as 20 degrees across neighborhoods in the same city. Of the temperatures recorded, the lowest were in forested neighborhoods, and the highest in industrialized areas, downtowns, and areas with a high proportion of asphalt surfaces and little to no tree cover. In multiple cities, high temperature districts aligned with lower-income neighborhoods, predominantly communities of color, while the comparatively low temperature districts were mostly white and higher-income.

Research supports these findings. A [study](#) of 108 urban areas in the United States identifies the role of historically racist housing policies as a factor in the variances of intra-urban heat. Approximately 94% of areas studied demonstrate higher land surface temperatures in redlined areas compared to non-redlined areas, increasing the vulnerability of these neighborhoods to extreme heat events.

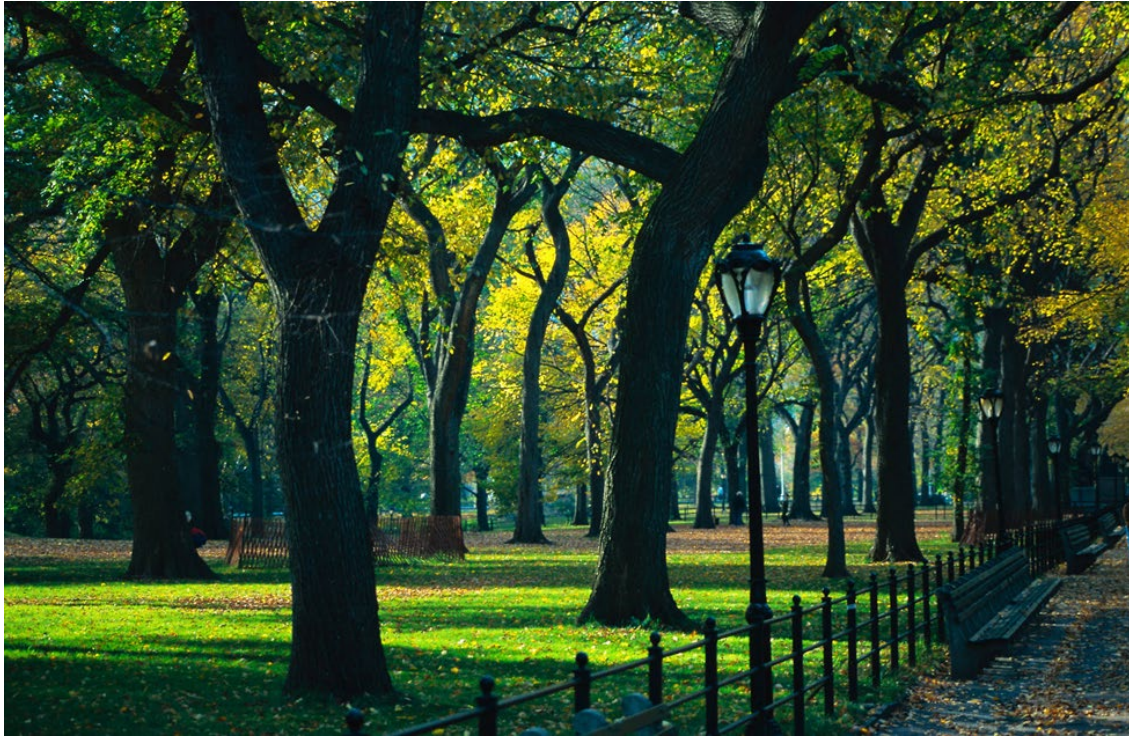


Three Components of a Thriving Urban Forest



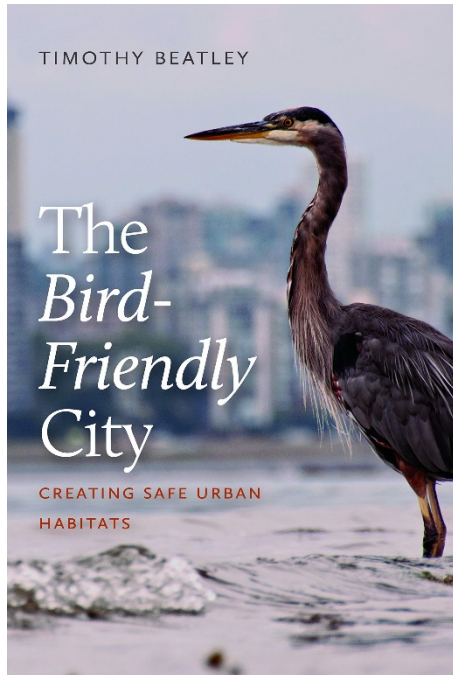
In order to address disparities like these, services like I-Tree are essential, and can allow city officials to more easily identify areas that suffer from diminished tree canopies. [Urban](#)

[Forests: Nature as a Resource](#), a Biophilic Cities white paper by Jess Stevens, further clarifies the benefits of urban forests, and outlines steps to developing a Green Infrastructure Plan. With targeted plans, like those in [Portland](#), or [Melbourne](#), cities can more equitably address the need for urban greenery in all communities.



Urban trees can provide numerous benefits to society.
Photo by David Lorenz Winston (Provided courtesy of USFS).

Book Announcement



The Bird-Friendly City: Creating Safe Urban Habitats is now available for purchase!

This latest book by Biophilic Cities Founder and Executive Director Tim Beatley takes readers on a global tour of cities that are reducing the risks birds face in urban areas through public education, urban planning and design, habitat restoration, architecture, art, civil disobedience, and more.

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From: RICHARD ELLISON <climbwall@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:43 PM

To: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>

Cc: Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>

Subject: Budget Support for the Urban Forest with a new Parks and Tree Ordinance!

CAUTION: External Email

To: Councilmember Alex Pedersen
Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov , council@seattle.gov

cc. Toby Thaler toby.thaler@seattle.gov

Date: October 27, 2020

From: Richard Ellison, MS Botany
