

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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

The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle

October 2, 2019

Meeting Notes v2

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

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair
Steve Zemke - Chair
Neeyati Johnson (non-voting)
Jessica Jones
Josh Morris
Sarah Rehder
Shari Selch
Blake Voorhees (non-voting)

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE
Brian Dougherty - SDOT
Nolan Rundquist - SDOT

Public

Nancy Penrose
Margaret McCauley

Absent- Excused

Whit Bouton
Steven Fry
Stuart Niven
Michael Walton

NOTE: Meeting notes are not exhaustive. For more details, listen to the digital recording of the meeting at: <http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocs.htm>

Call to order

Weston called the meeting to order and welcomed Neeyati and Blake to the UFC to fill the Get Engaged and the Realtor positions respectively. They are in the process of being appointed and are participating without vote. Neeyati is a volunteer coordinator at Tree House. Blake is a realtor and looking forward to being part of the effort.

Sandra shared the new look and feel of the UFC website. The City has been bringing all websites to the same standard.

Public comment

None

Adoption of September 4 and September 11 meeting notes

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 4 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 11 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

Cost-effective walkways presentation – SDOT

Brian Dougherty works in SDOT sidewalk development program. There are almost 12,000 blocks of missing sidewalks in Seattle. New sidewalks typically cost \$400,000 per block. Sidewalk needs are prioritized through the Pedestrian Master Plan.

Cost-effective sidewalks cost under \$100,000 per block and can be completed by City crews. They are adaptive to surrounding site conditions and can provide tree canopy and green infrastructure. A cost-effective sidewalk can be a painted walkway, wheel stops with existing pavement, a planting strip with wheel stops, or alternative paving materials.

SDOT would like to fund 102 cost effective walkways each year. The community can apply for neighborhood matching dollars and implement it themselves.

Community participation:

- To help SDOT determine community support, community is encouraged to apply for a neighborhood matching fund (\$5,000)
- Establishes a decision-making group with designated leaders
- Cooperatively engages the community in decision making
- Encourages the community to be invested in the process and the outcome

Partnerships

- Community applies for Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund grant
- SDOT would install wheel stops to designate the parking area
- Prevents plantings from being driven on
- Allows water to enter conveyance swale
- SDOT hopes to contract with DIRT Corps, a company under Seattle's Par Foundation to work with property owners on a planting scheme, and to install and maintain the plants.

UFC question/comment: How do you create solutions that don't impact making the road smaller nor sacrificing parking or existing trees?

Answer: SDOT likes narrower streets because they calm traffic but sometimes people don't like that.

UFC question/comment: does the regulatory use of this section of the ROW change based on their current makeup?

Answer: it's based on the definition of planting strip. Typically, when SDOT goes into an area and allow people to plant trees where there are no sidewalks nor curb, they require the trees to be planted 10ft away from the street.

UFC question/comment: Are there opportunities where with community interest SDOT could tap planting strips throughout the city.

Answer: it's a lot of work to get rid of the gravel and introduce enough soil that will make the tree survive. Previously un-incorporated areas tend to be where sidewalks are missing.

Brian and Nolan continued to answer questions from the UFC. For more details on the conversation, listen to the meeting's digital recording [here](#).

Tree regs one pager – discussion continues

Commissioners discussed the one-pager and decided to bring a new iteration for further discussion at next week's meeting.

Hazardous tree definition – move forward to next week

Add a letter about the recently adopted resolution and send a request for deliberative interactions where the UFC can offer their expertise. Weston will bring a draft letter to consider next week.

Public comment

Margaret McCauley – was interested in participating in the cost-effective sidewalks discussion. Sandra will provide her with the contact information – Brian Dougherty and send her the presentation.

New Business

Adjourn

Public input:
(see posted notes)

From: Bernice Maslan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:56 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please enact revised tree protection ordinance now

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Hello,

We have already spent ten years working on this. There is a good workable tree protection ordinance draft ready to go. Enact it now.

Please don't wait until there are no trees left.

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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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Bernice Maslan
9705 1st Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117

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From: Barbara Gregory <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1:19 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Preserve our existing urban Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

One of the best quality-of-life benefits of living in Seattle is our so-far-still abundant urban tree canopy. 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.

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Barbara Gregory

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From: Rachel LaRoche <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Rachel LaRoche

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From: anna Hill <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 5:53 PM

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

Subject: Thank you for any support you can provide to maintain protection for our wonderful green natural habitat, which provides mental and physical health to residents and animal populations crucial for a healthy environment. Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:21 PM
To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; FIREPDR <FIREPDR@seattle.gov>; seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com; randysibley@me.com
Subject: 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE tree massacre clear cut in Victory Heights

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle legislators and inspectors for the tree code enforcement:

Please explain why there yet another **residential lot being cleared of its trees?**

Housing matters, of course. Many would reasonably argue that the heat island effect caused from the dwindling tree canopy cover matters even more-so when it comes to local climate change. It is even more of a shame is that we **should have both housing and retained trees** on development lots (see diagrams below).

What correspondence has authorized the ongoing tree massacre that plagues the environmental stability of Seattle on a weekly basis? Look now please at **12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE**.

[1] There **once existed sufficient open space** on this parent lot of 24,914 sq ft to build or expand three homes without removing more than a couple significant trees. The arborist report included 21 trees on this lot which included 9 Exceptional Trees.

Reference the Shoffner arborist reports:

<https://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4450498>

or prior version:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3879095>

[2] How did the subdivision of this long single-family zoned site consider the **requirements of subdivisions to maximize the retention of existing trees?**

Site Plan for: 12055 NE 20th NE clear cut

<https://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3868368>

ALONG WITH <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4424567>

[3] *Fire Fighting Access?* Maybe... Three subdivisions of a simple lot include 2 encumbered lots accessed only by a 150 foot by 15 foot wide dead-end access easement. If the vehicles pull into the western-most

subdivided lot, the 150 feet maximum dead-end length is exceeded and a fire truck and ambulance turnaround is needed. The submitted letter from the fire department only addresses issues of the buildings, and not access to the buildings.

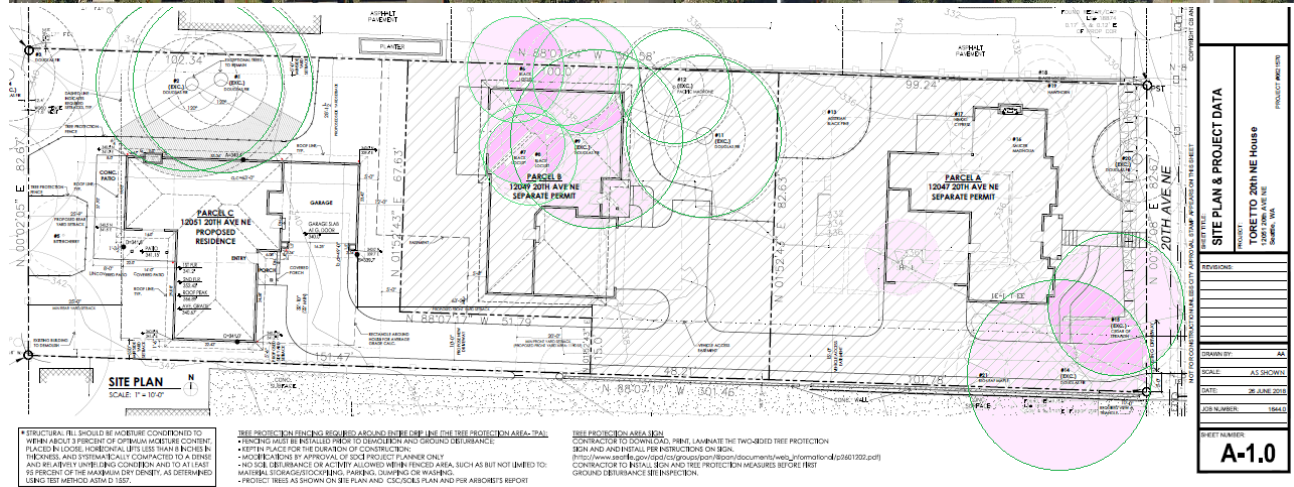
[4] Possible fines: This clear-cutting was reported to be another **Gamut 360 developer clear-cutting**. They have been in the news for their wreckless development. Looks like they left just two trees at the easement and pretty much clear cut everything to the property lines. Will the easement trees also be cleared? Did they remove the wrong trees? If so, apply the fines per the Director's Rule on excess tree removal without permits. How will the loss of the existing tree canopy be replaced? There appears to be violations of Seattle Municipal Code sections 25.09 and 25.11.040 and ...050 and ...060 and ...090.

BOTTOM LINE: SEATTLE NEEDS THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ENGAGE AND PASS A TREE ORDINANCE THAT WORKS and is STRICTLY FOLLOWED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

There is no future without an urban forest, and the future starts today.

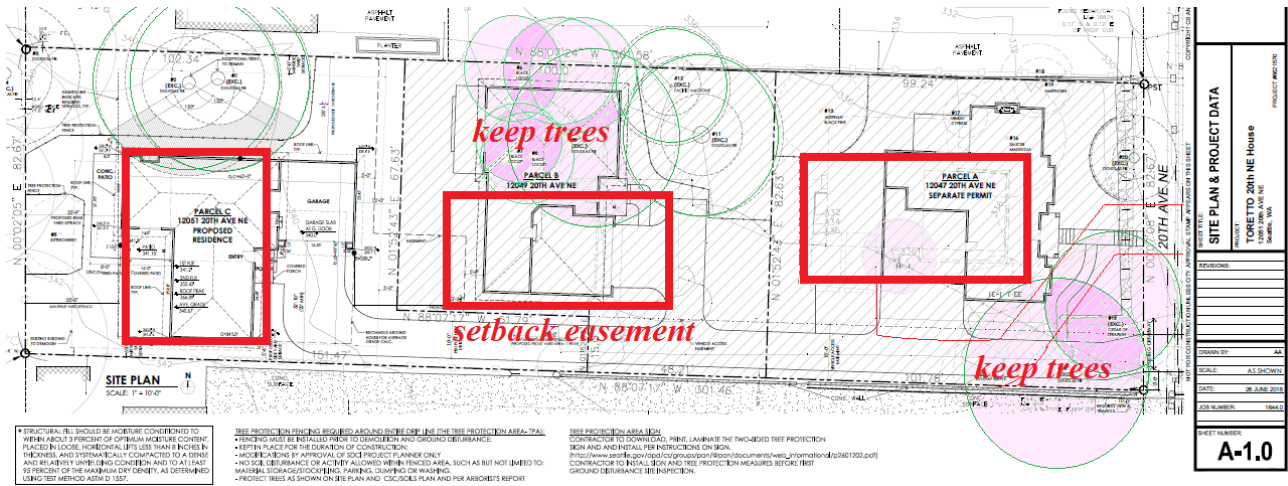
In the general interests of TreePAC,
Board Member David Moehring

RE: (SDCI 3029553 , 6621570 et. al.)



STRUCTURAL TB SHOULD BE INSTALLED CONFORMED TO...
 TREE PROTECTION FENCING SHOULD BE INSTALLED...
 TREE PROTECTION AREA (TPA)...

verses below housing AND retained trees schematic:



25.11.040 - Restrictions on tree removal

- A. Tree removal or topping is prohibited in the following cases, except as provided in Section 25.11.030, or where the tree removal is required for the construction of a new structure, retaining wall, rockery, or other similar improvement that is approved as part of an issued building or grading permit as provided in Sections 25.11.060, 25.11.070, and 25.11.080:
 1. All trees 6 inches or greater in diameter, measured 4.5 feet above the ground, on undeveloped lots;
 2. Exceptional trees on undeveloped lots; and
 3. Exceptional trees on lots in Lowrise, Midrise, commercial, and single-family zones.
- B. Limits on Tree Removal. In addition to the prohibitions in subsection 25.11.040.A, no more than three trees 6 inches or greater in diameter, measured 4.5 feet above the ground, may be removed in any one-year period on lots in Lowrise, Midrise, commercial, and single-family zones, except when the tree removal is required for the construction of a new structure, retaining wall, rockery, or other similar improvement that is approved as part of an issued building or grading permit as provided in Sections 25.11.060, 25.11.070, and 25.11.080.

25.11.050 - General Provisions for exceptional tree determination and tree protection area delineation in Single-family, Residential Small Lot, Lowrise, Midrise, and Commercial zones.

- A. Exceptional trees and potential exceptional trees shall be identified on site plans and exceptional tree status shall be determined by the Director according to standards promulgated by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections.
- B. Tree protection areas for exceptional trees shall be identified on sites plans. Applicants seeking development standard waivers to protect other trees greater than two (2) feet in diameter measured four and one-half (4.5) feet above the ground shall also indicate tree protection areas on site plans. The basic tree protection area shall be the area within the drip line of the tree. The tree protection area may be reduced if approved by the Director according to a plan prepared by a tree care professional. Such reduction shall be limited to one-third of the area within the outer half of the area within the drip line. In no case shall the reduction occur within the inner root zone. In addition, the Director may establish conditions for protecting the tree during construction within the feeder root zone. (See Exhibit 25.11.050 B.)

25.11.060 - Tree protection on sites undergoing development in single-family zones

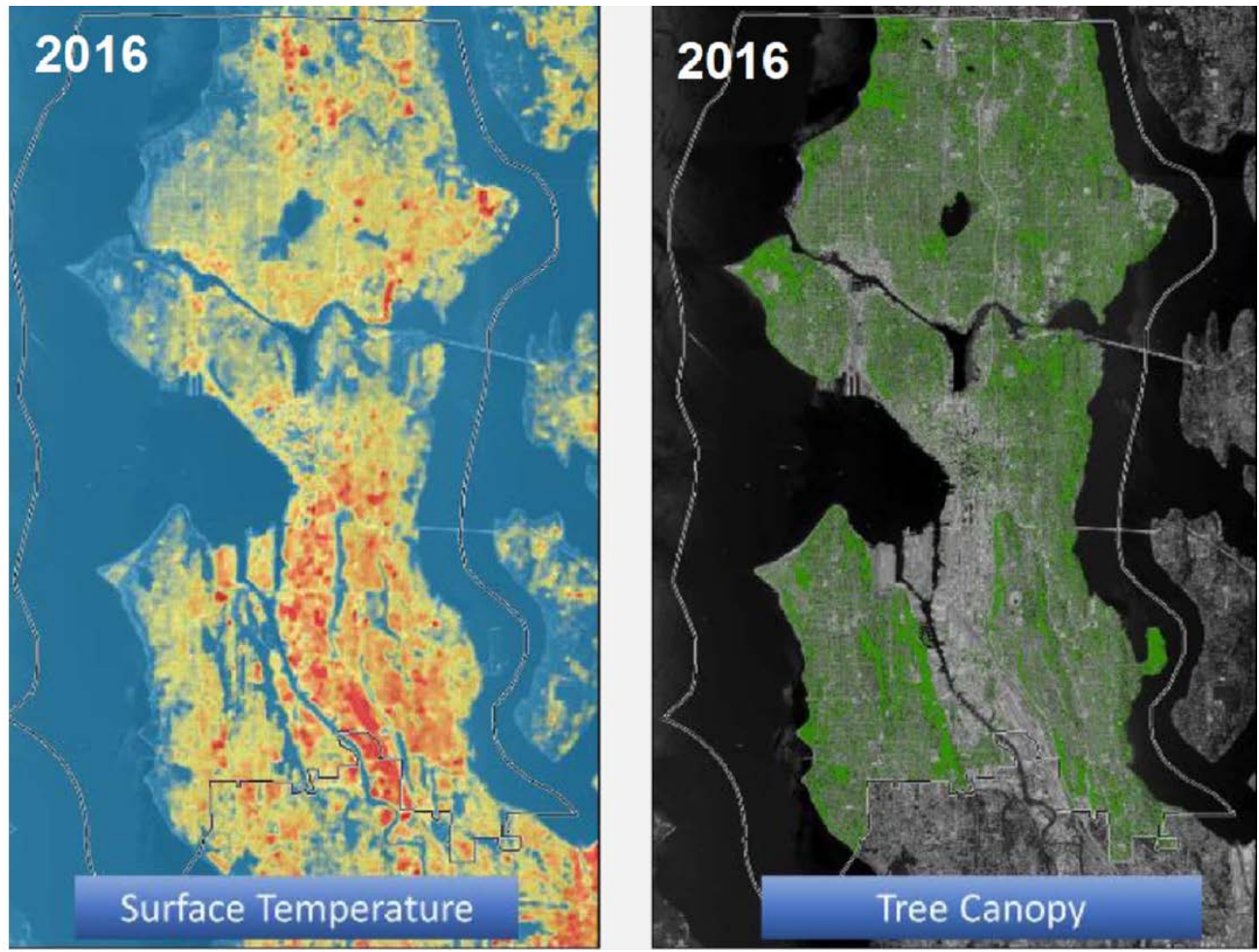
A. Exceptional trees

1. The Director may permit a tree to be removed only if:
 - a. The maximum lot coverage permitted on the site according to Title 23 cannot be achieved without extending into the tree protection area or into a required front and/or rear yard to an extent greater than provided for in subsection 25.11.060A.2; or
 - b. Avoiding development in the tree protection area would result in a portion of the house being less than 15 feet in width.
2. Permitted extension into front or rear yards shall be limited to an area equal to the amount of the tree protection area not located within required yards. The maximum projection into the required front or rear yard shall be 50 percent of the yard requirement.
3. If the maximum lot coverage permitted on the site can be achieved without extending into either the tree protection area or required front and/or rear yards, then no such extension into required yards shall be permitted.

