

Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through 7/16/20

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
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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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From: Renee Martin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:43 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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From: Mark Hofer <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!

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

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:08 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Arthur Lapite <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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From: Michele Alberts <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: Melo O'Neal <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 4:55 PM

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

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From: Susan C Qualls <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 5:41 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Multiple scientific studies show that neighborhood tree canopies in urban areas are crucial in supporting valuable wildlife. They also cool the streets in summer, provide beauty, and connect urban people with nature. Without trees, these areas can become dead zones as shown in cities that have not supported native plant life.

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From: Matilda Williams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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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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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Monica Cavagnaro

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

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:41 PM

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

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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>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 8:28 PM
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>
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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>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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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>

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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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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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From: Carol Angel <spudnspot@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>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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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

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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

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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>

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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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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>

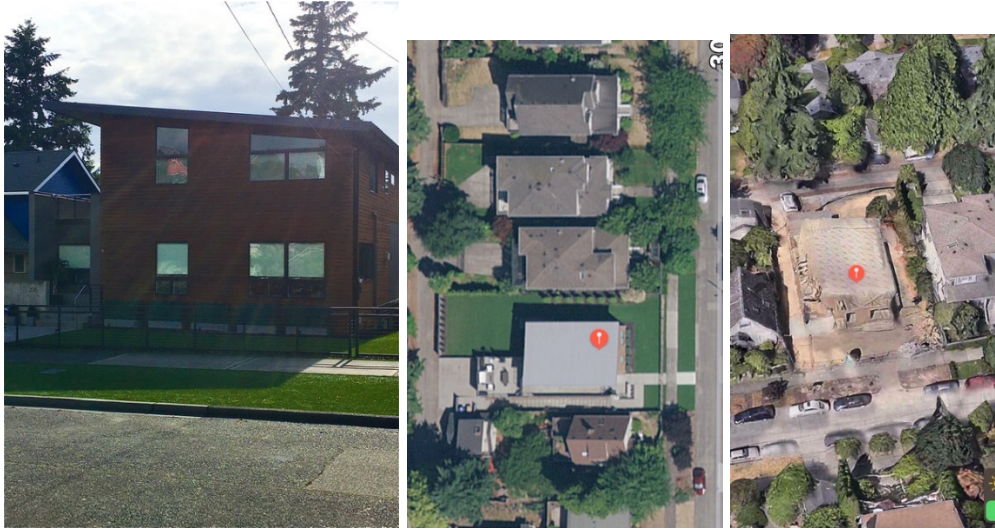
Subject: Treeless in Seattle (2515 30th Ave W)

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: 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*

