

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Weston Brinkley (Position #3 – University), Chair • Sarah Rehder (Position #4 – Hydrologist), Vice-chair
Steve Zemke (Position #1 – Wildlife Biologist) • Elby Jones (Position #2 – Urban Ecologist - ISA)
Stuart Niven (Position #5 – Arborist – ISA) • Michael Walton (Position #6 – Landscape Architect – ISA)
Joshua Morris (Position #7 – NGO) • Blake Voorhees (Position # 9 – Realtor)
Neeiyati Johnson (Position #10 – Get Engaged) • Whit Bouton (Position #11 – Environmental Justice - ISA)
Jessica Jones (Position # 12 – Public Health) • Shari Selch (Position # 13 – Community/Neighborhood)

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

Meeting notes

June 10, 2020

April 1, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Skype call

(206) 386-1200 or (206) 684-5900

Conference ID: 4400172

In-person attendance is currently prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation No. 20-05 until April 23, 2020. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line.

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair
Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair
Elby Jones
Jessica Jones
Josh Morris
Stuart Niven
Shari Selch
Blake Voorhees
Michael Walton
Steve Zemke
Julia Michalak – Wildlife Biologist appointee
awaiting Council Confirmation (no vote)

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

Public

Michael Oxman
David Sutor (my apologies if I misspelled your name)

Absent- Excused

Whit Bouton
Neeiyati Johnson

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 Julia Michalak to the meeting.

Julia is in the process of being appointed to Position #1 (Wildlife Biologist). She has been invited to participate in UFC meetings with no vote until she is fully appointed.

Julia shared her background with the group. She is a research scientist at the Landscape Ecology and Conservation Lab of the University of Washington. She has a bachelor's degree in biology, and masters in sustainable development and conservation biology, and a PhD in interdisciplinary urban planning and design. Her areas of expertise include landscape planning to protect ecological resilience and biodiversity, climate change vulnerability and adaptation planning, and biodiversity conservation in urban environments. Julia's current research includes developing novel approaches for mapping wildlife connectivity corridors, identifying climate-change refugia for wildlife, and developing methods to quantify and map climate-change vulnerability.

Public comment:

Michael Oxman – wanted to talk about Davey Resource group [report](#) from March 2019. Davey noticed a lot of problems with City departments interacting with each other. Glad that Council passed ordinance to address the many issues with private property trees. SDOT has many management units. Seattle Parks and Recreation is having trouble with GSP because people don't have the ability to identify with the neighborhoods where they live. SDCI needs to divvy up the city and create urban forest units within SDCI. There are 5 arborists that work for SDCI and they are not in a discreet unit which creates problems with transparency and responsibility. The Director could have a model like SDOT's. Welcomed Julia to the meeting.

SDCI TIPs table v2

Sarah mentioned receiving input from Steve and Josh. She walked the group through the revised table and there was discussion. The UFC agreed to move the document forward and share it with SDCI staff in a deliberative session. Sandra will coordinate.

SDCI letter on tree regs

Steve and Stuart worked on a first draft. Steve walked the group through the document and there was discussion.

Weston would like to bring the 2009 Auditor's Report as well as the Executive Order section talking about urban forestry leadership structure to a future agenda for the UFC to discuss. Sandra will coordinate.

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Hazardous tree definition

Stuart mentioned that there are best management practices in arboriculture and they includes the definition of hazardous tree as well as the way of determining risk levels. The UFC doesn't need to be talking about the definition unless it's related to the process. The discussion could be more about how trees are managed once they are identified as hazardous.

Weston and Sandra gave a summary of the conversation during the last deliberative session with SDCI staff on the Exceptional Tree Director's Rule. Sandra will coordinate with Chanda to bring the document to the UFC for discussion as part of public comment. The UFC will then decide whether to send a letter of recommendation to SDCI or not.

Steve asked Sandra to request clarification of what information will be included in the tree sheet that was mentioned during the deliberative session.

2020 work plan review continues

This item was moved to the July 1 meeting.

Public comment:

Michael Oxman: The UFC should receive an update from staff about changes on furloughed employees and how that affects the natural environment. Are we going to be able to hire people given the economy?

Stuart: an observation of the Park off Roanoke. He drove past there and looked very lush with longer grass and wildflowers and potentially for wildlife the reduced maintenance has been a good thing.