- B. Trees over 2 feet in diameter measured 4.5 feet above the ground shall be identified on site plans. In order to protect such trees, an applicant may modify their development proposal to extend into front and/or rear yards in the same manner as provided for exceptional trees in subsection 25.11.060.A.

25.11.090 - Tree replacement and site restoration.

- A. Each exceptional tree and tree over two (2) feet in diameter that is removed in association with development in all zones shall be replaced by one or more new trees, the size and species of which shall be determined by the Director; the tree replacement required shall be designed to result, upon maturity, in a canopy cover that is at least equal to the canopy cover prior to tree removal. Preference shall be given to on-site replacement. When on-site replacement cannot be achieved, or is not appropriate as determined by the Director, preference for off-site replacement shall be on public property.



From: Catherine Ruha <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:26 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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The new ordinance is written for you. Just take action to save our trees and not continue to cut them down. This is crazy - like with light rail. Seattle City Council studies and theorizes about all the good they will do until things get so bad you have to take action. Be proactive this time. Climate change is happening NOW. Don't let Seattle become a heat island and

oppressively hot and depressing to live in. Treat the city as an ecosystem and protect nature within it and reforest. Stop kissing wealthy asses. Have a heart for the rest of us.

Catherine Ruha

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Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Suzanne Grant <suzanne@grantharper.net>

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:01 PM

To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; FIREPDR <FIREPDR@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Subject: Re: 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE tree massacre clear cut in Victory Heights

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I support David Moehring's email regarding the unnecessary and shameful cutting of trees. Why won't you do something or at least respond to our emails and explain why this continue to happen?!!

Suzanne Grant

From: Anne Siems <annesiemsart@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:28 PM

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This is just horrendous!

When will the city wake up and do right on his citizen's future???????

Please read letter below !!!

We want a response.

member of Don'tClearCutSeattle

VOTER!

From: Athena Bautista <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:29 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

When I move to Seattle to start going to U of W from Lakewood, Washington ... I thought I would hate Seattle because it would be a big concrete City. It was actually the complete opposite! Seattle is so beautiful!! It's so green it and has so much natural beauty with the trees, the forest, the flowers and the community gardens. I absolutely love how Seattle has managed to keep the city looking green with so many trees! I go back to my old City when visiting family and it has actually become the concrete jungle I was scared Seattle would be!

I have lived in Seattle since 2006 and never left because it is amazing and full of natural beauty. I am now scared of how many trees are being removed for homes/housing in Seattle!

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From: Woody Wheeler <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 8:49 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Comments to Seattle City Council Finance and Neighborhoods Committee – Sept. 12, 2019

Honorable Councilmembers,

We should adopt the Urban Forestry Commission's June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance now. Delaying would mean many more trees lost and a larger urban heat island of hardscape created here in Seattle.

Climate change is on our front doorstep. A smart way to address it would be to preserve our tallest, most mature trees so they can continue to provide free ecological services.

In the words of Seattle's 2013 Urban Forest Stewardship Plan we should: "Preserve existing trees Because it takes decades for most trees to reach their ultimate size, trees already growing in Seattle generally provide immediate and ongoing benefits that cannot be matched by small/young replacement trees.

Focus especially on: Evergreen trees. Because they maintain their canopy during the rainy season and are active year-round, evergreens can better attenuate rainfall, absorb carbon dioxide, and reduce air pollutants."

Trees are also linked to longer life spans, lower levels of stress, better air quality and lower rates of cardiac diseases. They can save energy by reducing the need for air conditioning by as much as 30% and for heating by as much as 50%.* People least able to afford heating and air conditioning are impacted the most by climate change. It can be a life or death situation for some, especially during extreme heat.

Finally, trees improve people's mental and physical health.

Deborah Marton of the New York Restoration Project, a nonprofit focusing on disadvantaged neighborhoods said and I quote:

"There is almost no public health, crime or environmental quality metric that you can look at this isn't made better by the presence of trees...Trees are infrastructure, and they are the cheapest way cities can make a difference in the lives of residents."

Trees are essential, not expendable. Let's do the right thing, the urgent thing, and adopt the Urban Forestry Commission's June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance without further delay.

Sincerely,

Woody Wheeler
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*U.S. Forest Service Study Declining Urban and Community Tree Cover in the United States, David Nowak, Eric Greenfield; May 2018

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From: Lori Cohen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I understand the City Council is voting to study options for protecting our trees rather than adopt the Urban Forestry Commission's draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance. I believe the Council should adopt this proposed ordinance now!

I attended the Committee hearing on September 11, 2019 where this was discussed and the comment was made that this is "too complex" to move forward now. Ten years of study is enough. It is not too complex; the recommendations are quite clear and should be put in

place now. City staff just need to be directed to do so along with a budget to support their work. There is no legitimate reason for delay of your vote for the critical tree protections summarized below.

Our health and the health of our urban wildlife is dependent on it. Protecting our trees is a necessary step to fight climate change in Seattle.

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.

Thank you.

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From: xxx xxx <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree PAC - Organization Resolution of Support

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all "exceptional" trees and trees over 24" DBH (diameter at 54" high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and WHEREAS Seattle, unlike Portland and other major cities, has not instituted a permit system to govern tree removal on developed property or property being developed, but relies instead on a complaint-based system that is applicable only to already-developed property and does not protect trees even there; and

WHEREAS the Seattle City Council voted in 2009, and again by Resolution 31870 in March 2019, to support an updating of its Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the City concluded, in its 2017 Tree Regulations Research Report, that "Current code is not supporting tree protection" and that "we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general"; and

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

WHEREAS the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has drafted, at the suggestion of several

City Council members, an updated Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance consistent with the eight recommendations specified by the Council in Section 6 of its Resolution 31870, which would:

- a. increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring, in each land-use zone in the city, a permit for removal and replacement of any tree over 6" DBH, whether on developed property or property being developed;
- b. require two-week on-site posting of tree removal and replacement applications (as SDOT already requires);
- c. require on-site tree replacement equivalent, in 25 years, to the tree canopy volume removed, or payment of a fee into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund for planting and 5-year maintenance of trees elsewhere in the city;
- d. retain current protections for exceptional trees and reduce the definitional upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH;
- e. allow no more than two significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;
- f. require registration of all tree services providers with the city;
- g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and
- h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

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xxx, Oregon xxx

From: Michael Oxman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 4:17 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please make it illegal to cut down trees, unless the tree is sick or structurally unsafe.

The recent ADU provision to change 2 caliper inches per 1,000 square feet of lot size down to 2 caliper inches per lot was a mistake. Please repeal this ordinance provision as part of the new tree ordinance.

Please conduct the Natural Capital Assessment, because the satellite canopy survey contains no qualitative information.

Please participate in 2 King County forestry programs.

- 1) Carbon Credits and;
- 2) One Million Tree Plantings

You look pretty silly staying at arms length.

Arboreally yours,

Michael Oxman

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From: Richard Lee <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents.

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

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

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

1. Expand the existing Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program, including 2-week public notice and posting on-site, as used by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) – to cover all Significant Trees (6" and larger diameter at breast height (DBH)) on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
2. Require the replacement of all Significant Trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay a replacement fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
3. Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit Significant Trees being removed on undeveloped lots.
4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development

5. Establish one citywide database for applying for Tree Removal and Replacement Permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
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.

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Subject: 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

CAUTION: External Email

Hello Susie-

Just checking in with a new landuse notice** in Ballard coming out today. It has been a while since the December 2018 promises that were made... but remain unfulfilled. That is how we are doing in terms of looking at the **unfortunate multi-family zone tree loss trend** that is continuing within Ballard (and other parts of the District)?

The "How to Retain Trees"  document attached shows two nearby Ballard HUB locations where the developer did retain the existing trees. Housing and retaining significant trees together? Yes, we know it has been done!

It seems that the difference in successfully adding density *along with* retaining trees may be the practice of **illegal contract rezones** (via short plat subdivisions and Lot Boundary Adjustments). As mentioned many, many times before, developers buying one lot and adding invisible lines to make two 'independent' lots has been the policy blessed by City officials to suggest that it is okay for an additional one or two homes to be built - even if it is more than what the Seattle zoning code allowed. While the Seattle Hearing Examiner is looking to the City Council to clarify legislation on this matter with a Director's Rule... nothing has happened to stop circumventing the code limits.

We can justify perceived land-use corruption and tree loss in the sake of providing more housing within Seattle, I suppose, in a way that the armed forces may justify the loss of civilian life and limbs between nations at war. Seattle seems to be struggling between housing and tree retention when BOTH may co-exist!

It is not too late. On a positive note, we notice that Councilmember O'Brien is legislatively active even as he nears the end of his term... keeping his staff busy as well! We should be no less confident in the members of the PLUZ being sure to reform now the known loopholes and tree protection barriers within the present permitting system. Perhaps D6 candidates Wills or Strauss may seek Mike O'Brien and other departing council's advise how to step up to the plate regarding the hundreds of **illegal contract rezones and the resulting loss of hundreds of mature trees.**

It is not clear to many if Councilmember O'Brien is in support of trees 🌳🌳🌳 in order to **reduce local heat island effects** and **climate change**; or if Councilmember O'Brien has tolerated relaxed tree protections during his term so that more lot-line to lot-line housing may be built within single-family- and lowrise-zoned properties. Especially when allowing more dwellings than established by the Seattle Municipal Code (an illegitimate practice), the partially quiescent City Council has promoted only urban density as trumping Seattle's 30% tree canopy-cover goals.

Knowing that there are just a few months remaining, we hope the Council act on the promises from December 2018, which were stated as follows:

"[Councilmember O'Brien] can address shortfalls in our policies that can help mitigate these issues in the future. As you know, there are a few upcoming opportunities for improving tree protections. Mike is committed to supporting tree protections that help protect our existing tree canopy. As of now, our understanding is that the tree policy led by CM Johnson's office is on hold for the next few months, but we will continue to engage in the process and support the Urban Forestry Commission recommendations." 🌳

We agree! The Urban Forestry Commission should know what is best for the urban forest of Seattle, shouldn't they? Perhaps the Council seeks developers' former 2018 input once again in lieu of the advise from the UFC. Let's see an action that will be a real legacy for the Councilmember and his staff that benefits ALL of Seattle! Take the **Tree Code Resolution** that the City Council has already passed, and create the long-overdue stronger ordinance that our prior mayor issued an Executive Order on, already. What are we waiting for?

Thank you for your prior attention to this important environment-impacting matter.

Kind regards,

David Moehring AIA
TreePAC, Board Member

Another example why stronger tree ordinance is long overdue:

** Address: 1528 NW 61ST ST

- along with concurrent development for existing and new addresses 1520, 1522, 1526
- SDCI Project: 3034644-LU
- Area: Ballard
- Notice Date: 9/12/2019
- Project Description: Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into three unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6675019-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.
- <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/default.aspx?ref=3017317>
- <https://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/parcelviewer2/>



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> On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 7:19 AM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
> wrote:
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> > Thank you, Susie, for your reply within the midst of the holidays!

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> > Many of us are looking forward to someone like Council-member O'Brien to
> > address the *Seattle-wide epidemic of significant and Exceptional tree
> > loss*, especially within developed lowrise residential areas and
> > McMansion redevelopments. Just within the four weeks since your last
> > message there are at least four more developments within District 6 where
> > these major trees are not being sufficiently considered within the
> > development plans per the intent of the tree protection codes. These trees
> > are on the chopping block:

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> > 1)* 2203 and 2213 NW 60th: * Where 8 large trees bordering a development
> > are all at risk, not counting 3 additional trees of a grove that were
> > removed last summer by a developer's pernicious demolition of a garage. See
> > the attached b/w site plan image. Two of these trees at risk originate on a
> > neighbor's lot!

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> > 2) *6406 14th Ave NW: * A certain immanent and shocking loss of a sequoia
> > trees -- one of Seattle's native conifers to be able to withstand the
> > increasing dry and hot summers and lack of rainfall. Experienced certified
> > arborists are noticing that Seattle's Cedars are suffering, hemlocks are
> > declining, firs fate is in the balance. The arborists and naturalists
> > proclaim that we need to protect all and every sequoia within the City.

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> > 3) *6747 23RD AVE NW* calls for an existing street tree to be removed
> > without replacement.

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> > 4) An existing house replacement at* 6712 22nd Ave NW* is needlessly
> > requesting a removal of a street tree without replacement.

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> > Near Roosevelt and NE 72nd St, an arborist witnessed an impeccable
> > two-stemmed beast of the redwood come down at the hands of Ballard Tree
> > Service, as well as numerous other trees that were ripped from the
> > property, including several big leaf maples on a critical slope. Despite
> > numerous complaints from the local residents, SDCI's B. Rasmussen could not
> > establish where any code infraction had occurred, even though some trees
> > were Exceptional.

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> > I am sure we all agree that Council-members should not and cannot get
> > involved with individual developments where tree loss is on the horizon.
> > However, City Staff have shared at City Council meetings that existing
> > mature tree retention within lowrise development areas is only about
> > 13-percent. A loss of 7 out of every 8 trees is not acceptable. The SDCI
> > obviously does not have the codes they need to enforce adequate tree
> > retention or mitigation. That is where the City Council is indeed
> > accountable. The codes the Council has passed allow for too many
> > exceptional in requiring simultaneous tree retention and increased density.