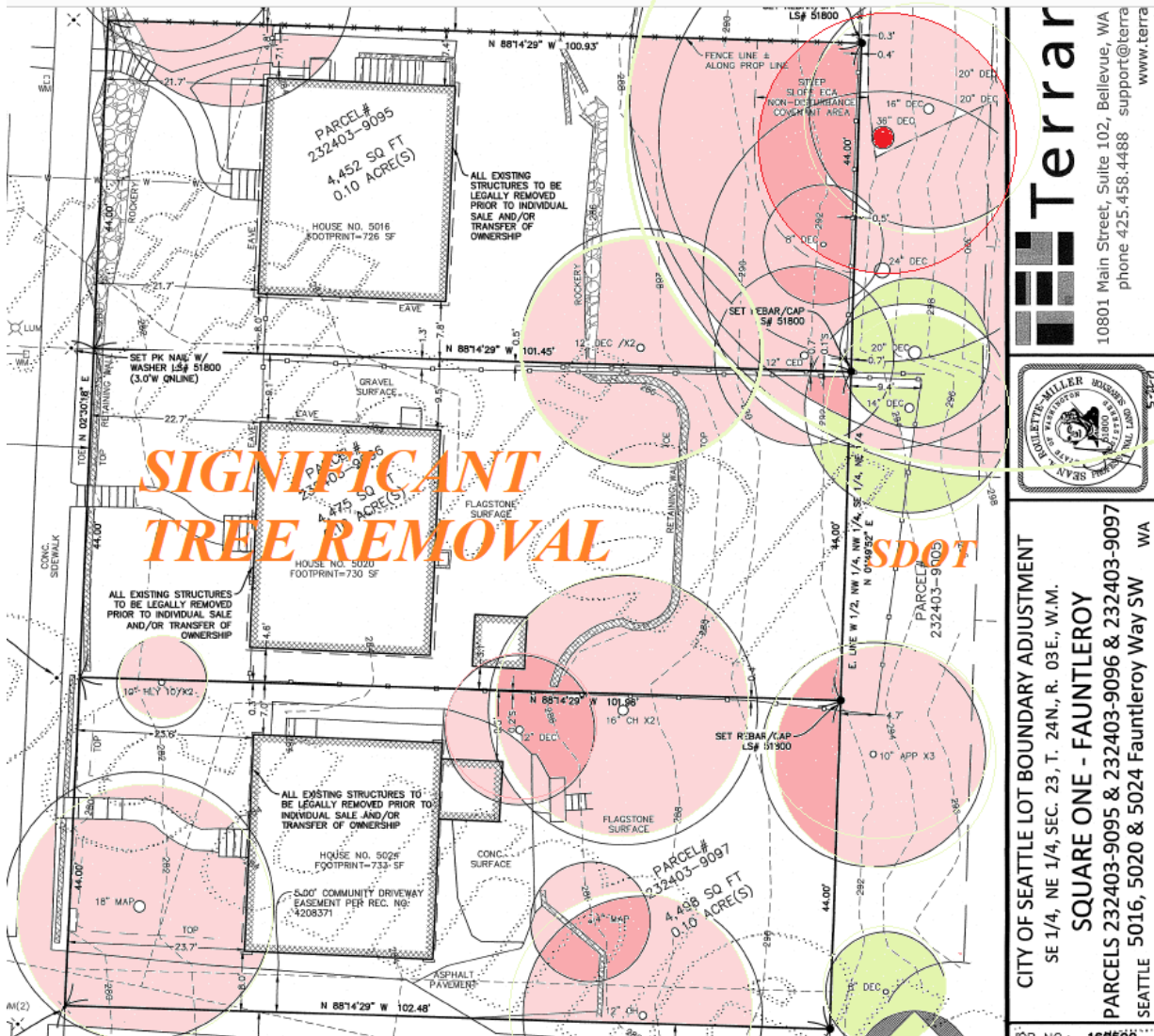
Tree Inventory without map or photos was prepared by Chris Selle, # PN 7030-A ; Certified Tree Risk Assessor
24440 Russell Rd, Kent, WA, 98032, (206)-387-8214

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!