Adjourn:

Weston adjourned the meeting.

Public input:

(see next page and posted notes)

From: Mark Hoefer <C206C@COMCAST.NET>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Kathleen O'Hara <katho50@juno.com>

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

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From: Arthur Lapite <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 5:58 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:13 PM

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Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Maria Melnyk <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:23 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Pearl Barry <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:24 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Monica Cavagnaro <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:39 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Ashley Schiavone <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: Cathy Doane <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 8:08 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Christopher Fuentes <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Arianne Misener <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 8:40 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: F Rodriguez <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Lynn Jardine <lynnjardine@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:01 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I moved in 1980 to Seattle. I came from New Mexico where I worked for the forest service, a tree planting company, for fire restoration and a lumber company. The desert forests are very particular and need to be well cared for and clear cutting is not OK.

When I moved here I was shocked at how much clearcutting there was. And the trees did not look healthy. I haven't talk to some of the lumber companies to ask them what the heck they thought clearcutting was good for. They said things grew back better but I don't see that. The inner relationship of trees and the care is so important. Seattle is a beautiful city, I lived there until 2006. But I work, shop and love Seattle, Please protect Seattle's trees and urban forest that are vital to keeping the 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: Jane Christenson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 1:20 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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I love trees!

Jane

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From: Jennifer Houston <janahouse@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 7:29 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Amber Anderson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: mary sorman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: BJ Patch <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:55 AM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Edmonds, Washington 98026

From: T Payne-Cusworth <terivangogo@msn.com>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 11:13 AM

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

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Even though I live outside of the city, the oxygen that trees create knows no boundaries. The trees in Seattle affect us all.

Thank you.

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From: Suzan Wilson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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Seattle, Washington 98116

From: Carol Angel <spudnsport@juno.com>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 12:20 PM

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

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Cutting trees and continuing to build and pour cement is harming everything. Stop tearing down older houses and building garbage crackerbox townhouses!!!

Carol Angel

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Seattle, Washington 98118

From: Matilda Williams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Roxann Fraser <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 12:46 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Carla Ochoa <oleochoa@att.net>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 6:27 PM

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

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From: Courtney Harris <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Linnea Hodge <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2020 7:19 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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Linnea Hodge

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620 Galer Street

Seattle, Washington 98109

From: Jaime Exworthy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2020 12:11 PM

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

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From: Faith Wade <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Faith Wade

faithmelody81@yahoo.com

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Tumwater, Washington 98501

From: Frances Williams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Frances Williams

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Seattle, Washington 98199

From: Edwards, Darlene <Darlene.Edwards@seattle.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:34 AM

To: thorntoncreekalliacne@gmail.com

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

Subject: RE: Ord 126072; Land Use Review Decision and Meeting Procedures

Dear Ruth:

Thank you and the Thornton Creek Alliance for reaching out with these questions. I am replying on Nathan's behalf. As you note, there has been a temporary change in how projects are currently being reviewed in light of the current public health crisis posed by COVID-19. However, our commitment to public engagement remains a priority. As always, we welcome and encourage design related comments to be submitted to SDCI as part of the Administrative Design Review process. Staff reviews and considers these comments as part of their examination of design proposals and where possible integrates these comments into their guidance and recommendations. All design proposal materials are available to the public via the SDCI website (<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/>) as well as posted to the Design Review

website: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/aboutus/news/events/DesignReview/SearchPastReviews/default.aspx>.

I understand your interest in learning more about development within environmentally critical areas. If you have questions about specific projects, you can review individual projects for more information on impervious surface and tree removal or protection measures approved on plans. You can use the following resources to research various aspects of development occurring in Seattle:

- [Search by project number or address](#)
- [Search a map of active Land Use projects](#)
- [View maps of regulated Environmentally Critical Areas](#)

Again, thank you and the Alliance for reaching out. I hope these resources are helpful and please feel free to reach out should you have additional questions.

Be well.

Darlene



Darlene Edwards

Director, Land Use Division

[Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections](#)

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From: Thornton Creek Alliance <thorntoncreekalliance@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:40 PM

To: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Ord 126072; Land Use Review Decision and Meeting Procedures

CAUTION: External Email

Please find Thornton Creek Alliance letter attached and below.