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> > If a Council-member is leading this charge that will ultimately benefit
> > the individual properties that SDCI administer, here are some quick and
> > easy means of achieving our common goals:

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- > > - Do not allow increased FAR (floor area ratio to lot area) when MHA in-lieu-of fees are paid instead of building affordable housing;
- > > - Reduce incentives to provide detached single-family residences within LR multifamily zones**;
- > > - Add minimum number of dwellings or maximum floor-area per dwelling within LR multifamily zones***;
- > > - Do not allow credits or points for planting or landscaping elements in-lieu-of trees;
- > > - Do not allow reductions of 60 to 75% off penalties from the assessed value of significant trees;
- > > - Do require a minimum 400 to 500 sq foot on-grade area of a least 10-feet of width within each multifamily lot absorb stormwater and sustain and retain significant native trees;
- > > - Do require a submission of at least three alternatives to be submitted to SDCI showing how development may be achieved while retaining one or more exceptional and significant trees within a functionally-related development;
- > > - Do not allow the circumvention of zoned limits on dwelling counts through the use of Lot Boundary Adjustments or Short Plat Subdivisions.
- > > - Retain the existing Single-Family zone requirements to retain or replant 2-inches of tree caliperto every 1,000 sq ft of lot area.
- > > - See the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission for more of what needs to be done...

> > I hope this helps provide some opportunities to change Seattle's present trajectory: the rise of urban heat islands with the demise of the urban forest.





> > David Moehring
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> > NOTES:

> > ** like the attached image with 4 detached residences on one LR1 Lot, developers have incentives to build these less efficient buildings at 1 dwelling for every 1600 sq ft of lot area compared to more effecient townhouses at 1 dwelling for every 2200 sq ft of lot area. As a result of separating these multifamily developments with driveways and paved parking areas, there remains no open space for exterior amenities and trees.

> > *** repeated from a message of last week Wednesday, the MHA's increase in FAR must be paralleled with a minimum number of dwellings or a maximum floor area per multifamily dwelling. Larger buildings leave even less room for trees on-site which 3 to 5 foot wide planting areas along steet curbs and power lines are incapable of sustaining nature native tree growth.

> > *Sent: * Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 4:52 PM
 > > *From: * "Levy, Susie" <Susie.Levy@seattle.gov>

> > *To: * "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>
> > *Subject: * RE: Follow-up on 1547 NW 60th St (...here comes #3032501-LU)
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> > Dear David,
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> > Thanks for reaching out, and I am sorry for my slow reply! I did want to
> > follow up. Looking at this newest project, it appears that SDCI is still
> > in the review process, and are looking at if the project is eligible for a
> > lot subdivision. As a general practice, the Councilmember does not get
> > involved with site specific issues around code interpretation, given that
> > is the role of our departments. That said, we can address shortfalls in
> > our policies that can help mitigate these issues in the future. As you
> > know, there are a few upcoming opportunities for improving tree
> > protections. Mike is committed to supporting tree protections that help
> > protect our existing tree canopy. As of now, our understanding is that the
> > tree policy led by CM Johnson's office is on hold for the next few months,
> > but we will continue to engage in the process and support the Urban
> > Forestry Commission recommendations. As the specific issue of subdividing
> > a lot, enabling a tree to be cut down has come up multiple times, I will
> > also be flagging this issue to see how we can address this in the code when
> > we are able to move forward in the new year.
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> > Thanks for continuing to bring these issues to our attention and for
> > advocating to protect our tree canopy. We look forward to working together
> > on this in the year ahead.
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> > Happy holidays,
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> > *Susie Levy, MPH*
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> > *From: * David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
> > *Sent: * Tuesday, October 02, 2018 5:08 PM
> > *To: * Levy, Susie <Susie.Levy@seattle.gov>
> > *Cc: * Baker Street Community Group Steering Committee <
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> > PRC@seattle.gov>
> > *Subject: * Follow-up on 1547 NW 60th St (...here comes #3032501-LU)
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> > Good afternoon, Ms. Levy-
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> > I am just following on on behalf of Mary Meister who inquired with
> > Councilperson O'Brien a little over a year ago on a east Ballard property
> > that was developed with *one too many homes for the size of lot *within
> > its LR1-multifamily zone. Beyond the code enforcement implications, the end
> > result of such practices often means that large, established and healthy *trees
> > that could have been retained end up being needlessly removed*.
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> > As you know, we tried to appeal 1547 NW 60th Street with the Hearing
> > Examiner, but because I was listed as the primary appellant living 2 miles
> > away rather than the appealing representative of the Neighbors, the
> > developer's attorney was successful in having the entire appeal dismissed
> > even before any issue could be challenged. Live and learn...

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> > Now that the hearing has long been over, and the buildings at 1527 are
> > built, along comes the next development near by at *1522 NW 61st ST*;
> > (SDCI Project #3032501-LU). Project Description: "*Land Use Application
> > to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Existing structure to be
> > demolished.*" Not only the existing house, but at least one of the large
> > trees will be removed along the west boundary of this forthcoming
> > development lot. Unless, of course, the Councilperson will intervene here
> > before the site plans have gone too far and rely on the tree being
> > removed.
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> > The attached site plan shows the intent to subdivide this 5,000 square
> > foot lot and build 3 rowhouses over a large tree in front of an
> > alley-facing home. The Seattle Municipal Code is quite clear about
> > retention of existing trees (when possible) and rowhouse development rules
> > (SMC 23.84A.032.R.20). We just need a City that will enforce the SMC. The
> > trees are along the west boundary and are easy to design the foundations to
> > clear.
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> > Let us know what we can do to advance this ever growing concern of
> > Seattle's dwindling tree canopy.
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> > Kind regards,
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> > David Moehring AIA NCARB
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> > Member of TreePAC and the Baker Street Community Group
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> > From: "Levy, Susie"
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> > Date: July 14, 2017 at 9:16 AM
> > To: "MEISTERM50@aol.com"
> > Cc: "dmoehring@consultant.com" ,
> > "wendy.robards@mac.com" ,
> > "scruffyfalk@gmail.com"
> > Subject: RE: LR1 Zone - Subdividing Properties - upzoning through
> > subdivision
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> > Hi all,
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> > It was great to meet you this week at office hours. I want to let you
> > know we are looking into the situation to see if they are getting around
> > our code requirements, or if they are proceeding as it is written, and if
> > so, if there are policy changes CM O'Brien would consider. I will be in
> > touch as we have more answers. Thanks for sending along the addresses, and
> > for working with our office.
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> > Best,
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> > Susie
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From: Mary Cooke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:23 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Regina Bowman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 3:04 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Our tree canopy makes our city unique. It is heartbreaking to see the city clearcut to make way for huge, tall, identical homes and apartment buildings.

When the University was building the new dorms on Campus Parkway, huge trees which were marked to be saved were cut down and the developers, architects and construction teams apologized for with an "Oops!". Nothing happens after the fact. There is no punishment.

Please do something before our city is stripped clean of its beauty.

Thank you.

Regina Bowman

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From: Nancy Pare <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 3:37 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Nancy Pare

nancyp22@hotmail.com

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From: Anne Siems <annesiemsart@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 7:50 AM

Cc: Levy, Susie <Susie.Levy@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.OBrien@seattle.gov>; markyoungflowers@gmail.com; bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>; sally.pendras@comcast.net; frances.obrien@comcast.net; Wendy Robards <wendy.robards@mac.com>; scruffyfalk@gmail.com; stanley.minercomcast.net <stanley.miner@comcast.net>; jennifer.weber@me.com; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Daniel Beekman <dbeekman@seattletimes.com>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

CAUTION: External Email

We cannot keep going this way!

The tree canopy loss is irreplaceable in time to mediate global warming!!

Are you planning to breathe in Seattle !?

THINK> and do right on this city and it's people and creatures!



Anne Siems

Voter 🗳️

Sent from my iPad

From: Barbara Gross <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 8:13 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Barbara Gross

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Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 8:18 AM

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

Subject: Council Bill 119600 and Resolution 31902

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Ms. Pinto de Bader:

Today I am sending the following email to Mayor Durkan and individually to each City Council member asking them to stop postponing the adoption of your updated Tree Protection Ordinance.

Thank you.

Judith Leshner

Dear Council Member O'Brien:

What happened to your concern about the environment? What did you really mean with your “Green New Deal”? And, why can't you just pass the **Tree Protection Ordinance** that you requested the Urban Forestry Commission to update instead of vacillating once again as was done yesterday by the Finance and Neighborhoods Committee's **Resolution 31902** postponing a decision until 2020?

The Seattle Times' OPINION pages of September 9 and September 11 alert us citizens of your intent to reverse our environmental protections by undermining the **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)** with your **Council Bill 119600**. Thanks to both writers, Ms. Claudia Newman and Ms. Megan Kruse and to the Times' Editorial Board for their diligent work to inform the public.

By your lack of action, It seems that none of you City Council Members or the Mayor are really willing to protect the trees of our city and to acknowledge the great benefit that they provide for all of us. I hope that you will reconsider this postponement of Resolution 31902 and that you will reject the imprudent Council Bill 119600.

Sincerely,
Judith Leshner
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From: Penrose-Muerdter <mue.rose@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 8:52 AM
To: Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>
Cc: Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Thank You for passing Resolution 31902!

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Councilmembers Bagshaw and González (with cc's to Councilmembers Mosqueda as Citywide Representative and Sawant as my District 3 representative):

I was sitting in on the Urban Forestry Commission meeting on September 11 as an interested member of the public concerned about the loss of tree canopy in Seattle. I came over to Council Chambers at the same time as the UFC members and sat in on your Finance & Neighborhoods Committee discussion and approval of Resolution 31902: Update to City Tree Regulations. THANK YOU for passing this resolution! It is an important first step in preventing the further loss of trees in Seattle's urban forest.

I strongly urge you all to keep up the pressure for the desperately needed update of the decade-old Tree Protection Regulations. I ask that you push for adoption of the Urban Forestry Commission's June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Councilmember Bagshaw: thank you for your service to our city; I hope you will continue to fight for the preservation of our urban forest as a private citizen.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Penrose
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Seattle, WA 98122

From: Warren Wilkins <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 9:48 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: MORE TREES! Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance. NOW!

CAUTION: External Email

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Warren Wilkins

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From: Dennis Kinnan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 10:48 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Dennis Kinnan

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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Anisha Shankar <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance to preserve our urban forest!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor Durkan and Seattle City Council,

Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission! You are all well educated on why it is important to strengthen and expand protection for our urban trees. I want to tell you why this is so important to me -

1. Climate change! I often feel utterly helpless when I think of the enormity of what we are doing to the planet. But by protecting the city's trees and planting more, I take back a little power, and can push back the dangers of a warming planet a little bit.

2. I am an avid birdwatcher and am utterly charmed when I come upon a giant evergreen that has nuthatches, brown creepers, flocks of bushtits and black capped chickadees, and a downy woodpecker or two. It is an instant refocusing from a busy modern life. We are equal participants in this world and we have the responsibility to maintain this balance.

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I thank you for your service and your action in this vital matter!

Thanks,

Anisha Shankar

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Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Karen Morse <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 11:05 AM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Karen Morse

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From: Jill Hamilton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 11:05 AM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Victoria Latka <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 11:44 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Jen Blume <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Susan Montacute <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 2:01 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Jon Krombein <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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I am in support of the following with the exception that owners of residential property should be allowed to add or remove any trees on their property at their discretion without and permitting or input from the city. Individual residential land owners should have complete freedom to use their property as they wish.

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From: Anne Miller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 3:31 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As a mother and teacher I am deeply concerned about the health and well-being of Seattle's young people. As a South Seattle resident, I am especially concerned about the numbers of trees being cut down in my neighborhood and in nearby neighborhoods.

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From: Summer Montacute <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 4:56 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Nina Law <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 8:03 PM

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

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 10:12 AM

To: DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Roberts, Ben <Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

Cc: Magnolia-tree-keepers_all@googlegroups.com; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Daniel Beekman <dbeekman@seattletimes.com>

Subject: 5 more street and lot trees needlessly declared to be cleared from 2409 W Boston Street (east Magnolia - Interbay)

Importance: High

SDOT Urban Forestsry
PO Box 34996
Seattle, 98124-4996
Seattle.Trees@Seattle.gov
206.684.tree (8733)

Dear Seattle arborists,

On this Friday, please explain why **5 to 6 more existing trees are on the chopping block** within our neighborhood. On the street right-of-way, there are 3 posted yellow 'Public Notice of Application' by SDOT that have each been marked **"cannot be successfully retained, due to public or private construction or development conflict"**.

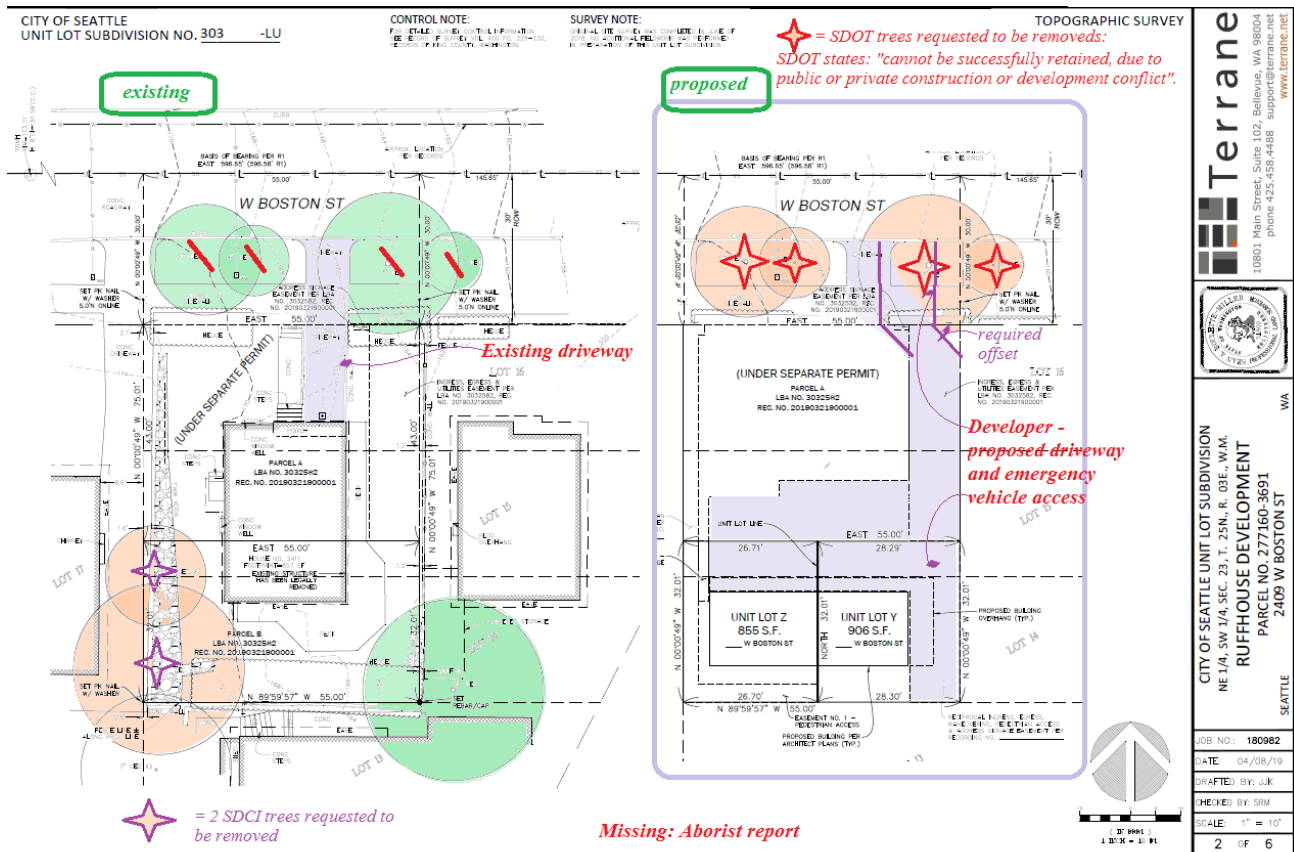
But is this *really* necessary? This lot is yet another (daily??) example of why **Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance** to stop the clear-cutting of trees during development.