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climbwall@msn.com

RE: Budget Support for the Urban Forest; Parks and Updating Tree Protection; Small Minority Business support.

Dear City Council;

I would like to support updating the new citywide Tree Ordinance, and more Parks and Park funding.

More details include:

1. **Special protections for Heritage Trees, Exceptional Trees.** It should be mandatory, not optional, to try to change lot configurations to save trees. Existing language should be changed so that “**projects MUST be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees.**”

2. **Tree protection and affordable housing strategies.** Build up not lot line to lot line. New McMansions or MF housing all suffer from limited, to almost no usable open space, on the ground. Where can a tree even grow to maturity in new development?

3. **Green Factor.** As a newly planted tree gets almost the same credit value (up to 0.9 credits) as a mature tree (only 1.0 for any sized mature tree), its not much incentive to preserve the tree than replace it.

4. **Urban Island Heat Effect, Climate Change and Environmental Justice.** Our mild summer this year has allowed us to pretend that extreme summer heat is not an issue here, and we know that mature trees and their canopies are critical infrastructure for both summer heat and seasonal peak storm rain events. For SF communities to be the major benefactors of shade trees, how do we convince the Council and other communities to make all zones tree dense?

5. **Open Space and Youth Justice/ Environmental Justice. Where are the kids supposed to play?** Especially during time of Covid-19, where kids and all people should have opportunity for outdoor access at or near their home, we are limiting public and private open space on properties with new development.

6. **Invasive Vegetation on public and private properties** are choking our mature trees and the recruitment of new trees. English Ivy, Clamatis, Blackberry, and other invasive vegetation are killing much of our “preserved” trees. New development now requires removing invasives within 10 feet of newly planted vegetation, but controls should include the entire properties lot. This missed opportunity to control invasives during new development, an inexpensive but valuable activity, means the remaining urban forest areas continue to decline.

7. Consolidate all tree management authority to the Office of Sustainability and Environment. There needs to be **better coordination of City policy regarding tree protection and maintenance.** With 9 different departments regulating trees, there must be a better way to coordinate this octopus of policies.