Nathan Torgelson, Director
Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Director Torgelson:

Thornton Creek Alliance (TCA) is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to restoring an ecological balance to the Thornton Creek watershed (in northeast Seattle and Shoreline). We wish to express our desires regarding CB 119769, recently passed. Now that CB 119769 has become ORD 126072, despite legitimate concerns expressed by constituents, we understand that there will be limited citizen review of new construction projects for 180 days following passage. We understand that now written comments may be sent in for administrative design review, but the Design Review Board is suspended, and citizen oversight is reduced in the effort to push projects through. From news sources we have learned that well over 60 projects are likely to move forward during this window. Although we strongly support the development of affordable housing, especially if it will help transition homeless people out of parks and green spaces and thus reduce environmental and public-health impacts there, we also feel that new housing should not itself be an unwarranted source of environmental impacts (we refer to Section 1.O of the ordinance).

Thus, TCA is especially concerned about any loss of public input concerning environmental standards. We are particularly interested in environmentally critical areas, impervious surfaces, and tree removals, and we would like to track projects being processed during this time. Is there a portal, e-list, or other method we could take advantage of?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth Williams
Acting President

THORNTON CREEK ALLIANCE (TCA), founded in 1993, is an all-volunteer, grassroots, nonprofit organization of over 100 members from Shoreline and Seattle dedicated to preserving and restoring an ecological balance throughout the Thornton Creek watershed. Our goal is to benefit the watershed by encouraging individuals, neighborhoods, schools, groups, businesses, agencies, and government to work together in addressing the environmental restoration of the creek system including: water quality, stabilization of water flow, flood prevention, and habitat improvement through education, collaboration, and community involvement.

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www.thornton-creek-alliance.org

www.facebook.com/Thornton.Creek.Alliance

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:22 AM

To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>

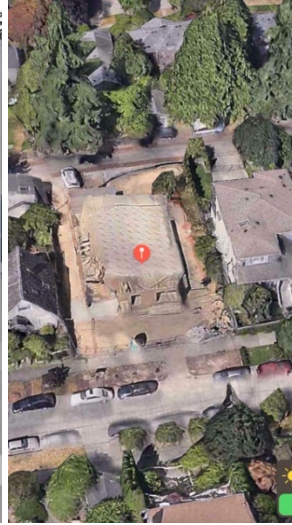
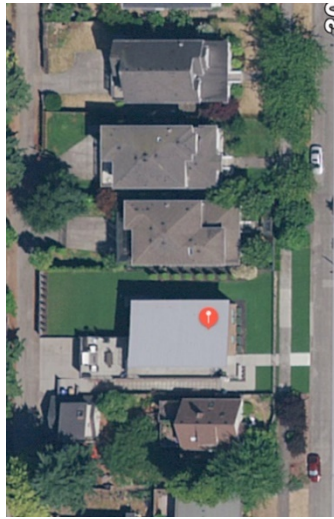
Subject: Treeless in Seattle (2515 30th Ave W)

CAUTION: External Email

A single family house with a couple trees was torn down a few years ago and a new larger house was constructed in its place. Seattle land use code that requires at least 2-inches of tree caliper for every 1000 sq ft of lot area.

Please forward to the persons that enforce the Seattle tree ordinance. From photos, It appears they were salvaging one small tree during construction. But that has since been removed. More accounts like this forthcoming...

Thank you,
Board member of TreePAC
D. Moehring



From: Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Interaction with DCI and other departments

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Commission,

Please find attached correspondence with government officials I sent on June 4th, 2020. It relates to my public comments at the June 10th Urban Forestry Commission.

Michael Oxman
(206) 949-8733

On June 4, 2020 at 3:22 PM Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Jesus,

In preparation for updating the Urban Forest Management Plan, Seattle hired Davey Resource Group in 2019 to assess our urban forestry policy.

Many of Davey's findings show Parks is not integrating its tree policy with other departments:

<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Trees/Mangement/SeattleInitialAssessmentFindings031119FINAL.pdf>

- "DCI could improve engagement with SPR during the permitting of more public-facing projects".

- "Develop communication and collaboration protocols for SDCI permitted projects to other departments".

An example of these 2 problems noted by Davey that connect the planning department with Parks department management is a project located in Rainier Beach at 9666 51st Ave S. This is a proposed subdivision adjacent to, and surrounded on 3 sides by Kubota Garden. Over 72 letters from citizens requesting a public meeting were sent to the Public Resource Center file for Project 3108093-LU at SDCI.