Looking at the existing curb-cut of the driveway intersecting the street and where the proposed driveway needs to be, it is not apparent that the explanation offered by SDOT has merit. Instead, it appears the development **would be able to use a curb-cut location** quite similar to the existing curb-cut location - especially given the required line-of-site offset at the northwest corner of the lot. Even if the curb-cut had to move to the east, there is no reason why all three street trees need to be removed. About 40% of Seattle's newly planted 2 to 3-inch caliper street trees are not well maintained and die within three to five years (reportedly).

Two additional larger trees on the property (technically - the neighbors' properties) will also be removed and a third significant or Exceptional tree damaged during excavation. Here again is yet another example of a developer being allowed an additional lot as a means of **circumventing rowhouse development rules** and exceeding the maximum allowable number of dwellings on an LR3-zoned small lot. The victims: trees, wildlife, and unsuspecting neighbors. Refer to the annotated "Existing" and "Proposed" site plan.

For the interests in a stronger tree code emphasizing *retention*,

David Moehring AIA NCARB
Board member, TreePAC
and Member, Magnolia Tree-Keepers



The benefits of retaining existing trees whenever possible:

<https://www.inw.org/2019/07/30/will-seattle-protect-its-trees-leafy-promise-left-unfulfilled/>

<https://www.nwnewsnetwork.org/post/western-seedling-shortage-your-future-christmas-tree-might-be-hard-find>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/nypost.com/2018/07/26/urban-heat-island-effect-tests-large-cities-across-the-country/amp/>

<https://www.greenseattle.org/extreme-heat-and-seattle-area-urban-heat-islands/>

From: Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 10:28 AM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Roberts, Ben <Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Re: 5 more street and lot trees needlessly declared to be cleared from 2409 W Boston Street (east Magnolia - Interbay)

CAUTION: External Email

I would like to go in record that I share David Moerhing's concerns.

We need to protect the large growth trees. It is critical that Seattle preserve the larger older trees while we still have the chance. Once they are gone, it will be 60-70 years before equivalent replacements can grow to that size. These trees serve as homes to our urban wildlife creatures and offer a resting spot between the bays for protected bird species that are migrating.

The world was aghast witnessing the fires in the Amazon- have we already forgotten the impact?

Please reconsider this decision.

Barbara Bernard

Member/Magnolia Tree Keepers & Seattle Audubon Society

From: michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 1:45 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Roberts, Ben <Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Re: [seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group] 5 more street and lot trees needlessly declared to be cleared from 2409 W Boston Street (east Magnolia - Interbay)

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The government is lock-step with the developers plans, which are designed to subvert ecological science in favor of maximizing profit.

Seattle needs to take a tree inventory and input these doomed trees into so that good future decisions can be made about managing the urban forest.

In 2015 the City Council unanimously passed a resolution to conduct a Natural Capital Assessment. Unfortunately, they decided it was more convenient to not rile up the developers, and dropped it.

As the mayor prepares the budget, she should recognize inexact science is used in the form of aerial photos taken from satellites in orbit and extrapolated as a Canopy Cover Survey.

This 2016 Canopy Cover Survey is inaccurate because it contains no qualitative information, on data about location of trees.

Mayor Durkan is susceptible to criticism for improper management of our urban ecosystem. The overt lobbying by the construction industry has skewed her decision making ability the same way the retiring councilmembers sold out.

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 11:45 AM

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

Subject: Fwd: Re: 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

CAUTION: External Email

Forwarded email

From: "Anne Siems"

Date: September 13, 2019 at 11:33 AM

To: "Finn Coven, Jessica"

Subject: Re: 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

Thank you for your reply Jessica,

My experience just around the neighborhood is that developers are getting away with anything.

Just around the corner a beautiful ,huge maple was cut down, even though the permit for the DADU includes the tree AND it was cut by a "logger" WITHOUT a permit (meaning he had lost his license a while back). When I spoke to the company they lied to me and said the city had given them permission.

They have doen this over and over without impunity, consequences or any kind of fine.

The oversight is DISMAL and I see no sign of it getting any better.

I work with architects and arborists and we all know that the city is doing NOTHING.

It is appalling and it is detrimental to the future of Seattle's air and the well being of it's inhabitants.

Thank you for your time,

Anne Siems

Ballard

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 13, 2019, at 9:40 AM, Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov> wrote:

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your email.

Over the past couple of years, the City of Seattle has been taking steps to improve tree protection.

In 2016, my office partnered up with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to undertake the Tree Regulations Research Project to assess the effectiveness of the interim tree protection regulations and get critical data for us to better understand the issues surrounding tree protection. The project's [final report](#) provided the basis for Mayor [Burgess' Executive Order 2017-11](#) on Tree Protection (EO).

The EO directed City departments to implement measures to increase tree protection. Progress on EO implementation includes:

- In 2017, SDCI began a series of updates to their [website](#) including tree protection details and signage specifications to help educate the public and permit applicants about the value of trees and tree protection regulations.
- In 2018, SDCI updated Tip [331B - Hazard Tree](#), to more clearly determine what trees are to be classified as hazardous; and [Tip 242 - Tree Protections in Seattle](#), to detail the process for evaluating a tree's risk and the process of completing and submitting a Hazard Tree Removal Application. SDCI also adopted [Director's Rule 17-2018 - Calculating Tree Valuations and Civil Penalties for Tree Protection Code Violations](#). This new rule clarifies the methodology of the cost approach used by code enforcement.
- This year, SDCI hired two arborists to assist in the review of permit applications for tree removal and enforcement of tree protection violations. SDCI is working with staff from the City's IT department to update the online permit system to include a tree tracking mechanism that will better assist staff to track tree removal and replanting during different stages of development.

My office, as part of our role staffing the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC), has worked to facilitate visits from City Councilmembers Johnson, Bagshaw, and Herbold, to discuss the Commission's recommendations for updates to the tree protection ordinance that was brought forward by Councilmember Johnson in 2018.

Earlier this year, City Council expressed their commitment to protect our urban trees as our city continues to grow by adopting a companion resolution ([Resolution 3870](#) – Section 6) to the Mandatory House Affordability legislation. The resolution is in alignment with UFC recommendations.

The Mayor and Council are currently working with the UFC on a timeline to continue this work and produce legislation to update current tree regulations.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Sincerely,
Jessica Finn Coven, Director
Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment

From: Anne Siems <annesiemsart@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 7:50 AM
Cc: Levy, Susie <Susie.Levy@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.OBrien@seattle.gov>; markyoungflowers@gmail.com; bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>; sally.pendras@comcast.net; frances.obrien@comcast.net; Wendy Robards <wendy.robards@mac.com>; scruffyfalk@gmail.com; stanley.minercomcast.net <stanley.miner@comcast.net>; jennifer.weber@me.com; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Daniel Beekman <dbeekman@seattletimes.com>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

CAUTION: External Email

We cannot keep going this way!
The tree canopy loss is irreplaceable in time to mediate global warming!!
Are you planning to breathe in Seattle !?

THINK> and do right on this city and it's people and creatures!



Anne Siems

Voter 🗳️

Sent from my iPad

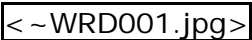
On Sep 12, 2019, at 6:18 PM, David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

<Attach_10_King County Title.pdf>

<How to Retain Trees WITH New Homes_DM.pdf>

Hello Susie-

Just checking in with a new landuse notice** in Ballard coming out today. It has been a while since the December 2018 promises that were made... but remain unfulfilled. That is how we are doing in terms of looking at the **unfortunate multi-family zone tree loss trend** that is continuing within Ballard (and other parts of the District)?

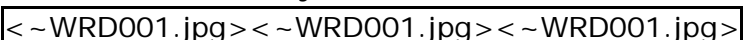
The "How to Retain Trees"  document attached shows two nearby Ballard HUB locations where the developer did retain the existing trees. Housing and retaining significant trees together? Yes, we know it has been done!

It seems that the difference in successfully adding density *along with* retaining trees may be the practice of **illegal contract rezones** (via short plat subdivisions and Lot Boundary Adjustments). As mentioned many, many times before, developers buying one lot and adding invisible lines to make two 'independent' lots has been the policy blessed by City officials to suggest that it is okay for an additional one or two homes to be built - even if it is more than what the Seattle zoning code allowed. While the Seattle Hearing Examiner is looking to the City Council to clarify legislation on this matter with a Director's Rule... nothing has happened to stop circumventing the code limits.

We can justify perceived land-use corruption and tree loss in the sake of providing more housing within Seattle, I suppose, in a way that the armed forces may justify the loss of civilian life and limbs between nations at war. Seattle seems to be struggling between housing and tree retention when BOTH may co-exist!


It is not too late. On a positive note, we notice that Councilmember O'Brien is legislatively active even as he nears the end of his term... keeping his staff busy as well! We should be no less confident in the members of the PLUZ being sure to reform now the known loopholes and tree protection barriers within the present permitting system. Perhaps D6 candidates Wills or Strauss may seek Mike O'Brien and other departing council's advise how to step up to the plate regarding the hundreds of **illegal contract rezones and the resulting loss of hundreds of mature trees.**

It is not clear to many if Councilmember O'Brien is in support of trees

 in order to **reduce local heat island effects** and **climate change**; or if Councilmember O'Brien has tolerated relaxed tree protections during his term so that more lot-line to lot-line housing may be built within

single-family- and lowrise-zoned properties. Especially when allowing more dwellings than established by the Seattle Municipal Code (an illegitimate practice), the partially quiescent City Council has promoted only urban density as trumping Seattle's 30% tree canopy-cover goals.

Knowing that there are just a few months remaining, we hope the Council act on the promises from December 2018, which were stated as follows:

"[Councilmember O'Brien] can address shortfalls in our policies that can help mitigate these issues in the future. As you know, there are a few upcoming opportunities for improving tree protections. Mike is committed to supporting tree protections that help protect our existing tree canopy. As of now, our understanding is that the tree policy led by CM Johnson's office is on hold for the next few months, but we will continue to engage in the process and support the Urban Forestry Commission recommendations." 

We agree! The Urban Forestry Commission should know what is best for the urban forest of Seattle, shouldn't they? Perhaps the Council seeks developers' former 2018 input once again in lieu of the advise from the UFC. Let's see an action that will be a real legacy for the Councilmember and his staff that benefits ALL of Seattle! Take the **Tree Code Resolution** that the City Council has already passed, and create the long-overdue stronger ordinance that our prior mayor issued an Executive Order on, already. What are we waiting for?

Thank you for your prior attention to this important environment-impacting matter.

Kind regards,

David Moehring AIA
TreePAC, Board Member

Another example why stronger tree ordinance is long overdue:

** Address: 1528 NW 61ST ST

- along with concurrent development for existing and new addresses 1520, 1522, 1526
- SDCI Project: 3034644-LU
- Area: Ballard
- Notice Date: 9/12/2019

- Project Description: Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into three unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6675019-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.
- <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/default.aspx?ref=3017317>
- <https://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/parcelviewer2/>

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> On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 7:19 AM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
> wrote:

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> > Thank you, Susie, for your reply within the midst of the holidays!

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> > Many of us are looking forward to someone like Council-member O'Brien to
> > address the *Seattle-wide epidemic of significant and Exceptional tree
> > loss*, especially within developed lowrise residential areas and
> > McMansion redevelopments. Just within the four weeks since your last
> > message there are at least four more developments within District 6 where
> > these major trees are not being sufficiently considered within the
> > development plans per the intent of the tree protection codes. These trees
> > are on the chopping block:

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> > 1)* 2203 and 2213 NW 60th: * Where 8 large trees bordering a development
> > are all at risk, not counting 3 additional trees of a grove that were
> > removed last summer by a developer's pernicious demolition of a garage. See
> > the attached b/w site plan image. Two of these trees at risk originate on a
> > neighbor's lot!

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> > 2) *6406 14th Ave NW: * A certain immanent and shocking loss of a sequoia
> > trees -- one of Seattle's native conifers to be able to withstand the
> > increasing dry and hot summers and lack of rainfall. Experienced certified
> > arborists are noticing that Seattle's Cedars are suffering, hemlocks are
> > declining, firs fate is in the balance. The arborists and naturalists
> > proclaim that we need to protect all and every sequoia within the City.

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> > 3) *6747 23RD AVE NW* calls for an existing street tree to be removed
> > without replacement.

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> > 4) An existing house replacement at* 6712 22nd Ave NW* is needlessly
> > requesting a removal of a street tree without replacement.

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> > Near Roosevelt and NE 72nd St, an arborist witnessed an impeccable
> > two-stemmed beast of the redwood come down at the hands of Ballard Tree
> > Service, as well as numerous other trees that were ripped from the
> > property, including several big leaf maples on a critical slope. Despite
> > numerous complaints from the local residents, SDCI's B. Rasmussen could not
> > establish where any code infraction had occurred, even though some trees
> > were Exceptional.

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> > I am sure we all agree that Council-members should not and cannot get

> > involved with individual developments where tree loss is on the horizon.

> > However, City Staff have shared at City Council meetings that existing

> > mature tree retention within lowrise development areas is only about

> > 13-percent. A loss of 7 out of every 8 trees is not acceptable. The SDCI

> > obviously does not have the codes they need to enforce adequate tree

> > retention or mitigation. That is where the City Council is indeed

> > accountable. The codes the Council has passed allow for too many

> > exceptional in requiring simultaneous tree retention and increased density.

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> > If a Council-member is leading this charge that will ultimately benefit

> > the individual properties that SDCI administer, here are some quick and

> > easy means of achieving our common goals:

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> > - Do not allow increased FAR (floor area ratio to lot area) when MHA

> > in-lieu-of fees are paid instead of building affordable housing;

> > - Reduce incentives to provide detached single-family residences

> > within LR multifamily zones**;

> > - Add minimum number of dwellings or maximum floor-area per dwelling

> > within LR multifamily zones***;

> > - Do not allow credits or points for planting or landscaping elements

> > in-lieu-of trees;

> > - Do not allow reductions of 60 to 75% off penalties from the assessed

> > value of significant trees;

> > - Do require a minimum 400 to 500 sq foot on-grade area of a least

> > 10-feet of width within each multifamily lot absorb stormwater and sustain

> > and retain significant native trees;

> > - Do require a submission of at least three alternatives to be

> > submitted to SDCI showing how development may be achieved while retaining

> > one or more exceptional and significant trees within a functionally-related

> > development;

> > - Do not allow the circumvention of zoned limits on dwelling counts

> > through the use of Lot Boundary Adjustments or Short Plat Subdivisions.

> > - Retain the existing Single-Family zone requirements to retain or

> > replant 2-inches of tree caliper to every 1,000 sq ft of lot area.

> > - See the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission for more of what needs to

> > be done...

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> > I hope this helps provide some opportunities to change Seattle's present

> > trajectory: the rise of urban heat islands with the demise of the urban

> > forest.