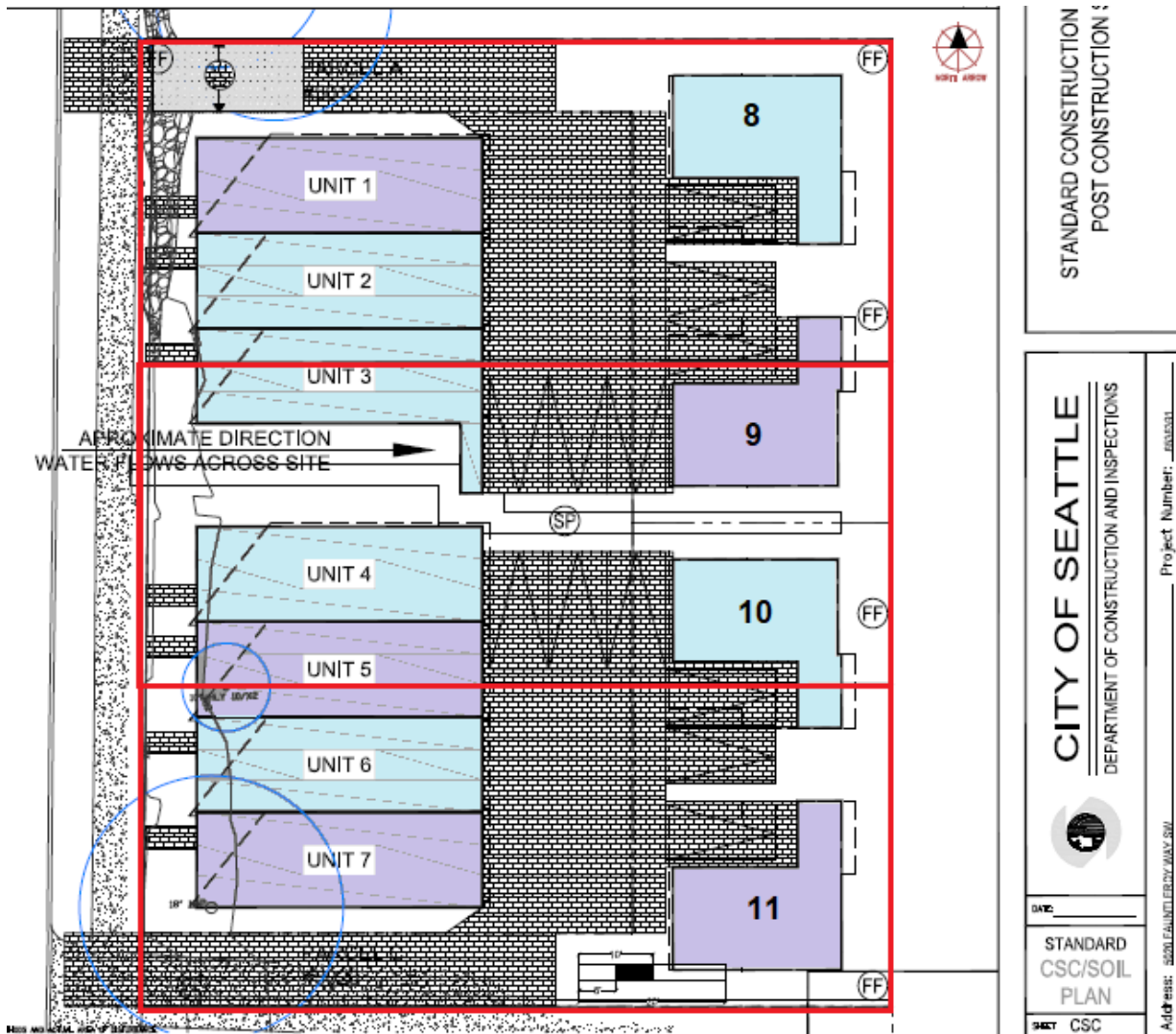
Let's enforce the Seattle tree ordinance and build smart... similar to the recent 6-unit townhouse development in Ballard at NW 63rd and 20th Ave NW. The clearings in Fauntleroy are irreversible.

Thank you.

David Moehring
Board Member
TreePAC



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



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: 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?

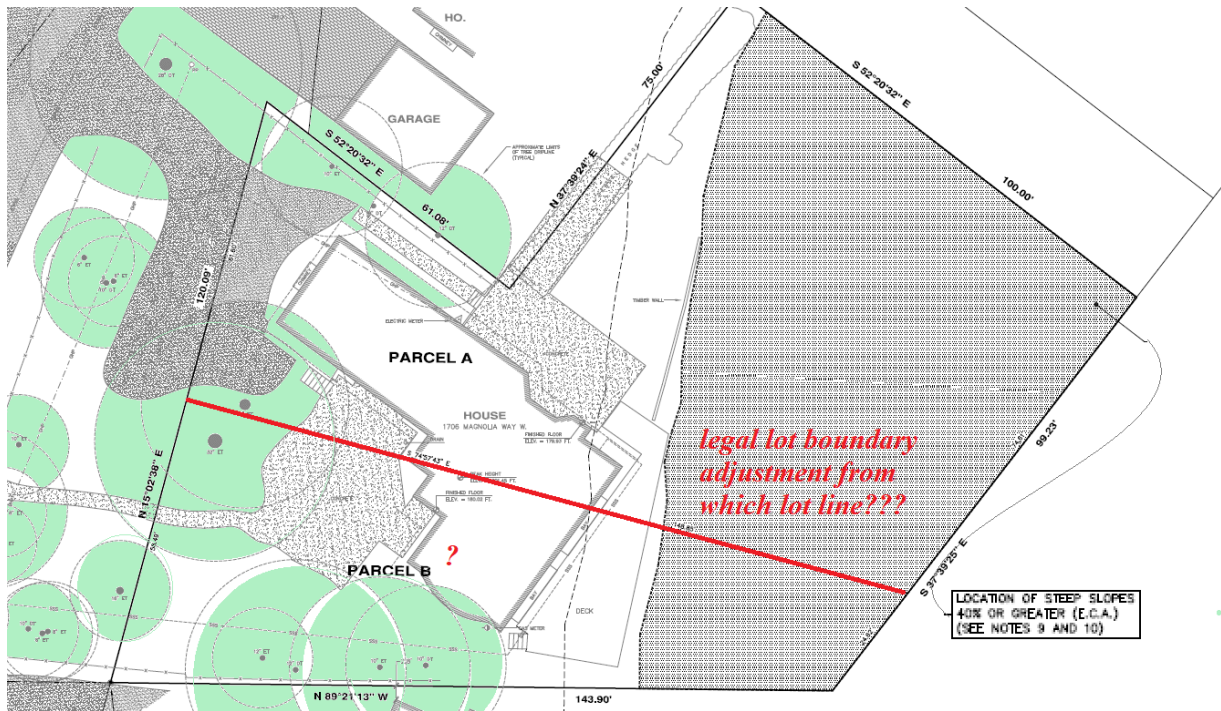
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- What is the assigned planner doing to address the tree grove and exceptional trees with the Master Use Permit?
- For vehicle access, how many street trees are slated to be removed?
- How many trees are within a potential landslide area?