The 1.44 acre Amerinor proposal is for an 11 unit subdivision of single family houses.

It contains a dam built in the 1920's that blocks Mapes Creek, a wetland, steep slopes, and a forest of 1/2 acre of mature exceptional trees in groves that are over 100' tall and over 75 years old. The project proposes to permanently block a Parks driveway from Renton Avenue South into Kubota Garden.

Due to Notices of Corrections Required, the arborist report for the project has 3 different versions; Even the latest version is inadequate:

Has hand drawings of tree driplines that are inaccurate & not to scale;

Fails to account for future damage to Parks trees from drying up the headwaters of Mapes Creek;

Fails to assess the trees within the buffer zones around the Environmentally Critical Areas,

and fails to provide a Tree Protection Plan.

The SF7200 zoning designation is inexplicably reduced to SF5000 by the developer without entering into a Conservation Easement agreement with Parks to assume control of the creek and the dam and concentrate development in the area outside the ECA buffers.

Parks has a long history offering to purchase the 1/2 acre creek area, with repeated refusal by the owner of the development parcel. The only solution is for the owner to revise its proposal to not build blocking the approach to the access driveway into Kubota Garden. It is irresponsible for Parks to defer to participate in the design process until after SDCI issues a Decision to issue the Master Use Permit (which is imminent).

These 2 departments must work together to protect environmental quality in Seattle.

Thanks for considering these issues to improve Seattle Urban Forestry policy.

Arboreally yours,

Michael Oxman
(206) 949-8733

On June 3, 2020 at 7:55 AM michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Jesus and members of the Parks Boards,

The time is approaching to meet or exceed the Council Resolution that requires the Parks Department to explain:

- 1) Why 2 Green Seattle Partnership staff positions were never hired in 2019;
- 2) How Parks mis-stated the number of acres from which to dig up weeds and replace with healthy forest plantings by the deadline within the next 4 years; and
- 3) Why the budget to complete this 20 year project should require citizens to make a balloon payment at the end of the term?

.Volunteer Forest Stewards have many helpers available to accomplish this task, and only need staff to coordinate the Green Seattle Partnership.

Here's my live video of the May, 2020 Parks board meeting:

<https://www.facebook.com/michael.oxman.3/videos/10222814674105292/>;

At the May 28, 2020 joint meeting of the Parks Board and Parks Oversight Committees, there was a glaring omission; the Committees failed to note the environmental degradation that is resulting from furloughing over 300 parks employees. A backlog is not just a financial problem to be 'made up in the next budget cycle' it results in habitat damage that kills plants and birds, causes erosion, and pollutes the environment.

Can you please publish the records of which Parks trees have been removed ?

Please consider joining with other departments to hold a 'tree festival' to explain Parks tree policies and elicit suggestions from citizens on how environmental equity issues can be addressed.

Arboreally yours,

Michael Oxman
(206) 949-8733

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:26 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; soundtreeconsulting@gmail.com; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Roberts, Ben <Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>

Subject: More large trees to be cleared in Fauntleroy to non-compliant 11-unit rowhouse and SFR development

CAUTION: External Email

Dear PRC-

Please ask all Planners involved to retain one of Seattle's last 3200 tree groves at **5016 to 5028 FAUNTLEROY WAY**.

Urban tree clearings result in more urban heat island effects (Seattle is 10th worst in nation). We need *both housing density and large trees* to balance an urban growth in Seattle... not just one without the other. Moreover, the Director's Rule on Exceptional Trees requires it!

This location is yet another example of neglect to these good planning principles ---

A published decision [[3035741-LU published June 8, 2020](#)] fails to address the requirement that lot divisions are to "**maximize the retention of existing trees**". To the contrary, about 20 trees are being cleared or compromised - including those in an unimproved alley under the authority of SDOT. This include removing half of an existing SDOT Right Of Way (arborist Exceptional tree #5) **42.8" trunk DBH American Elm** with an average physical drip-line diameter reported to be 32-feet.