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> > David Moehring

> > Dmoehring@consultant.com

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> > NOTES:

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> > ** like the attached image with 4 detached residences on one LR1 Lot,

> > developers have incentives to build these less efficient buildings at 1

> > dwelling for every 1600 sq ft of lot area compared to more efficient

> > townhouses at 1 dwelling for every 2200 sq ft of lot area. As a result of

> > separating these multifamily developments with driveways and paved parking
> > areas, there remains no open space for exterior amenities and trees.
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> > *** repeated from a message of last week Wednesday, the MHA's increase in
> > FAR must be paralleled with a minimum number of dwellings or a maximum
> > floor area per multifamily dwelling. Larger buildings leave even less room
> > for trees on-site which 3 to 5 foot wide planting areas along street curbs
> > and power lines are incapable of sustaining nature native tree growth.
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> > *Sent: * Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 4:52 PM
> > *From: * "Levy, Susie" <Susie.Levy@seattle.gov>
> > *To: * "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>
> > *Subject: * RE: Follow-up on 1547 NW 60th St (...here comes #3032501-LU)
> >
> > Dear David,
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> > Thanks for reaching out, and I am sorry for my slow reply! I did want to
> > follow up. Looking at this newest project, it appears that SDCI is still
> > in the review process, and are looking at if the project is eligible for a
> > lot subdivision. As a general practice, the Councilmember does not get
> > involved with site specific issues around code interpretation, given that
> > is the role of our departments. That said, we can address shortfalls in
> > our policies that can help mitigate these issues in the future. As you
> > know, there are a few upcoming opportunities for improving tree
> > protections. Mike is committed to supporting tree protections that help
> > protect our existing tree canopy. As of now, our understanding is that the
> > tree policy led by CM Johnson's office is on hold for the next few months,
> > but we will continue to engage in the process and support the Urban
> > Forestry Commission recommendations. As the specific issue of subdividing
> > a lot, enabling a tree to be cut down has come up multiple times, I will
> > also be flagging this issue to see how we can address this in the code when
> > we are able to move forward in the new year.
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> > Thanks for continuing to bring these issues to our attention and for
> > advocating to protect our tree canopy. We look forward to working together
> > on this in the year ahead.
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> > Happy holidays,
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> > Susie
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> > *Susie Levy, MPH*
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> > Legislative Aide to Councilmember Mike O'Brien
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> > Seattle City Council <<http://www.seattle.gov/council/>>
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> > *206-684-8800 <206-684-8800>*
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> > *Follow Mike on: * *[image: <cid:image001.jpg@01CD3F26.03169090>]*
> > <<http://obrien.seattle.gov/>> *[image: <cid:image002.jpg@01CD3F26.03169090>]*
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> > *Sign Up for Mike's E-Newsletter <<http://eepurl.com/bRDwXz>> *
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> > *Note that all messages are subject to public disclosure*
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> > *From: * David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
> > *Sent: * Tuesday, October 02, 2018 5:08 PM
> > *To: * Levy, Susie <Susie.Levy@seattle.gov>
> > *Cc: * Baker Street Community Group Steering Committee <
> > baker-street-community-group-steering-committee+noreply@googlegroups.com>;
> > markyoungflowers@gmail.com; sally.pendras@comcast.net;
> > frances.obrien@comcast.net; Wendy Robards <wendy.robards@mac.com>;
> > scruffyfalk@gmail.com; stanley.minercomcast.net <stanley.miner@comcast.net>;
> > jennifer.weber@me.com; Mary Meister <MEISTERM50@aol.com>; PRC <
> > PRC@seattle.gov>
> > *Subject: * Follow-up on 1547 NW 60th St (...here comes #3032501-LU)
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> > Good afternoon, Ms. Levy-
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> > I am just following on on behalf of Mary Meister who inquired with
> > Councilperson O'Brien a little over a year ago on a east Ballard property
> > that was developed with *one too many homes for the size of lot *within
> > its LR1-multifamily zone. Beyond the code enforcement implications, the end
> > result of such practices often means that large, established and healthy *trees
> > that could have been retained end up being needlessly removed*.
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> > As you know, we tried to appeal 1547 NW 60th Street with the Hearing
> > Examiner, but because I was listed as the primary appellant living 2 miles
> > away rather than the appealing representative of the Neighbors, the
> > developer's attorney was successful in having the entire appeal dismissed
> > even before any issue could be challenged. Live and learn...
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> > Now that the hearing has long been over, and the buildings at 1527 are
> > built, along comes the next development near by at *1522 NW 61st ST*;
> > (SDCI Project #3032501-LU). Project Description: "*Land Use Application
> > to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Existing structure to be
> > demolished."* Not only the existing house, but at least one of the large
> > trees will be removed along the west boundary of this forthcoming
> > development lot. Unless, of course, the Councilperson will intervene here
> > before the site plans have gone too far and rely on the tree being
> > removed.
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> > The attached site plan shows the intent to subdivide this 5,000 square
> > foot lot and build 3 rowhouses over a large tree in front of an
> > alley-facing home. The Seattle Municipal Code is quite clear about
> > retention of existing trees (when possible) and rowhouse development rules
> > (SMC 23.84A.032.R.20). We just need a City that will enforce the SMC. The
> > trees are along the west boundary and are easy to design the foundations to
> > clear.
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> > Let us know what we can do to advance this ever growing concern of
> > Seattle's dwindling tree canopy.
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> > Kind regards,
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> > David Moehring AIA NCARB
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> > Member of TreePAC and the Baker Street Community Group
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> > From: "Levy, Susie"
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> > Date: July 14, 2017 at 9:16 AM
> > To: "MEISTERM50@aol.com"
> > Cc: "dmoehring@consultant.com" ,
> > "wendy.robards@mac.com" ,
> > "scruffyfalk@gmail.com"
> > Subject: RE: LR1 Zone - Subdividing Properties - upzoning through
> > subdivision
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> > Hi all,
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> > It was great to meet you this week at office hours. I want to let you
> > know we are looking into the situation to see if they are getting around
> > our code requirements, or if they are proceeding as it is written, and if
> > so, if there are policy changes CM O'Brien would consider. I will be in
> > touch as we have more answers. Thanks for sending along the addresses, and
> > for working with our office.
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> > Best,
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> > Susie
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From: bebrunton@hotmail.com <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 7:41 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

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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
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.

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Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Michelle Bradley <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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Michelle Bradley

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From: Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2019 1:27 PM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I don't understand why the Council has not adopted the city's Urban Forestry Commission's proposed updates to tree protection ordinances for 10 years. I don't understand why the existing, evidently inadequate, legal protections are not being enforced.

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From: Joan Kitterman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2019 3:43 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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It doesn't have to be an either/or situation. Seattle can grow AND maintain green spaces, trees and urban canopy in the city IF the city government is intentional about creating a green city.

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From: Randy Kilmer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2019 5:21 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Ian Jamison <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2019 8:24 PM

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Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Cory Secrist <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: F Rodriguez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

This City used to have nicknames that referred to our lush forests. Many years ago I was impressed, coming and going from Seattle by plane, at seeing the refreshing carpets of green below. Without even stopping to think why, it made me feel so glad to live here.

I urge you to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission. TREES GROW SLOWLY. CUTTING THEM DOWN CREATES LONG TERM, LASTING DEFICITS. DO NOT DELAY ON THIS.

Several years ago I saw 13 mature trees cut down (by a Church!) because it was convenient somehow. I reported it to the City Arborist, with specifics. Nothing happened. The trees weren't replaced. To this day, the space those trees occupied is simply an expanse of bad grass and rocks and nothing else, in an area they don't use, even for parking.

I fully agree with the following:

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From: Judith Bendich <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:03 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Marilyn SPOTSWOOD <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:39 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor, City Council and Council Candidates,

I am the president of Friends of Ravenna-Cowen, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Our members are fortunate to live in a neighborhood with a mature tree canopy, many tall shrubs, and substantial green ground cover. But within blocks of us, we have seen a greater and greater decimation of our old trees as development has overtaken the Roosevelt Urban Village. We are also aware that many neighborhoods in Seattle are not so fortunate, and development has resulted in cutting down groves of trees and mature trees throughout Seattle. We are actually losing trees in Seattle, and the Council and the Mayor have done little to nothing in the past 10 years to change our deficient ordinance, not even to enforce what's already on the books. All we've had are resolutions.

And there are neighborhoods suffering pollution and ill health because these neighborhoods have never had the tree canopy and the green they need to have.

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From: Urania Perez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 8:07 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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Seattle's rapid growth, the fastest in the county, and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed in our neighborhoods by developers and not replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

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From: Beth Brunton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:59 PM

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

Subject: South Seattle Climate Action Network urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The following resolution was adopted by our organization.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and

WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all "exceptional" trees and trees over 24" DBH (diameter at 54" high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and

WHEREAS Seattle, unlike Portland and other major cities, has not instituted a permit system to govern tree removal on developed property or property being developed, but relies instead on a complaint-based system that is applicable only to already-developed property and does not protect trees even there; and

WHEREAS the Seattle City Council voted in 2009, and again by Resolution 31870 in March 2019, to support an updating of its Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the City concluded, in its 2017 Tree Regulations Research Report, that "Current code is not supporting tree protection" and that "we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general"; and

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

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

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

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

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

and 5-year maintenance of trees elsewhere in the city;

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

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

f. require registration of all tree services providers with the city;

g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and

h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by South Seattle Climate Action Network, Beth Brunton, Co-chair

Beth Brunton

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From: Debby Nissen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7:38 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have lived in North Seattle for 40 years and have seen canopy disappear as housing gets denser. A lot of apartment buildings have replaced small houses and a lot of trees have been removed and NOT replaced. I don't oppose more housing because we need it. We just have to do it in a way that supports the environment.

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. I can't imagine my home and my street without our trees.

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Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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At times, large trees are cut for construction when they aren't even in the path of construction (for example directly East of 8816 Nesbit Ave N. in which 3 trees of sizeable size were cut along the perimeter of the property). They cut them because they can (one was just under 30" diameter). 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.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 8:25 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Cynthia Johnson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:43 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I have been very upset that you are allowing SDCI to formulate tree policy when they profit from permits to developers. Once again Seattle is giving too much power to the developers. Many trees that are majestic have been illegally cut in my neighborhood.

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From: Jordan Van Voast <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:26 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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To: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Dilley, Jana <Jana.Dilley@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Cc: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please create an "Approved Tree Service Provider Registration Requirement" to help prevent illegal removal and bad pruning.

CAUTION: External Email

Dear SDCI,

Trees are being badly pruned and removed daily; illegally and often without penalty. Too many tree removal services are exploiting the push for development in Seattle and are taking advantage of the many weaknesses in the current tree ordinance, not least the fact that there is no 'approved tree service provider' list, like there is for SDOT. If such a list existed it would help improve the quality of companies and decrease the likelihood of out-of-city and out-of-county removal companies coming to take trees down, often in unmarked vehicles and operating without safe practices as required by OSHA, ANSI & WA's L&I so they are almost impossible to identify until it is too late. This is also leaving trees badly pruned and the risk of decline or failure is an additional problem, as currently there is no requirement for tree pruning to be carried out to the current ANSI standards. There are local companies also removing trees with permits and performing bad arboriculture also, as many crews of tree cutters are not ISA Certified and lacking any formal training or education as it relates to tree care and management.

Another good reason to create such a requirement is that if SDCI knows who is allowed to work in the City, then it will be easy to update and inform companies as to any changes in the codes. I was asked recently by a very experienced and knowledgeable arborist about the change made in April with the removal of the exemption for 'exceptional' trees on small lots. They are very busy and did not know about this until another

arborist mentioned it to them. This is not good as potentially the fact that they did not know the rule change, meant some trees may have been removed that should have been protected. It is hard to keep an eye on ordinance changes as well as run a business, so if all tree services in the City allowed to work in the City were vetted with regard to their qualifications and experience, had to sign an agreement to read and understand the current ordinance, and then be updated as to any changes to the codes into the future; the standard of tree care and protection would improve immediately and it would be much easier for SDCI to monitor and manage the trees on private property.

The same should also be the case for independent consulting arborists, who should be vetted by experienced arborists and their report writing should be to a standard much higher than many reports that are submitted at the moment, which would be rejected by any scrutiny by those training TRAQ courses for example by some form of 'peer review' especially useful if SDCI's arborists are already over stretched and not able to look at all building permits involving trees.

This again, would save healthy trees from removal and prevent developers and home owners working the poorly managed system to their advantage.

Please consider making this a priority as this does not have to be related to any discussion of the proposed changes to the tree ordinance, as this is a simple administrative process that SDCI could put in place relatively quickly, and with significant positive results.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 10:20 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please investigate 2-3 Exceptional Trees Removed at 2000 Thorndyke Ave W (3032564-LU)

CAUTION: External Email

To those with the power to do so,

Please investigate another development by Alex Mason at the above address which has lead to the illegal removal of 2-3 'exceptional' trees, through the poor management of the development, during which both

the developer and SDCI's planner have ignored the current SMC25.11 and DR-2008-16. These trees should have been documented but now only Google Street and Satellite imagery proves their existence.

This lack of oversight is not sustainable, nor is it sensible. Healthy mature trees are being removed faster than it will ever be possible to replace them, and we all suffer because of this. Trees are essential for combating the increasing air temperatures and decreasing air and water quality. Please protect them and punish those who do not.

These developments benefit only a handful of people, at the detriment to the whole City. Please act proactively, so we are not left to react in a mad panic, when we suddenly realise all of our large and medium sized trees have been removed.

Thank you and kind regards,

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From: Nicole Gomez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:42 PM

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

Subject: 36th LD Democrats urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The following resolution was adopted by our organization.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and
WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all "exceptional" trees and trees over 24" DBH (diameter at 54" high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and

WHEREAS Seattle, unlike Portland and other major cities, has not instituted a permit system to govern tree removal on developed property or property being developed, but relies instead on a complaint-based system that is applicable only to already-developed property and does not protect trees even there; and

WHEREAS the Seattle City Council voted in 2009, and again by Resolution 31870 in March 2019, to support an updating of its Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the City concluded, in its 2017 Tree Regulations Research Report, that “Current code is not supporting tree protection” and that “we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general”; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- f. require registration of all tree services providers with the city;
- g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and
- h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by 36th LD Democrats, Nicole Gomez, Chair

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From: Mickey Riley <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 6:05 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Judi Jones <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 6:35 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Our urban forests, street trees, parks & trees on private property are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts As well as habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents and wildlife.

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AND

9. BUDGET FOR MORE MATURE STREET TREES & REPLACEMENTS FOR DEAD TREES IN PARKS & ON OTHER PUBLIC LANDS.!

Thank you!

Judi Jones

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From: RICHARD ELLISON <climbwall@msn.com>

Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 1:50 AM

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Cc: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Alex Pedersen <alex@electalexpedersen.org>

Subject: Comments on the update to the Seattle Tree Protection Ordinance : Protect Heritage Trees

CAUTION: External Email

To the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission:

Attached in PDF and MW Word (and below) are my comments on the "Outline of Revisions to SMC 25.11 – Tree Protection Ordinance by Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 6/14/2017 draft

<https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/2019/2019docs/OutlineandDraftUFCTreeProtectionRegs070219FullDoc.pdf>

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Richard Ellison

Comments on the proposed Tree Protection Ordinance Update
Sept 19, 2019

Below are suggestions to improve the quality of tree protection for Heritage quality trees, the rare and best trees “with unique historical, ecological, or aesthetic value” to be found in Seattle. Other suggestions involve improvements to the proposed ordinance in regards to invasive plant species.

Heritage trees are rare and irreplaceable and should be guaranteed protection under SEPA or whatever jurisdiction necessary. While few trees are currently designated under the “Heritage Tree Program” many more would be qualified to be a Heritage tree, regardless of whether they are currently designated as such:

“Heritage Tree” is a specially designated tree that meets criteria as a healthy tree in addition to being qualified according to one of the following categories:

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- B. Historic: A tree recognized by virtue of its age, its association with or contribution to a historic structure or district, or its association with a noted person, cultural, ethnic or historic event.
- C. Landmark: Trees that are landmarks of a community.
- D. Collection: Trees in a notable grove, avenue, or other planting.

25.11.010 Purpose and Intent:

ADD: Preserve and protect all Heritage trees unless they are hazardous trees.

B10: ADD: Heritage trees and Specimen trees and Landmark trees

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25.11.015 Definitions:

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ADD: Invasive vegetation – any plant species on the King County Noxious Weeds or Weeds of Concern

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25.11.040 Restrictions on Tree Removal

- Added requirement that Heritage trees and Landmark trees inside development may NOT be removed unless hazardous per ISA risk assessment as described in applicable section

SMC 25.11.090 Significant Tree Removal and Replacement associated with Development

C. 3.b.i. ADD: and Specimen and Landmark trees

d. ADD: and Specimen and Landmark trees

H. ADD : 1.a. The Director may NOT allow Heritage and Specimen and Landmark trees to be removed even if the development potential of the site is reduced. Exceptions to allow for a taller building and reductions in setbacks may be allowed to compensate for lost square footage and reduced footprint.