8. Within DCI, which has direct oversight for trees and development activities, **there needs to be a Urban Forestry Division of DCI,** to help keep City policy on trees on track. DCI has about 400 staff members, but no one person or office in charge of tree issues.

9. Outside of the tree issue discussion, I support allocating funding to small minority businesses for Covid assistance, with monies earmarked for business improvement. Many small businesses suffer from lack of investment. Shouldn't this be an opportunity to invest in improving our community businesses to make them more inviting to the neighbors, neighborhoods and city at large?

Thank you,

Richard Ellison

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>
Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Michael Oxman (michaeloxmancomcast.net) <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; MYLOAN@MARKTRIVERSARCHITECT.COM; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>
Subject: Yes! We can have density AND Tree Groves at 9666 51st Ave South (#3018093)
Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Yes we can!



Please refer to the attached PDF to share at this evening's 5:30 Public Meeting requested by approximately 50 people back in November 2019 regarding the proposed tree-clearing adjacent to Kubota Gardens at **9666 51st Ave South**.

Start thinking and stop clearcutting!

This part of Seattle is already robbed of its urban forest.

David Moehring
TreePAC Board Member

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 at 2:26 PM
From: "michaeloxman" <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
To: prc@seattle.gov, colin.vasquez@seattle.gov
Cc: tammy.morales@seattle.gov
Subject: 9666 51st Ave S Arborist Report
Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the construction project for 9 single-family houses abutting Kubota Garden.

Starting in 2010, I participated as a volunteer Parks Forest Steward with the Green Seattle Partnership in planting 3 and 1/2 acres of baby trees in the abutting Kubota Garden Natural Area for 6 years. Some of our trees are now 20' tall.

Attached is the June 21st, 2020 Response by the applicant to a SDCI Corrections Notice.

The arborist still can't decide if there are any groves on site. This Response is this arborist's 4th report on these trees, plus there were 2 other arborists who also wrote Arborist Reports going back 6 years ago.

The Arborist Report is the thing that the owner should consider BEFORE deciding to develop property, not after the layout & all the engineering is complete.

I believe, since the creek buffer is not included in the Arborist Report, that the trees in the entire creek buffer are a Grove, (and therefore protected as Exceptional trees) but for some reason, that is not being included in the permit application file.

The developer is chintzing out by not asking the arborist to report on the trees within the creek buffer.

Certainly the lot has not been split yet, so just because the developer elects to survey only the trees in the construction envelope, that does not mean there are no groves on the lot, as this Response contends.

The project site contains an irrigation dam, dating back to the pre-WWII era. This dam should be removed prior to issuance of any housing permits, as asked for by the Muckleshoot Tribe.

The arborist quibbling over the definition of the term 'viable' does not mean there are no groves on site, just because the unspecified 'non-viable' trees supposedly meet the condemnation criteria in a tree risk assessment that we haven't seen.

Please note the planset includes the erroneous measurement of the Oak Tree trunk dbh as 36" (actually, it is at least 42") on the hand-drawn diagram of its dripline position, which is noted in the previous Correction Notice. These hand-drawn dripline positions that are not to scale have no place in professional construction documents meant to direct operators of bulldozers and other heavy equipment operating in close proximity to delicate tree roots on \$5 Million dollar project.

The Oak Tree's current diameter is at least 42", which conflicts with other statements in the application. Please note the ivy covering the bases of the 2 indicated Exceptional trees prevents precise measurements, but the amount of slop is due to very old documents that haven't been updated.

The claim that the 44" dbh Bigleaf Maple tree has 'very small leaves' indicating 'excessive risk' shown in the Tree Risk Assessment form in the project file could be mitigated by removing the tightly wrapped vines from around the trunk. This tree health treatment would also enabling an accurate reading of the trunk diameter measurement.

Removing constriction of sap flow underneath the bark caused by these vines (which have been wrapped around the trunks of the 2 designated Exceptional trees since the owners first filing of the building permit application 6 years ago) could release nutrients, and the leaf size may return to normal. We won't actually know this until next spring.