Why was there no design review for this 11-dwelling functionally-related development? If it is not already too late, please keep me and the immediate neighbors informed about any new published decisions regarding the 11-dwelling over-development and 20 large tree removals at the addresses and the 3 adjacent parent lots totalling 13,200 square feet that include:

- 5016 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW' [3035741-LU](#) and [005951-19PA](#) and [6598761-CN](#) construct 2 single-family residences [3030379-LU](#);
- 5020 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW [3035740-LU](#) and [005950-19PA](#) and [3025661-LU](#) rowhouses;
- 5026 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW;
- 5028 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW [6624599-CN](#) construct 2 more single-family residences;
- and related construction applications: 6614344-cn, 6536395-cn, 6536391-cn, 6649079-cn, etc...

The arborist report fails to indicate that the trees being removed are within a protected Tree Grove <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f822b2c6498c4163b0cf908e2241e9c2>

Arborist's report includes about 22 trees to be removed or compromised including at least 3 Exceptional trees. There appears to be errors in the sizes of the report compared to the site survey. Just two of the trees are marked as being in poor health. The Arborist Identification Report requested for the trees located on the property located at 5016/5020/5024 Fauntleroy Way SW, Seattle, 98136. *"All significant trees on the property were identified, measured for diameter at breast height (DBH), assessed for general condition, and labeled as exceptional or non exceptional per directors rule 16-2008. Summary: The trees numbered five and nine on this report are considered exceptional due to their size. These trees appear to belong to an adjacent property owner but 35%-40% of their canopies are hanging over the property at 5016. The property owner can cut back overhanging branches back to the property line as long as it does not damage or harm the tree."*

Tree trunk diameters listed include DBH from 9 to 43-inches:

- 9-inch diameter
- 10
- 12
- 14
- 15
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- 43 - inch diameter

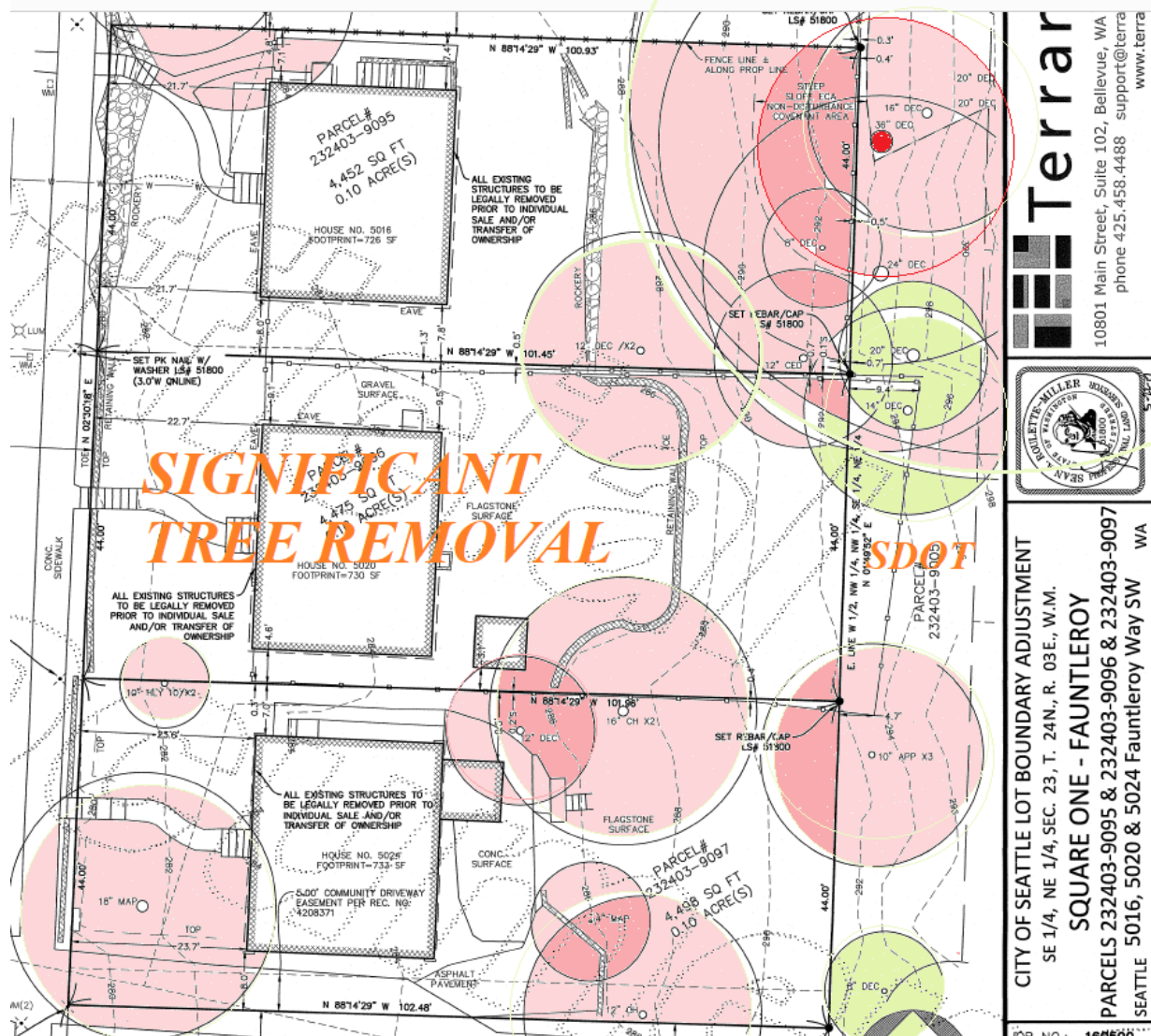
Tree Inventory without map or photos was prepared by Chris Selle, # PN 7030-A ; Certified Tree Risk Assessor
24440 Russell Rd, Kent, WA, 98032, (206)-387-8214