4. ADD: to save a Heritage tree or Specimen tree or Landmark trees

25.11.120 Tree replacement and performance standards

ADD: In-Lieu fees to be paid for any Heritage or Landmark tree will be 3x (triple) the normal fee.

25.11.130 Development standard departures for tree preservation

A. ADD: including Heritage trees or or Specimen or Landmark trees

25.11.170 Tree maintenance

ADD: D. Invasive plant species control. Invasive plant species must be controlled on the properties to protect all trees, including, but not limited to Exceptional trees and newly planted trees, for a minimum of 5 years to allow them to succeed and be healthy.

25.11.190 Enforcement and penalties. J. Civil Penalties. ADD: Any penalties or fees to be paid for removal or damage to any Heritage tree, Specimen tree, or Landmark tree, or any tree noted in the book "Trees of Seattle, 2nd Addition, by Arthur Lee Jacobson will be 2x (double) the normal penalty or fee.

General comments: Some language to require schools, public and private to be bound by these regulations.

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Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 7:42 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Judy Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 10:52 AM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@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: RE: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Ms. Finn,

Thank for reaching out to me. I appreciate the effort. I also appreciate the steps you identify in your email re SDCI's hiring additional arborists and setting up an IT tracking program. Those are good steps. Unfortunately the City has now had many resolutions spanning 10 years, but still hasn't drafted and adopted a tree ordinance that has teeth. All we've gotten are resolutions and an executive order that are insufficient.

Unfortunately, I am aware of several projects where groves of trees have been cut down – in the Northgate area, Queen Anne, and Madison Valley. In my own area, there was an enormous old deodara smack in the middle of a parking lot, where a developer received a permit to build multiple townhouses. Two people stretching their arms out could not encircle this tree. I had passed by this enormous tree many many times, and knew that somehow the developer would get rid of it. And indeed, the arborist who got paid his opinion by the developer said it was “dangerous” because it was multi-branched. The opinion was highly questionable, and architects whom I know said they were well-aware of this arborist, would never use his services, and indicated he was prone to make such opinions in the service of developers. So one day the tree was there, and the next it was literally gone. And the arborist's opinion was not really publicly available. I had to go to the SDCI's Land Use page, find out who at SDCI was a reviewer for this project, contact that person, and then, eventually I received a copy of the arborist's report. It required digging, when it was too late. And, as you know, if a tree is deemed “dangerous” there's nothing requiring its replacement.

Being a certified arborist means nothing in my view. Developers know who is for hire to give an opinion they want. I think there needs to be significant SDCI oversight, which is now sorely lacking. At a minimum, there should be a public notice on site, with a copy of the arborist's opinion posted at the site. The notice should give instructions that a second opinion may be obtained by X date. Additionally, an application to take out a tree or trees or an arborists' opinion to take out a tree or trees should be prominently listed in SDCI's Land Use listings, as a separate category, or in bold with the listing. Currently those listing tell us nothing about trees on the site, and these should be identified in every SDCI listing.

In my neighborhood, no one knew this was about to happen and people were shocked to find one morning a few chips on the pavement. Thus, first there should be notice that the community will actually see, and second, there should be adequate time for a second opinion to challenge the proposed action. Even more importantly, we need inspectors on the ground who actually go to the site in both the permitting and design review stages to photograph the site and catalog trees and tall shrubs. And if the developer “forgets” to include those, the permit should be denied and/or a heavy fine levied.

I said above to catalog shrubs as well as trees. Camellias and rhododendrons are classified as shrubs, not trees, but many in this city are at tree height and have the same pollution control value as a mature tree since they are evergreen. In my neighborhood we have 30 – 40 foot tall rhododendrons. The camellias in my yard are over 40 years old, are between 15-20 feet tall, with

cumulative multi-stem girth of 6-10 feet. These have as much pollution control value and habitat as a tall conifer. My yard is not unique in Seattle. None of these shrubs are protected under Seattle ordinances and should be added to any proposed ordinance.

So SDCI needs to be proactive if we are not going to clear-cut Seattle. And since SDCI has been doing a very poor monitoring job, there may need to be a separate section of SDCI or even a different department such as OSE that monitors every permit site for trees and shrubs and exercises real authority and substantial penalties.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Sincerely, Judy

Judith E. Bendich
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From: Finn Coven, Jessica [<mailto:Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 7:10 AM
To: jebendich@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Save Our Trees!

Dear Judith,

Thank you for your email.

Over the past couple of years, the City of Seattle has been taking steps to improve tree protection.

In 2016, my office partnered up with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to undertake the Tree Regulations Research Project to assess the effectiveness of the interim tree protection regulations and get critical data for us to better understand the issues surrounding tree protection. The project's [final report](#) provided the basis for Mayor [Burgess' Executive Order 2017-11](#) on Tree Protection (EO).

The EO directed City departments to implement measures to increase tree protection. Progress on EO implementation includes:

- In 2017, SDCI began a series of updates to their [website](#) including tree protection details and signage specifications to help educate the public and permit applicants about the value of trees and tree protection regulations.
- In 2018, SDCI updated Tip [331B - Hazard Tree](#), to more clearly determine what trees are to be classified as hazardous; and [Tip 242 -Tree Protections in Seattle](#), to detail the process for

evaluating a tree's risk and the process of completing and submitting a Hazard Tree Removal Application. SDCI also adopted [Director's Rule 17-2018 - Calculating Tree Valuations and Civil Penalties for Tree Protection Code Violations](#). This new rule clarifies the methodology of the cost approach used by code enforcement.

- This year, SDCI hired two arborists to assist in the review of permit applications for tree removal and enforcement of tree protection violations. SDCI is working with staff from the City's IT department to update the online permit system to include a tree tracking mechanism that will better assist staff to track tree removal and replanting during different stages of development.

My office, as part of our role staffing the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC), has worked to facilitate visits from City Councilmembers Johnson, Bagshaw, and Herbold, to discuss the Commission's recommendations for updates to the tree protection ordinance that was brought forward by Councilmember Johnson in 2018.

Earlier this year, City Council expressed their commitment to protect our urban trees as our city continues to grow by adopting a companion resolution ([Resolution 3870](#) – Section 6) to the Mandatory House Affordability legislation. The resolution is in alignment with UFC recommendations.

The Mayor and Council are currently working with the UFC on a timeline to continue this work and produce legislation to update current tree regulations.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Sincerely,
Jessica Finn Coven, Director
Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment

From: Judith Bendich <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:03 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

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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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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 10:11 AM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>
Cc: treepac_seattlelists.riseup.net <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>;
TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA
<DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Public meeting request for partial tree grove removal

CAUTION: External Email

If 49 others will also write in to PRC@seattle.gov, a public meeting is desired to learn more about this development of 5 townhouses taking out every tree on the lot in Seattle's Central District. Please enforce the tree protection code for Tree Groves - including a tree grove extending onto development lot at 1414 E Cherry St, Seattle, WA 98122.
SDCI 3034802 et. Al.

A stronger tree ordinance is needed to prevent such wonton clear-cutting.

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/customize/linktorecord.aspx?altId=3034802-EG>

For TreePAC
David Moehring, board member.

From: Alan Charnley <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 4:51 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: 32nd District Democrats urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by 32nd District Democrats, Alan Charnley, Chair

Alan Charnley

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From: Theresa Scott <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 10:38 AM

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

Subject: Keep the Emerald City green and Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

We need to protect our trees because we are at a time when every tree is playing an important role in the climate crisis. We need to plant more trees and have to remain at the forefront for understanding the importance of a green world. We need to learn to allow nature to heal itself. 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.

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From: Seema Ardakan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Janet Duecy <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 5:41 PM

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

Subject: Mt. Baker Meaningful Movies urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Resolution adopted by Mt. Baker Meaningful Movies, Janet Duecy, Steering Committee

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From: Alexander Maybruck <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 6:09 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

I work at Jim's Body Shop in Ravenna right across from a property with a grove of trees including a couple large poplars, one around 6 feet wide at its base. I've already witnessed them cut down all the smaller ones, which is quite enough in my opinion. I grew up in Ravenna, and these trees make it the kind of lovely place I know it to be. For them to go would be unnecessarily detrimental to the neighborhood and all the wildlife it provides for. Thank you.

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From: Emily Firman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 1:39 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Woodrow Wheeler <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 2:35 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Here are two recent quotes that reinforce the need for trees in Seattle:

1. "...so far, the best available technology for pulling carbon dioxide from the air is something called a tree." - Al Gore "It's Not Too Late for the Climate"

2. "Climate change, like an increase in warmer days, hit the region's most vulnerable populations hard. Neighborhoods with fewer parks, greenbelts and trees often become heat islands where the temperature is greater than in surrounding areas." - Ryan Blethen, Seattle Times, 9/19/2019

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From: Julie Anne Kempf <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 2:54 PM

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

Subject: 46th District Democrats urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Resolution adopted by 46th District Democrats, Julie Anne Kempf, Chair

Julie Anne Kempf
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From: celia topalian <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Mary Ewald <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 9:52 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Trees in my neighborhood are being cut down by developers. The whole city suffers. The song birds are disappearing. We need to try to hold on to a piece of nature in our city.

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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Mary Ewald

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From: Laura Wilson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 1:52 PM

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

Subject: Proactivity > Reactivity (Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance).

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As a life-long Seattle resident, I am always taken aback when visitors comment on the beauty of the city and the inclusion of nature within the city. Perhaps it's my fault for taking it for granted, but it's something that I have learned helps define our city -- that we do have a lot of trees and nature within our city limits.

I attended college in the Northeast, and my friends, who had never been to the Seattle, asked me what it's like and 'how far would I have to go to be around trees/nature'. It disheartened me to know that some cities have become so developed that trees and nature are not an inherent and daily part of people's daily lives.

While, understandably, it's easy to think that as long as trees are still around (in parks, etc), then a few can be cut down here and there, unfortunately that will be a losing battle. Less contiguous green spaces will impact wildlife (for both habitat and migration patterns), which in turn can affect some of the reasons that make Seattle attractive to citizens and visitors, such as bird-watching, shaded neighborhoods, and views of something other than concrete and steel.

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Best,

Laura Wilson

Laura Wilson

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

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 2:14 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor Durkan, City Council, DCI and Urban Forestry,

I hope you are listening to the gravity of the science behind our climate crisis and the voices of the younger generations to do something NOW to stop the doomed direction we are headed with mass extinction of species, pollution and our own survival.

Just today Sept. 23 on NPR, there was an inspiring interview with Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante on how she is taking a big turn with their city to SET ASIDE and SAVE their REMAINING Green Spaces in their city as well as many other things she is doing to address climate change. This will not only ensure health and welfare for the city, but for the larger region for prevention of flooding, clean air and water. Can you look into what they are doing? Can Seattle lead in climate change?

Mayor Plante and U.N. climate negotiator Christiana Figueres also talked about how our economy needs to shift from a development-run, "make as much money as you can" model to one that looks into welfare of the whole.

Seattle is well on its way to become a concrete jungle with fewer green spaces, mature trees and canopy remaining as we create more density. We need to prioritize how we develop to protect green spaces we have left and designate more green spaces to counter the concrete and global warming we are adding. Finally, we need to choose carefully the areas we cut down-- with better protection of our trees and plans for the future to combat climate crisis.

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Thank you for your service,
Annie Thoe

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From: eric schiller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 5:25 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 6:51 PM

To: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>

Subject: More 'exceptional' healthy trees destined for destruction at 3509 W Thurman St?

CAUTION: External Email

Please can you provide an update on the above project as on the service portal there is no arborist report for the trees on site, including at least two exceptional Western red cedar trees that are close to the existing building which has been given a demolition permit (6743256-DM). I cannot see any building site plans, so there is no visible record of the trees on the site, which also include a large diameter pine and an apple that is possibly as old as Seattle itself, and likely 'exceptional'.

Please can someone look into this and respond, before it is too late.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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From: Alexander Kubacki <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 8:45 PM

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

Subject: It's what makes Seattle special: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Trees are what make Seattle special. I lived for a year in a city in South Korea. On the plane flight coming back into Seattle, I remember remarking on how many trees there were compared to the cities in SK. It struck me then that trees were at the heart of why I love the city so much. Not only are they beautiful, but they also provide a service to the city itself by keeping it cool in the summer. Keep Seattle Unique, Keep Seattle Clean, Keep Seattle Healthy.

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From: Bernice Maslan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 9:55 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Gamut 360 developer violating tree guidelines repeatedly

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Hello Mayor Durkan, City Council members and candidates,

Imagine you live on a street with a beautiful old tree grove of at least 21 trees, at least nine of which were exceptional. Now imagine all of those chopped down despite the fact that there is development potential for three homes to be built or expanded on the 24,914 square foot lot and still retain the vast majority of the trees.

Why is the city granting building permits to this developer for yet another residential lot being cleared of its trees on 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE when alternatives to this tree loss were available?

With the effects of our local climate changes, retaining our mature trees and canopy matter even more than ever as we increase density in our city. There is no excuse other than that developers don't want to work around trees and do not value trees for community, health and environmental benefit.

In this recent case, the city should ensure that developers should have plans that build both new housing and retained trees on development lots.

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Site Plan for: 12055 NE 20th NE clear cut

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Will you pursue these fines and stop this developer from this senseless development and others like them?

We need you to protect our trees and pass a much stronger tree ordinance that truly protects our canopy and mature trees for our future. The expense to our city of this clear-cut development will only compound exponentially for our future with our climate crisis and urban density.

Please pass the recommended tree ordinance by our Urban Forestry Commission now or at the very least put a moratorium into effect until the revised tree ordinance can be passed.

It is a shame to destroy our city's trees.

Thank you.

Bernice Maslan
Greenwood resident

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From: Kjersten Gmeiner <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:12 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Another tree clear cut in Victory Heights 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Thank you,
Kjersten Gmeiner, MD

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From: Susan Walker <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:55 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Gayle Janzen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:59 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Another lot clear cut by Gamut 360

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Gamut 360 has a history of clear cutting lots instead of protecting as many trees as possible, so why is the city granting building permits to this developer for yet another residential lot being cleared of its trees on 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE when alternatives to this tree loss were available? It seems like the city really doesn't care much about saving our trees, especially the large, old growth ones.

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For the trees,
Gayle Janzen

Gayle Janzen

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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 2:23 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: FW: Tree Legal Demo permit issued ; so about the 4 to 5 exceptional trees

CAUTION: External Email

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-----Original Message-----

From: tree-ordinance-legal@googlegroups.com <tree-ordinance-legal@googlegroups.com>
On Behalf Of David Moehring
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 2:18 PM
To: DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; parkseattlellc@gmail.com;
SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>
Cc: Magnolia-tree-keepers_all@googlegroups.com; Tree Ordinance Legal <tree-ordinance-legal@googlegroups.com>; ruth@dannerdata.com; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree Legal Demo permit issued ; so about the 4 to 5 exceptional trees

Urgent matter:
3509 W Thurman St

Regarding building Permit application #6724738 And Demo permit approved on Sept 20,2019 #6743356

Applicant Park Seattle LLC has been copied here.

Please provide the site plans for retaining the existing 4 to 5 code-protected exceptional trees to be retained per the SMC title 23 and 25 Codes.

The new Development plan shows no existing trees:
<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4509539>

Past Request from Art Pederson:
<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4618053>

The arborist report has no information relative to tree protections during new construction and demolition.