By allowing this infestation of vines to persist for decades (and thru the life of the 6-year permit process), the applicant fails to comply with the zoning requirement for subdivisions that "This project maximizes the retention of existing trees".

This operation to prune away invasive English Ivy vines is an accepted mitigation of tree stress, which is much less extreme than removing the entire 44" Bigleaf Maple tree, bulldozing the 10' diameter stump, and paving the dripline with an asphalt private driveway for only 9 homes.

Please note that the trunk and much of the crown of the Bigleaf Maple tree spans the property line of the house at 9684 'A' 51st Ave South. This neighbor recently obtained permits to build a detached Backyard Cottage (DADU) less than 5' away from the fence, and underneath the dripline of the tree. This cottage is in addition to the Attached Accessory Unit (AAU) already permitted inside the house.

This DADU was built on concrete pilings to mitigate the impact within the north side of the dripline and Feeder Root Zone of the Bigleaf Maple tree. Any building by the applicant within the NE part of the dripline would exceed the threshold of the Tree Protection Area (TPA) of the Outer Critical Root Zone (OCRZ). The threshold of intrusion into 1/3rd of the Outer Critical Root Zone would be cumulative impact exceeded by the applicant's proposal.

Another flaw in the Arborist Report is the mystification about why several Cedar & other types of trees have died. They died due to soil drying out as a direct result of the neighbors paving 1 and a 1/2 abutting acres to build the 7 new homes in 2014 at 9684 51st Ave S. The lesson of this causation of impact on adjacent properties should trigger increasing the size of the Tree Protection Area (TPA) around the Oak tree and the Gingko tree to include the Feeder Root Zone, which is twice the dripline diameter.

I appreciate the city planning staff paying close attention. I was one of the more than 50 people who wrote in asking for a public meeting about Project #3018093.

Michael Oxman
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Cc: Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; jebendichcomcast.net <jebendich@comcast.net>; seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists riseup. net <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>

Subject: Tonight's budget meeting at 5:30 pm. Please support Councilmember Pederson's motions on trees

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Members of the City Council,

I cannot attend this evening's meeting with a tree-clearing being discussed with SDCI for a urban forest lot at the north end of Kubota Garden.

Please support Councilmember Pedersen's proposals with respect to trees. The failure to enact a revised tree ordinance and the failure of SDCI to comply even with the inadequate tree ordinance we have has gone on far too long and had resulted in the clearcutting of tree groves and large trees like the image east of Kubota attached for your reference. The lack of oversight has been inexcusable and Seattle is losing the invaluable tree canopy we desperately need to stem pollution, heat rise, decreasing wildlife and reducing natural habitats, climate change and protection of valued flora and fauna. The proposals should be adopted now, and the Office of Sustainability with UFC should take on the responsibility of truly protecting the trees we now have and working to increase tree cover for all our neighborhoods.

Please enact the measures Councilmember Pedersen proposes.