Please inform the design team and developer that Fauntleroy also deserves clear air and solar shading and all of the other health benefits that only trees can provide. Seattle does NOT benefit from lot-line-to-lot-line townhouses without trees... only a handful of investors profit from these acts!

Let's enforce the Seattle tree ordinance and build smart... similar to the recent 6-unit townhouse development in Ballard at NW 63rd and 20th Ave NW. The clearings in Fauntleroy are irreversible.

Thank you.

David Moehring
Board Member
TreePAC

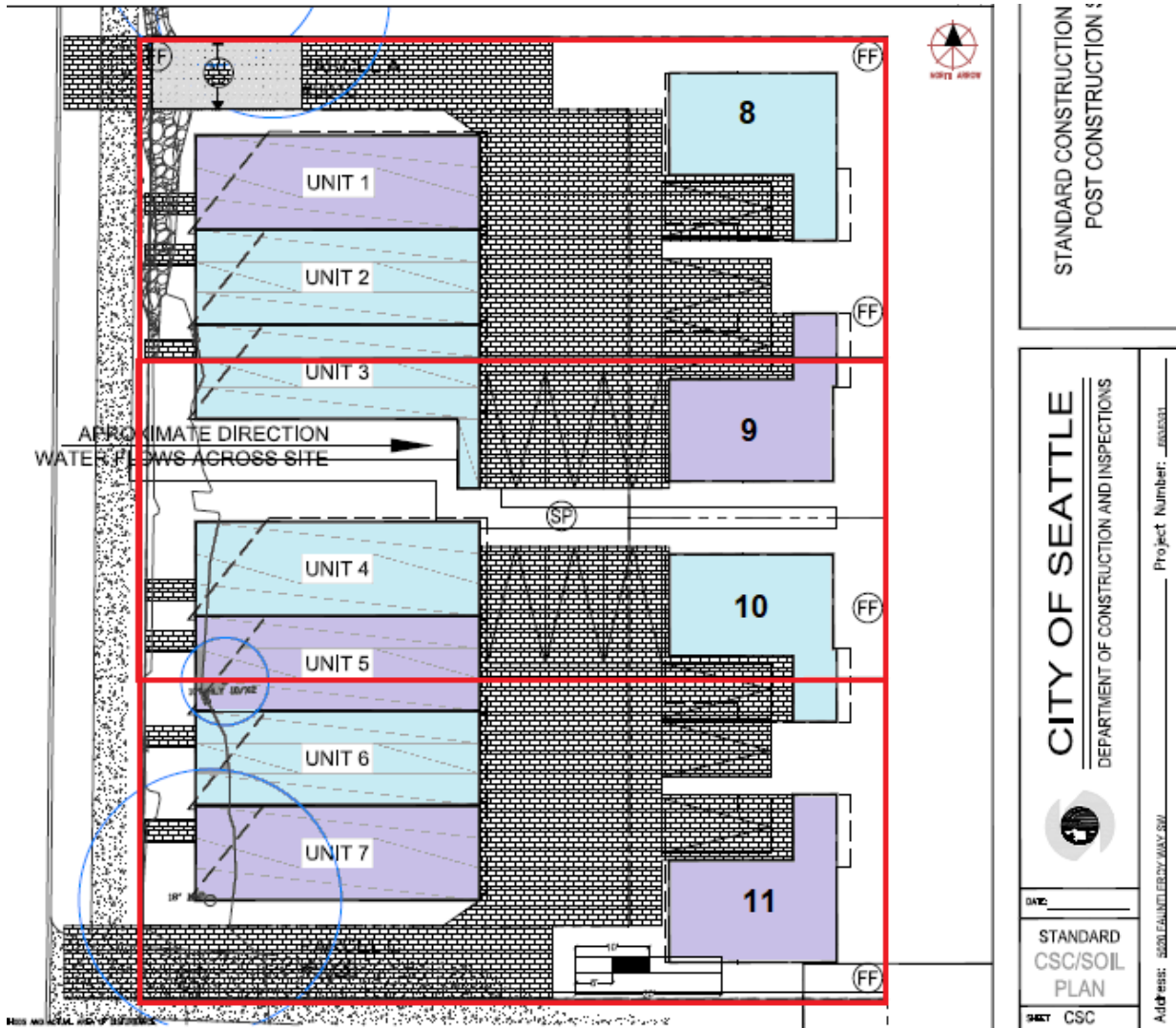


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CITY OF SEATTLE LOT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT
SE 1/4, NE 1/4, SEC. 23, T. 24N., R. 03E., W.M.
SQUARE ONE - FAUNTLEROY
PARCELS 232403-9095 & 232403-9096 & 232403-9097
SEATTLE 5016, 5020 & 5024 Fauntleroy Way SW WA

BEFORE: Over 20 trees to be cleared or critical roots damaged on the property at 5016/5020/5024 (and new addresses 5026 & 5028) Fauntleroy Way SW, Seattle



STANDARD CONSTRUCTION
 POST CONSTRUCTION :

CITY OF SEATTLE
 DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTIONS

Project Number: _____

DWG: _____
 STANDARD
 CSC/SOIL
 PLAN
 SHEET CSC

Address: 5020 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW

AFTER = NO TREES; at 5016 to 5028 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW

This is an **LR1 (M)** zone.

LR1 (M) is a Multifamily Residential zone where residential development such as townhouses, rowhouses, and apartments are allowed.

For more information about applicable development standards in this zone, review [Chapter 23.45](#) of the Land Use Code.

Does MHA apply here? Yes. Mandatory Housing Affordability requirements apply to development in this zone. For more information, review [SDCI's TIP sheet on MHA requirements](#).