Thank you,
David Moehring
For
Magnolia TreeKeepers

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From: Scott Alspach <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 3:45 PM

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

Subject: 43rd District Democrats urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The following resolution was adopted by our organization.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and
WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all "exceptional" trees and trees over 24" DBH (diameter at 54" high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and
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WHEREAS the Seattle City Council voted in 2009, and again by Resolution 31870 in March 2019, to support an updating of its Tree Protection Ordinance; and
WHEREAS the City concluded, in its 2017 Tree Regulations Research Report, that "Current code is not supporting tree protection" and that "we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general"; and
WHEREAS Seattle's trees and urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure that (a) reduces air pollution, stormwater runoff, and climate change impacts like heat-island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and (b) is important for the physical and mental health of Seattle residents: and

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

- a. increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring, in each land-use zone in the city, a permit for removal and replacement of any tree over 6" DBH, whether on developed property or property being developed;
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- g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and
- h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by 43rd District Democrats, Scott Alspach, Chair

Scott Alspach
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From: annie sensingvitality.com <annie@sensingvitality.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:24 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Why is the city allowing Clear-cutting practices with our Current Climate Crisis?

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Ms. Pinto De Bader,

I've written the Mayor and others about this recent development. Why is the city granting building permits to this developer Gamut 360 for yet another **residential lot being cleared of its trees on** 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE when alternatives to this tree loss were available with no way (or payment fees) to replace this tragic loss of canopy?

With the effects of our local climate changes, retaining our mature trees and canopy matter even more than ever as we increase density in our city. There is no excuse other than that developers don't want to work around trees and do not value trees for community, health and environmental benefit. In this recent case, the city should ensure that developers **should have plans that build both new housing and retained trees** on development lots.

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Thank you,

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From: Barbara Bernard <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:37 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Deborah Stewart <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:37 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Let's keep the Emerald City green! For not only the beauty of this place but for all the good things that trees give us, from sucking CO2 and other pollutants out of the air, giving us oxygen we need to live, cooling our summers, and protecting our wildlife. A healthy city -- and a healthy planet -- requires abundant trees. Keeping Seattle's trees intact and healthy requires stewardship that the updated ordinance will provide. Please pass it.

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From: Barbara Bernard <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:38 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Subject: Another tree clear cut in Victory Heights 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE

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From: Lianne Lindeke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:51 PM

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

Subject: Another tree clear cut in Victory Heights 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE

CAUTION: External Email

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Thank you,

Lianne Lindeke

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From: kevin orme <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:05 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees - NOW! Quit Stalling and taking Martin Selig's/developer money!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

You may have seen the front page article in the Seattle Times today about the unmatched capability of old-growth trees to combat climate change - if not - READ it:

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/how-restoring-old-growth-forest-in-washington-state-could-help-fight-climate-change/>

and note that we have plenty of large, exceptional, old-growth sized and age trees in Seattle city limits - BUT, you are letting DCI 'permit' them out of existence by

1) not enforcing our own 2009 Interim Tree Ordinance - how can we trust our own laws when you don't ENFORCE them?

2) not making critical improvements to eliminate loopholes and strengthen our ability to combat climate change in that same law - the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has already given you the information and tools to do the right thing - GET IT DONE ALREADY!?!

3) I'm on Mayor Durkan's email list - she sent an email a few letters ago warning of heat islands, polluted air and climate change in Seattle - yet the next day, an NPR article came out that addressed the most effective and cost-efficient way to address this - protecting existing and planting more TREE CANOPY IN THE CITY - yet every action the SeaCC and Mayor take does exactly the opposite - you aren't even listening to your own words????

<https://www.npr.org/2019/09/04/755349748/trees-are-key-to-fighting-urban-heat-but-cities-keep-losing-them>

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1) protect our trees and

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Pass and ENFORCE the recommended tree ordinance by our Urban Forestry Commission now!

Thank you,

kevin orme

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From: Anne Siems <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 8:53 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

DEAR CITY OF SEATTLE, YOU MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED. BUT WE ARE IN A CLIMATE CRISIS.

THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: WE HAVE TO STOP CUTTING TREES. WE HAVE TO INCREASE PLANTING AND CARE OF NEW TREES. PERIOD.

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM THE GUARDIAN:

WE must increase trees. We Have to stop cutting ANY down. PERIOD>

[myhttps://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/sep/19/greta-thunberg-we-are-ignoring-natural-climate-solutions?utm_source=instagramstories&utm_campaign=Thunberginterview+film](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/sep/19/greta-thunberg-we-are-ignoring-natural-climate-solutions?utm_source=instagramstories&utm_campaign=Thunberginterview+film)

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From: Muriel Lawty <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:31 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have fibromyalgia that is "triggered" by air pollution (among other things). I am only one of many that need a clean healthy environment to be healthy. Please protect our trees.

I agree with the letter below and the message from this website:

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Seattle, Washington 98125

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

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 12:04 PM

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

Subject: Another tree clear cut in Victory Heights 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I think we are on the way to have Pinehurst be called Stumphurst as Seattle seems to be granting building permits to this developer for yet another residential lot being cleared of its trees on 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE. Alternatives to this tree loss have been available, but developers do not want to work around trees and do not value them for community, health, and environmental benefit.

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Thank you,

Cynthia Rose

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

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 12:17 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I'm furious that a developer can come into a neighborhood and destroy the entire complexion of that neighborhood without receiving a prison sentence. No thought at all to everyone who actually lives there. Worse, is the Seattle City council's vote of 7-0 on passing the building of DADU and ADU living spaces with no thought as to who can own them (out of city residents as well as foreigner investing in our land), live in them (up to 12 unrelated people per residence), supplying only enough new living spaces for 4,000 (a drop in the bucket and at a cost of replacing a family residence to a residence that can only be purchased, with 2 homes on it, by someone with only an immense collateral). 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

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Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Jo Halverson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 8:03 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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- Please help preserve our health and quality of life.

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From: Annie Fanning <anniefanning@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 8:13 AM
To: TreesforSeattle <TreesforSeattle@seattle.gov>
Subject: NEW Idea for "Neighborwoods"

CAUTION: External Email

To the Urban Forestry Commission:

As a former Seattle tree ambassador, GSP forest steward, and community member of Thornton Creek Alliance, I feel that current outreach efforts (though admirable) are not enough to secure the watershed and to save our community from devastating canopy loss and stormwater damage. To mitigate the threat of climate change to our community, Seattle must make a greater effort to protect our trees, specifically our existing large conifers, which soak up stormwater, stabilize the soil, offer oxygen and cleaner air, cool us in the summers, and create habitat for a rich variety of insects and animals. To do that, may I suggest we see the forest for the trees.

Please consider putting together a pilot program in Northeast Seattle to support the urban forest in the Thornton Creek Watershed area. My idea is to offer financial incentive to property owners to preserve and maintain large conifers as part of their "neighborwoods." I propose that the City of Seattle offer property tax rebates for square footage of maintained urban forest, defined as anything from one enormous conifer to multiple properly sited young trees, to understory planting under conifers that are on neighboring property within 10 feet of the property line. The idea being that if the trees "pay rent" to property owners (and potentially their neighbors who support the tree with understory) every year that the owners (and neighbors) will come to value and respect their trees much more than they currently do. And if the city were paying the property owners for their square footage of managed urban forest, then the City would also have a financial stake in maintaining that square footage. If property with designated urban forest is subsequently sold and developed, the new owner would have to reimburse the financial value of that square footage of urban forest to the City, which in turn would be obligated to use that money toward gaining new urban forest square footage in the neighboring greenbelts by professionally restoring sections or by purchasing adjacent parcels to add to the creek buffer.

Because "community buy-in" is critical to the success of such an idea, I propose that such a neighborwoods program only go into effect if a certain number of property owners or a threshold of square acreage is met within the targeted Thornton Creek Watershed area. It must mean something to be a designated urban forest—it should be a measurable concept that includes a specific number of trees and a corresponding measure of understory planting. Likewise, designated natural areas should not immediately be granted urban forest status without meeting the same urban forest guidelines as private

property. I believe that the USDA Forestry Department actually does have guidelines specific to urban forests that may be helpful in this regard.

To achieve this threshold of designated urban woods on private property, the program must include a targeted outreach push, which hopefully dedicated volunteers with professional city support can achieve through community meetings and partnerships with other nonprofit stakeholders. I am certain that targeting specific property owners with existing large conifers with “lower your property taxes” messaging combined with an educational component about the value of urban forest as green infrastructure will be compelling enough to spur adoption. However as an additional incentive to join the neighborwoods program, I propose that the City offer to restore matching square footage in the Thornton Creek natural areas for every confirmed homeowner-designated urban forest plot—and I suggest that the City make good on this pledge even if the ultimate threshold of participation to enact such a neighborwoods program to get the property tax rebate is not met.

The idea here is to empower property owners who have the same forest-type of trees (not just the same species, but the same group of “tree friends”) and who live adjacent to each other to declare their parcels as part of the same urban forest. Seattle, for its part would agree that urban forests are of greater value than the sum of their parts and should be both protected and valued monetarily by our government. Rather than battle for the life of each heritage tree, which is what many of my tree-loving cohort are currently doing, I think we should push people into recognizing that their trees communicate with other trees beyond their personal property lines and that here in North Seattle we live in a historic forest that is constantly trying to replant itself. The energy exists to change the community culture to one that values and supports large conifers. If the city offers private property owners a financial incentive to keep their large trees healthy, I believe we can halt canopy loss and potentially gain new urban forest.

The time to protect existing large conifers and build acceptance for the urban forest-dweller lifestyle is now. We will not survive the massive influx of water into our weather system from the melting glaciers without the large conifers to suck up the stormwater and stabilize the soil!

Thank you considering this idea,

Annie Fanning

From: Jonathan Freedman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:14 AM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Daniel Boyd <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:30 AM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Kari Olson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 2:29 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 for everyone!!! Keeping our city healthy and livable, trees, the urban forest comprises of many levels of vitality and green infrastructure; reducing air and noise pollution, storm water runoff/water retention. Changing climate impacts such as heat island effects, and providing essential habitats for birds, other wildlife and people. No question to the value of trees for our survival for the physical and mental health of all...

Seattle's outdated tree ordinance needs to be updated and strongly written and understood by all agencies, government, business, property owners, activists, stewards to remember it takes many years to grow a fine healthy tree and but one day to destroy it. An ultimatum is facing us straight in the face of urban growth...granted we're not going to be able to save all the trees, however, it is vitally urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of "Seattle's Emerald City" trees. Especially and particularly "Heritage" huge mature trees and rare tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity with like-kind trees...When conifer trees are removed, replant with a conifer, when a Big Leaf Maple is removed plant again with the same -- there is and are exceptions to this rule, but for the sake of our "Emerald City"

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10. Provide websites and phone numbers to report incidents, vandalism, inquiries...

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From: Deanna Calef <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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From: gail crouch <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 10:18 AM

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Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Mara Macdonald <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Shasti Conrad <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 1:39 PM

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

Subject: The King County Democrats urge the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The following resolution was adopted by our organization.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as

developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all “exceptional” trees and trees over 24” DBH (diameter at 54” high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and WHEREAS Seattle, unlike Portland and other major cities, has not instituted a permit system to govern tree removal on developed property or property being developed, but relies instead on a complaint-based system that is applicable only to already-developed property and does not protect trees even there; and

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

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g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and

h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by King County Democrats, Shasti Conrad, Chair

Shasti Conrad

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From: Karen Staley <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please update tree ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Trees are a critical and finite resource that should not be squandered. They provide tangible benefits like reducing air pollution and the impact of storm runoff. Trees also enrich the lives

of all residents. They contribute to the urban greenspaces that are so central to Seattle culture and livability. Older, larger trees are blooming extremely hard to replace.

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Sherry Howland <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 8:05 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have lived in Seattle since 1981, and I never thought I would see the level of destruction to our green spaces. You all move your mouths to say all the pretty words about "caring" and "stewardship," and "environmental responsibility" but you continually sell out to the NON-taxpaying bazillionaires who own this city and our elected officials. DO what's right for ALL of us, not just your buddies with their own version of "green"

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From: Cindi Laws <cindilaws@msn.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 8:11 AM

To: Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Re: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Councilmember Herbold,

Thank you for responding to my signature on the tree protection petition. You are the only Councilmember to respond. Again.

The timeline needs to be ramped up. Here in Southeast Seattle, we have dual pressures causing tremendous tree loss.

1) Gentrification. Most people are unaware there are scores of vacant lots south of Columbia City. And dozens more empty and extremely run-down businesses. These NEED to be developed (and not just low-income housing that further concentrates poverty). As development occurs, trees on those properties and next to streets must be preserved.

2) Home buyers and flippers. Southeast Seattle is one of the very few areas where people can buy homes under \$550,000. Many in my neighborhood are under \$400,000. Flippers are among the worst. The first thing that often happens is removal of trees. In other situations, people moving here from elsewhere cut down the trees shortly after moving in.

The attached photos are of a house on the corner of my street (Bangor S & 56th Ave S) that was being flipped. The magnificent old cedar trees were in the process of slaughter. I called DCI several times over 3 days, leaving messages with multiple people who did not respond. It was obvious the people cutting the trees were not professionals; because they had inadequate equipment, cutting halted for a few days. When I heard chainsaws again a few days later, I frantically called DCI and begged for someone to come out. I talked to 3 people before someone took action, which they did only after I cited the SMC. An inspector finally arrived a few hours later. I spoke with him as he was in an

exchange with the mostly non-English speaking crew. The inspector knew nothing about trees. As a Master Gardener, I was able to counter the crew. What they told the inspector was "tree rot" was actually old growth heart wood. I swowed the inspector the tree crew was using unsafe and improper methods for cutting the trees. Fortunately, he took me seriously and halted the slaughter. But, as you can see from the photo, the inspector arrived too late for the backyard tree. The giant cedar in the front yard remains standing, but the flipper drilled into the tree and applied poison to kill it, since he couldn't fell it. So far, the poison has yet to have an obvious effect.

The tree ordinance needs to go farther.

A) It isn't enough to require tree professionals have certification and knowledge of the code. Professional arborists are less of a problem. We need to ensure that every business doing yard work, landscaping, grading, and more is aware of the ordinance, and suffers severe penalties if they cut. I have exchanged words with a local guy, Matthais, who claims his basic state business license (not a city one) allows him to do his landscaping & yard clearing work. Matthais recently cut down a 100 +/- year-old apple tree simply because the new homeowner wanted it gone, and he was going to "do whatever the homeowner pays him to do".

B) When a property is sold, the new buyer must be informed of the tree ordinance, and sign an agreement acknowledging understanding. It seems every yahoo with a chainsaw believes they can cut down trees. Many homeowners contact a friend with a chainsaw to remove trees, believing they "can do whatever they want with their property".

C) Penalties for cutting trees on adjacent properties must be severe and come from the City. My next door neighbor came on to my property last year and cut down three of my trees. I arrived home as the 3rd was being cut (3rd photo). Again, an unskilled pair of non-English speakers was hired. My neighbor tried to blame the damage as "a misunderstanding". However, between my broken Spanish and a translator App, the workers angrily admitted they were ordered to cut down my trees. My only recourse is to sue.

Thank you, CM Herbold, for your work on this. Keep me apprised, as I will eagerly testify in favor of a strong tree ordinance with punitive fines for violators.

Cindi Laws

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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

----- Original message-----

From: Herbold, Lisa

Date: Thu, Sep 26, 2019 12:10 PM

To: cindilaws@msn.com;

Cc:

Subject:RE: Save Our Trees!