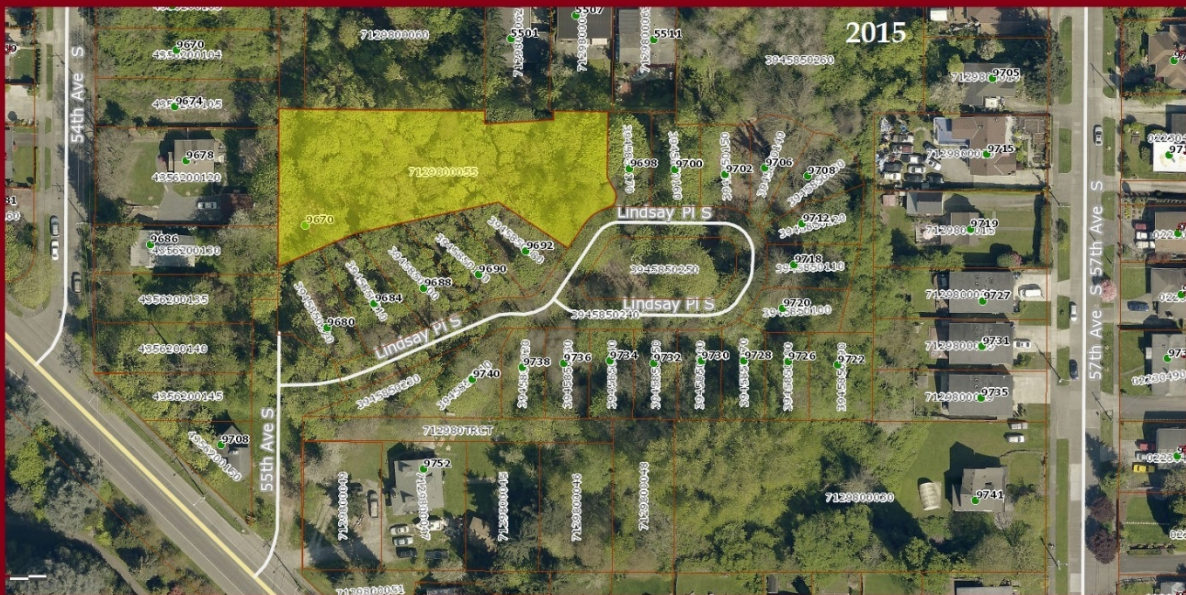
Sincerely,

David Moehring

TreePAC

CLEARCUT SEATTLE:

9670 LINDSAY PL S being DIVIDED INTO 4 MORE LOTS...



Seattle clearcutting at Kabota Village from 2015 (above) to 2017 (below)



From: kevinorme <kevinorme@protonmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:21 PM

To: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Enact Councilmember Pedersen's two provisos! Update and enforce the 2009 Interim Seattle Tree Ordinance -

CAUTION: External Email

To the members of the Seattle City Council and Mayor Jenny Durkan:

First, I would like to express my strong, complete support of Councilmember Pedersen's two measures proposed earlier this week regarding updating and enforcing the 2009 Interim Seattle Tree Ordinance - namely:

- a) requiring SDCI complete and provide to the Council and Seattle public an updated ordinance before it can spend its last 1/3 of 2021 budget - either deliver or defund by Sept 30, 2021; and
- b) provide a written statement (and then actually DO it) transferring and consolidating all tree mgmt authority in Seattle to the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

Besides the excellent reasons and rationale offered at that meeting and by Councilmember Pedersen for doing so, including the long-overdue and perpetually ignored and deprioritized Tree Ordinance since 2009 and earlier, and those of environmental justice and equity - I also offer the following:

- 1) We are in a climate crisis, and as the past two summers of increasing fires and forest damage in our state (notwithstanding the timber industry's continued focus on cutting them all down to boot) - we cannot keep stating 'the wild forest will protect our climate, we can cut down anything in urban areas and not worry about the effects' - this has NEVER been true and becomes more obvious daily in our city and suburban living spaces;
- 2) why is our urban and suburban forest being sacrificed largely for greed? We hear cries for 'density and affordable housing' - yet we see McMansions and ridiculous homes being built across the City and County - 'because we can' and, because they bring in the most money for those building them?
- 3) Finally and just as important - 'green building' is a complete farce. Using materials that are 'somewhat less toxic' for the environment doesn't excuse clearcutting lots to build oversized, expensive houses that use those materials. Planting small, often non-native trees as a token gesture to meet a token requirement yet providing no means to maintain and make sure they grow to survive their first several years of life is arguably no better than not doing anything? And more importantly, the big, exceptional and sometimes Heritage trees you allowed to be cut down were ALREADY doing the yeoman's job of protecting our climate, providing habitat, cleaning our air, and many other benefits that we can't easily come close to replicating through technology or by simply 'planting trees' or non-native landscaping.

to conclude - Yet again we are asking, and I seriously hope this time ***you are finally listening***, **but actions speak louder than words**. Starting with Councilmember Pedersen's two provisos noted above and earlier this week in the public meeting would be a good start towards rectifying the problem you have otherwise let grow for literally decades, while greed ruled the day.