Zoning history This zoning took effect in April 2019. It was established in Ordinance [125791](#). This is a change in zoning from **LR1**.

From: Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction of AADU and rain garden at 125-ft Poplar street tree

CAUTION: External Email

Howdy Urban Forestry Commissioners,

Thanks for the alert of the Lombardy Poplar treehouse. This brings to mind a new type of database record DCI should begin categorizing:

Trees which are condemned following commencement of a construction project.

These rampant condemnations of trees which are damaged by excavation during the clearing and grading phase of development are typically conducted by the non-arborist staff of the DCI, such as the inspector of foundation footings. What if a written report by a DCI arborist was required to add trees to the hit list?

These 'post approval tree condemnation submittals' should be called out in a way so that the impact of incremental deforestation outside of the initial design review process can be recognized and accounted for.

Appreciate any feedback on how the proposed DCI tree database could be expanded to include this 'field'.

Arboreally yours,

Michael Oxman
(206) 949-8733

On June 11, 2020 at 8:07 PM dmoehring@consultant.com wrote:

Dear Seattle Arborists,

Please provide an arborist to monitor construction activity located on a site that includes a very tall Poplar street tree at **3423 21st Ave W**. This towering tree is seen from all around from east Magnolia, west Queen Anne, and the Interbay.

This "*house remodel*" in progress included a complete demo from the

foundation wall and up... there nothing is left of the house. The SDCI permit is 6746220-CN

[6746220-CN](#)

Unfortunately, the cantilevered tree house (see images) on an the impressive street tree has been recently removed.