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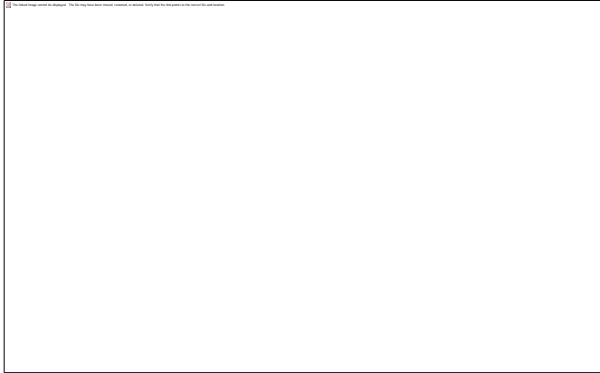
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From: Cindi Laws info@sg.actionnetwork.org

Sent: Sunday, September 08, 2019 11:05 AM

To: Herbold, Lisa lisa.herbold@seattle.gov

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Lisa Herbold,

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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 7:08 PM
To: Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Subject: RE: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

CAUTION: External Email

Thanks Lisa. We appreciate your support and energy around this issue. One addition to the tracking question is that someone has to perform a retrospective analysis of the sites where developers were supposed to replace trees. The city has no such records which makes it vulnerable to litigation. We also need an analysis of the pattern and practice of unfounded and possibly fraudulent claims of hazard tree designations. I'm copying OSE so my comments are in the record.

All the best,
Heidi Siegelbaum

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From: Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 10:02 AM
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Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 12:13 PM

To: Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

CAUTION: External Email

Lisa Herbold,

Seattle continues to lose its trees, including the most productive, protective and public health giants. Trees provide oxygen, remove pollutants from the air, provide habitat and shade, cool neighborhoods, reduce flooding and pollution and create community. Yet the city's policies, laws and lack of enforcement are leading to the wholesale destruction/removal of mature trees on private land. It is imperative that the City align its climate, health and environmental policies with a unified forestry policy that requires developers and citizens to protect mature trees of any type. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission and increase the number of city wide inspectors and arborists to over 20.

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From: Missy Liu <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 8:22 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Jadon Welke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 11:13 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Marcia Appleton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 12:51 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Anita Shelton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 9:46 AM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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Subject: Re: 13058 39TH AVE NE subdivision in ECA

CAUTION: External Email

Dear all,

Please take this email as my public acknowledgement and support of David's email and I second his request for a full inventory and tree assessment of this site, by a qualified and experienced independent ISA Certified Arborist.

Seattle cannot afford to lose any more healthy trees, simple because developers cannot be bothered to spend the extra time and effort to retain them and work them into their plans and because SDCI does not track trees or enforce their replacement when removed.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

PanorArborist

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On Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 8:46 AM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:
Example of unenforced tree retention at Address: **13058 39TH AVE NE** (Seattle Cedar Park community)
SDCI Project: 3034128-LU
Project Description: Land use application to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Existing buildings to remain.

Comments may be submitted to PRC@Seattle.gov through: 09/23/2019

Dear Public Resource Center,

Please keep TreePAC informed of this project and request that the Department **provide a certified arborist report** for the proposed subdivision at the largely forested (73% tree canopy cover*) and steep slopes (dropping 96 feet in elevation in the eastern 200 feet of the 440-foot long lot.)

* <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/ParcelData/Parcel.aspx?pin=1454100530>

The Seattle Municipal Code requires that subdivisions of land meet 9 specific requirements, and one of those nine criteria include the **maximum retention of trees** while another requires evaluation of environmentally critical areas including steep slopes and potential landslide areas. (ECA1 and ECA2).

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/default.aspx?ref=3017317>

With this common example, we see that Seattle needs a stronger tree protection ordinance.

It has been proven though appeals to the office of the Hearing Examiner that the existing code for lot subdivisions is not being enforced. How so? Even though a lot short subdivision criteria is to maximize the retention of existing trees, the developers have argued (and the Hearing Examiner has agreed) that tree removal or retention IS NOT an issue that may be enforced at the time of the division of land. They only look at the invisible lines on a site plan and do not look at the physical ramifications of the development that seeks a subdivision. The Hearing Examiner argues that the Type II discretionary decision for lot subdivision does not consider what will be built on that lot or, as a consequence, how many trees will be removed (Exceptional, significant, or groves) from the lot. Instead, we see lots subdivided, and then cleared of all vegetation.

*A **stronger tree ordinance** will required the Department to include SEPA AND DEVELOPMENT implications from all permit applications submitted for a development. Current practices to compartmentalize one development application into multiple*

permitting 'silos' is a waste of Department and city resources that ultimately promotes land-use violations to the code intent.

Regards,

David Moehring AIA
Board Member of TreePAC

From: Mary Schlater <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 8:06 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Subject: Another tree clear cut in Victory Heights 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE
Why is the city granting building permits to this developer for yet another residential lot being cleared of its trees on 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE when alternatives to this tree loss were available?

With the effects of our local climate changes, retaining our mature trees and canopy matter even more than ever as we increase density in our city. There is no excuse other than that developers don't want to work around trees and do not value trees for community, health and environmental benefit. In this recent case, the city should ensure that developers should have plans that build both new housing and retained trees on development lots.

[1] There once existed sufficient open space on this parent lot of 24,914 sq ft to build or expand three homes without removing more than a couple significant trees. The arborist report included 21 trees on this lot which included 9 Exceptional Trees.

Reference the Shoffner arborist reports:

<https://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4450498>

or prior version:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3879095>

[2] How did the subdivision of this long single-family zoned site consider the requirements of subdivisions to maximize the retention of existing trees?

Site Plan for: 12055 NE 20th NE clear cut

<https://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3868368>

ALONG WITH <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4424567>

[3] Possible fines: This clear-cutting was reported to be another Gamut 360 developer clear-cutting for mini-mansions. Gamut 360 has been in the news for their clear-cut of 25 trees on: 11345 - 20th Ave NE Record Number: 6621671-CN 3030 square feet 473 soft detached garage, 11347 20th Ave. NE Record Number: 6621656-CN 3261 square feet with 582 soft detached garage. In this new development, the stripped everything except for two trees at the easement and clear cut to the property lines. Will the easement trees also be cleared? Did they remove the wrong trees? If so, apply the fines per the Director's Rule on excess tree removal without permits. How will the loss of the existing tree canopy be replaced? There appears to be violations of Seattle Municipal Code sections 25.09 and 25.11.040 and ...050 and ...060 and ...090. Will you pursue these fines and stop this developer from this senseless development and others like them?

We need you to protect our trees and pass a much stronger tree ordinance that truly protects our canopy and mature trees for our future. The expense to our city of this clear-cut development will only compound exponentially for our future with our climate crisis and urban density. Please pass the recommended tree ordinance by our Urban Forestry Commission now!

Thank you,
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From: Barbara Donaldson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 9:15 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Angeline Johnson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:09 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Nancy Peacock <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Julie Ratner <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 1:46 PM

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From: Cleo Faraone <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 3:59 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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The Seattle I grew up with is long gone, but we retain a responsibility to those who live here now and those who will in the future. In this time of climate crisis, we should be expanding Seattle's green canopy, not reducing it. We can have both urban density and greenery.

Please, protect our health, communities, and the environment by simply protecting our trees and urban forest.

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From: Evelyn DeRooy <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 9:34 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Barbara Clabots <barbara.m.clabots@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 10:21 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Illegal tree removal in progress, please review today

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra,

I'll call in to the hotline and report this in the morning, but I believe there were three trees removed on a private property today. Photos attached.

This is urgent, as there are 4 more exceptional trees on the lot and I am concerned the workers will come back tomorrow and cut them down. It includes two cedars and a madrone and I'm not sure of the fourth

tree.

I believe the address is 8601 13th Ave SW, at the south west corner of 13th and SW Cloverdale St.

This is single family zoned, they cannot have an exemption for density as I understand it. Please help.

Barbara

253-376-9696





Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 7:00 AM


To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.O'Brien@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>


Cc: Jessica Dixon-Horton <bardjess@msn.com>; Magnolia-tree-keepers_all@googlegroups.com; seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net; Steve ZemkeSAVEOURTREES <stevezemke@msn.com>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Abridged recipients <tree-ordinance-legal@googlegroups.com>; Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>


Subject: Too many Exceptional Trees are still coming down...


CAUTION: External Email

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 <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/Resources/D2008-16xExceptionalTrees.pdf>

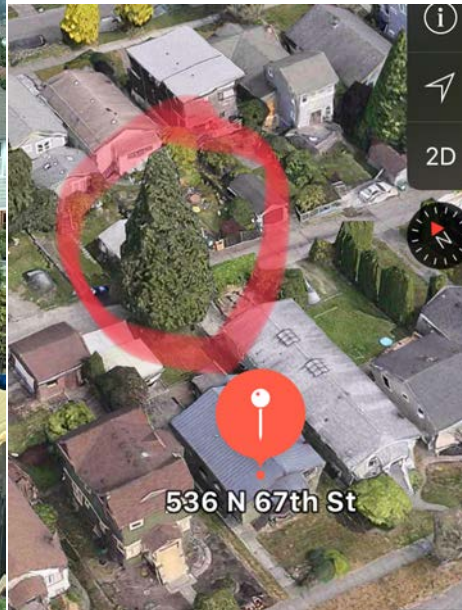
 If a stronger tree ordinance was pursued rather than debated, this would not have happened.

 Do be sure that the removal of Exceptional trees is not lifted from the criteria to remove a project for SEPA.

 Restore tree planting requirements of at least 2-inches of tree caliper for every 1000 sq Ft of lot area that was just removed with the Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation. This despite early promises and an FEIS that indicated no changes would be made to existing tree protections.

For TreePAC,

Board member David Moehring



> [Man_In_Tree.JPG]

From: Anne Siems <annesiemsart@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 7:46 AM

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Subject: Re: Too many Exceptional Trees are still coming down...

CAUTION: External Email

PEOPLE!

How much longer are you going to sit idle ?!

Trees are dying by the minute and these tall power houses are not growing back so fast!

Not even your own children will benefit from their oxygen !

Wake up Seattle!

WE CITIZENS DEMAND ACTION!

Anne Siems, Ballard



Sent from my iPad

> On Oct 1, 2019, at 6:59 AM, David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

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From: Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 8:05 AM

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Subject: Re: Too many Exceptional Trees are still coming down...

CAUTION: External Email

I would like to echo what David Moehring has stated below regarding the tree at 536 N 67th Street.

What is being done to preserve our protected exceptional trees?

Why is this acceptable?

From: John <john.nuler@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 10:06 AM

To: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: 34th Dems Support

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra,

This is the email I requested be posted. Can you show me where it is in the documents?

John

On Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 4:01 PM John <john.nuler@gmail.com> wrote:

Sandra please post this from West Seattle Blog Report

6 Replies to "From housing to trees @ 34th District Democrats"^{TREE}

RESOLUTION: The group voted in favor of a [resolution supporting a revised city tree ordinance](#).

Key points:

- *Trees 6" diameter and larger would be "significant trees," protected
- *New policies for removing them
- *Permit costs
- *Replacement requirements
- *New city fund that in-lieu fees would be paid into
- *Limit non-development sites to 2 significant-tree removals in 3 years

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JOHN SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 (5:12 PM)

[REPLY](#)

The Tree Resolution is akin to rearranging the deck chairs as the Titanic goes down. Do the 34th District Democrats believe in CLIMATE CHANGE? Do they know who our governor is and his platform for presidency? Why in this disintegrating world would my liberal friends jump on such a cynically contrived regressive tree code that will not increase tree canopy in any significant way? And no, our tree canopy is not necessarily shrinking as the recent studies were inconclusive (28%) Our Tree Code is already unfair in that it puts ALL of the costs on the property owner as it takes away their rights, while next door the neighbors have no trees at all and no costs or damages associated with trees. If trees are for the good of all, then all should have trees. This new law actually encourages homeowners with trees approaching six inches to remove them before losing them to the control of City.

• **DSA SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 (9:27 PM)**

[REPLY](#)

If this goes through, many of my beloved trees may come down prematurely.

• **ANONYME SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 (7:50 AM)**

[REPLY](#)

The nonsensical opinions expressed above are exactly why we need stronger tree protections that are real, not the meaningless proposals that were approved. Not only are many trees cut illegally and unnecessarily, but trees (especially conifers) are dying at an alarming rate – making protection all the more urgent. If you're scared of big trees, move to Nevada. Your chance of being killed by a tree is infinitesimal compared to driving to Starbucks.

○ **JOHN SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 (11:04 AM)**

[REPLY](#)

ANONYME,It is defining to see you write that concerns about CLIMATE CHANGE are "nonsensical opinions".What is nonsensical about encouraging the planting of trees rather than continuing down the draconian failing system that punishes those with trees?What is nonsensical about everyone having trees?What is nonsensical about increasing significantly our tree canopy?Since ANONYME brought up being killed by a tree, I can cite examples of people killed by trees in our area recently (hey those infinitesimal odds strike someone!). Can ANONYME cite any people killed driving to Starbucks?Nonsensical?

○ **JVP SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 (8:30 PM)**

[REPLY](#)

Climate change is real. Forcing us to keep trees on our city lots is nonproductive and stupid. I love the cities, but I like our views too. I don't want a tree falling and killing families. This is insane. Get out into the mountains and real forests sometime. People supporting such draconian tree policies need to get out more. A few (often invasive) trees in our urban lots does nothing real. I can accept hefty fees to remove trees. Said money could then could go to actually making an impact on our open spaces or preserving functional forests. Maybe funds could go to getting rid of the english ivy and planting native conifers in our urban open spaces. Use it for restoring our urban streams. But if some of us want to protect our home, protect our family, or (gasp!) protect our views, let us. It's far more environmentally sound to get high density in the cities, let those cities be nice (light and views), and protect actual forests. Prevent sprawl. There's lots of valuable things tree removal fees could go for. But this current and proposed policy is nuts. P.S. I've done a lot of real environmental restoration work out in actual forests and open spaces. I consider myself a "true" greenie. This city tree protectionism is just greenwashing.

▪ **JOHN SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 (12:08 PM)**

[REPLY](#)

Amen, JVP, and well spoken like a traditional Seattleite.I hope we are seeing the start of a turnaround exposing Seattle Tree Policies for what they are – unfair, unjust, ineffective and where they are going – an even more unfair continuation of a failed policy.On a positive note, Lisa Herbold knocked on our front door last week campaigning in Gatewood. I immediately invited her in to show her our trees and explain how the current regressive codes affect our once view property. I showed her the dozen Madrones that sprouted after the removal of a large sugar pine that had tormented our neighbors for 60 years. The tree had cracked the retaining wall to their driveway and large brittle falling branches had damaged their cars not to mention the dripping pine pitch covering windshields cars and walkways. Someone heard the chainsaw and turned us in fr tree removal. None of our neighbors have 'significant' or 'exceptional' trees to tend to while we have dozens. The cost to have a certified arborist trim our exceptional douglas fir to ANSI standards for safety of our house is \$2,000 -\$3,000. I tied up a good ten minutes of Lisa Herbold's door-belling time after which Lisa suggested hat the proposed regulations would not pass. But Lisa Herbold did not re-assure me that she would

oppose the proposal. I would like to see the Tree Inequity and Climate Change issue be raised in these candidate forums.

From: Vicki Morgan-Stevenson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 5:29 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance from Queen Anne resident

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I live on Queen Anne. Behind our house, they are clearing the land. The trees are being cut down and along with it, the wildlife, their shelter, and food sources. And this is going on everywhere. It has already gone too far. We are losing our precious canopy daily. How have we lost sight of what is truly important? We should be planting trees everywhere! We should be a model city for the rest of the country because this area is a gift. We cannot go back if we keep screwing this up. What we are losing is priceless. Change the laws, make them better, and protect what cannot be replaced. Trees are a vital part of a truly beautiful and healthy city and community.

Sincerely,

Vicki Morgan Stevenson

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.

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