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From: Gayle Janzen <cgjanzen@comcast.net>
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To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: We Need More Action to Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have written to you many times about the uncontrolled clear-cutting of our urban forests. It is heartbreaking watching exceptional tree after exceptional tree being cut down to be replaced with market value homes. Our city leaders keep talking about how they want to combat climate chaos and save our trees but in reality the developers do what they want as they destroy our urban forests for their own greed. We taxpayers try to be heard, but we are ignored. We have been waiting for a tree ordinance that will actually save our trees since 2009, and yet here we are 11 years later, no new and improved ordinance with more trees than ever being cut down. We are told that we cannot develop the city and save trees at the same time. With thoughtful planning and with less emphasis on profits, we can save many more trees and still build new housing. It should be an either or situation.

We all know the value of our old growth trees, but their value is simply ignored by city leaders. Our trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents.

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trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

Please stop dragging your feet and 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.
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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I'm not saying "please." I'm sick of the pandering language: "Please" "...a great step forward"..

I'm demanding you adopt 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 (you fools; don't you realize the planet is dying and one of the main reasons is clear cutting of trees? Trees respire. They put moisture back into the air at night and cool OUR planet. They provide shade, which cools the land. They are habitat for animals and insects. They keep the soil in place and are part of a vast underground web that supports all the life in the soil) 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 (ELEVEN) years ago and is long overdue.

I ask: What is in the heart and soul of you people on the City Council that you care more about glad-handing, power, and money than being stewards of OUR city, keeping it a place of beauty livability? Where are your ETHICAL standards? What VALUES drive your life?

Developers, like this one, should be chastened and made to follow the strictest guidelines to preserve Seattle's livability. This developer has committed a CRIME, clear-cutting without permission. He is a crook, and YOU know it. Yet you do nothing. Shame on him. AND SHAME ON YOU. There is no heart whatsoever in this development, and what is life without heart? This development is another tumor of the cancer killing our planet. All who support this project have a stronger relationship with their greed, and their desire for more power and money than with their responsibility to be stewards of that which under their care.

Is the developer building Green? Is the developer creating a space that supports human

health and well-being? Building houses with the smallest footprint possible to conserve resources? Designing a place of beauty that nourishes the soul and spirit of the people who will live there? Is the developer treating the land with respect, devotion, and gratitude?

Land is not there to be DEVELOPED. The purpose of land is to sustain Life.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are MINIMAL 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." Are you kidding me? NO exceptional trees should be removed. WE NEED TO PRESERVE THESE TREES. INCORPORATE THEM INTO THE PLAN. MAKE LESS PROFIT. There's a novel idea for you. If it wasn't to maximize profits this crude plan would not be happening. Can we be honest here? Everybody knows exactly what's going on. We, the people, are asked to BEG the City Council that reigns to PLEASE consider our humble requests. It's disgusting.
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees. It's not TREES that are a hazard; it's people. Don't build so close to the trees. Give them room to be and to grow. That's right. You wouldn't make so much profit for YOURSELF.

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

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development." YES
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with

overlapping or touching crowns.” Include street trees in groves.

- Add “Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages.” YES
- Add “All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can’t be removed.”
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to “TREE PROTECTION”. Remove references to “Exceptional Trees” only and change to “Trees”. e.g., change “Exceptional Tree Protection Areas” to “Tree Protection Areas”.
- SECTION 4. Add “The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle’s Equity and Environment Initiative.”
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require “one or more trees” to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. .[Any in-lieu fee [THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE FIRST PLACE. FEES ARE NOT REPLACEMENTS FOR TREES] must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.
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ensure they have workers' compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.

"Thank you for protecting our urban forest."

NO! NO THANK-YOUS UNTIL YOU STAND UP AND DO THE RIGHT THING! THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE BEEN PROTECTING, AND CONTINUE TO PROTECT, ARE YOUR DESIRES FOR POWER AND MONEY.

You care nothing for other people. You don't keep agreements made ELEVEN years ago. You are not trustworthy. You should feel shame, and, for once, do the right thing.

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