New site work is shown within the critical root zone of the Poplar which need close review by SDOT following an assessment from an arborist reviewing the proposed excavations for new sidewalks, retaining walls, rain garden, and utilities. It would be terrible to have a significant root system altered and destabilize the tree. An arborist should visit the site daily during excavation and backfill work.

Please ask the builder to provide stable tree protection barriers and signage that identifies the value of the tree should it be damaged. The typical mesh rubber fencing is often trampled within the first week.

This giant is a great candidate to be a heritage tree.

Thank you, again!

David Moehring

TreePAC



From: Siegelbaum, Heidi <heidi.siegelbaum@wsu.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please put in the public record

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra

Could you please place this presentation in the public record?

Many thanks,
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum
Washington Stormwater Center

Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead Team

Stormwater Program Analyst

(253) 445-4502
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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:33 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: 1706 MAGNOLIA WAY W lot division and tree clearing

CAUTION: External Email

Seattle Public Resource Center-

Please keep me informed of the master use permit [3035579-LU](#) for the Subdividing of existing lot and construction of (2) new single family houses at **1706 MAGNOLIA WAY W**. [6670739-CN](#)

Is it really just two houses, as there also appears to be a construction application for detached cottages 6670739-CN?

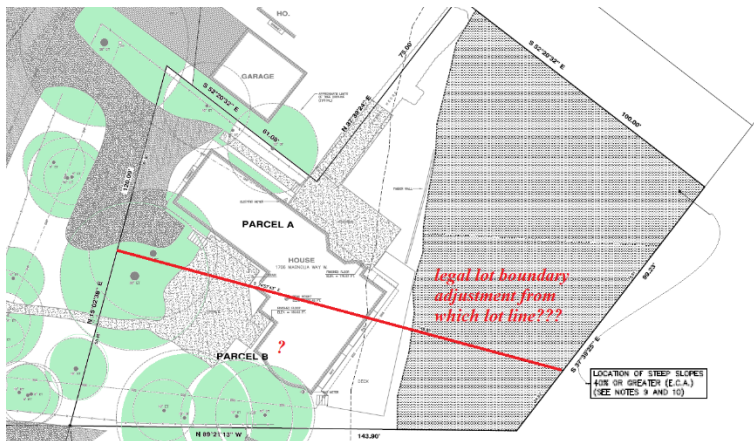
King County shows just one lot at this address. How will a lot boundary adjustment LBA create two lots? Is the proposed lot size within the 75/80 rule?

Moreover, the arborist inventory indicates 22 trees, with at least trees 14 and 18 being Exceptional. Both of these trees are within the new subdivided lot area. The report fails to indicate that this lot includes a protected grove of trees.

- What is the assigned planner doing to address the tree grove and exceptional trees with the Master Use Permit?
- For vehicle access, how many street trees are slated to be removed?
- How many trees are within a potential landslide area?

Thank you,

David Moehring
for TreePAC
3444B 23rd Ave W



3. Trees.

- A. A tree review has been assigned to this project. One of SDCI's staff environmental analysts will review the project and issue corrections as necessary.
- B. Any removal of or impact to trees in the abutting Parks property must be approved by Parks.
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- The arborist's report must be updated to show the required protection measures for both trees.** If you propose encroachments into the required protection areas, it must also show calculations to demonstrate the extent of this encroachment and show compliance with SMC 25.11.050.
 - Plans currently appear to show that **development will encroach into the inner root zone of the Pacific yew.** This does not meet the standards in SMC 25.11.050. Please revise the plans to demonstrate that you will meet these standards.
 - The tree protection areas must be shown and labeled on the general site plan along with radius distance from the trunk.

Correction Letter-Drainage-Cycle1	178 KB	01/14/20	3035579-LU	Master Use Permit
Correction Letter-Parks-Cycle1	74 KB	01/13/20	3035579-LU	Master Use Permit
Correction Letter-Zoning-Cycle1	140 KB	01/06/20	3035579-LU	Master Use Permit
Correction Letter-Land Use-Cycle1	330 KB	01/03/20	3035579-LU	Master Use Permit
Preliminary Assessment Report	135 KB	11/04/19	005394-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Site Photos	81 MB	10/29/19	005394-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
ADU Application or Backyard Cottage	776 KB	02/25/20	6670739-CN-001	Construction Application Intake
Arborist Report	813 KB	02/25/20	6670739-CN-001	Construction Application Intake

From: Emma Strevey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 3:57 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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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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