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.

C. Exceptional trees: Plans show that the exceptional 30" DBH Western red cedar and the exceptional 12" DBH Pacific yew will be preserved. SDCI requires specific tree protection measures, fencing, and signage during demolition, site work, and construction. SMC 25.11.050 explains standards for exceptional tree protection and limits encroachment into the protection area.

1. 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.

2. 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.

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[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

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Emma Strevey

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From: Kelli Maring <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:42 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: ARAM SHIVA <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:48 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:04 PM

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

Cc: McElroy, Shanyanika <Shanyanika.McElroy@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Farmer, LaKecia <LaKecia.Farmer@seattle.gov>; June BlueSpruce <jbluespruce@gmail.com>; Woody Wheeler <woody.wheeler@gmail.com>; Judy Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>; Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>; Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>; bardjess@msn.com; Rich Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>; Andrew Kirsh <andrewkirsh@hotmail.com>; bmaslan08@gmail.com; Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; twocats3646@gmail.com; KWalter@muckleshoot.nsn.us; Webster, Louis <Louis.Webster@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex

<Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Clearcutting over 90 trees from groves abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Dept. of Construction and Inspections Director Nathan Torgelson,

There are over 90 trees to be cleared... and there were as many (90) comments on this proposed project with over fifty (50) inquiries asking for a meeting to comment. About an acre of trees will be mulched for an over-developed SF-7200-zoned property adjacent to the north edge of Kubota Garden. The requests for a meeting were completed in November 2019, which was enough time for a meeting to be organized prior to the March COVID-19 policies.

Those who took time to comment have not forgotten about this proposed environmental hit. Please advise on the status of a virtual meeting similar to that conducted by the Seattle City Council.

Thank you,

David Moehring
Board Member of TreePAC
dmoehring@consultant.com

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Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:07 PM

From: "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>

To: "PRC" <PRC@seattle.gov>, "DOT_LA" <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>, "DOT_SeattleTrees" <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>, nathan.torgelson@seattle.gov

Cc: "seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplist.riseup.net" <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>, shyanika.burton@seattle.gov, "Pinto de Bader, Sandra" <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov>, "Herbold, Lisa" <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>, neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com

Subject: Clearcutting Tree Grove abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

Thank you for allowing public comment on the **9666 51st Ave S**. With at **least 50 requests to PRC@seattle.gov**, please hold a public meeting to review the environmental and landuse issues of the proposed clear-cutting of a large wooded lot bordering Kubota Gardens.

This is yet another reason why Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance.



Parcel 7131300100; Owned by Amerinor Holding, Lot area 62,726 sq ft

FACTS:

- A tribe sent in a public comment asking that the dam be removed to protect the fish population. Besides the dam on this property, there are 4 other dams, all within 200 feet of each other, 2 up stream and 2 downstream, and on Parks property.
- Another Correction letter requires the plans be revised to indicate the abutting Kubota Gardens Natural Area. The current version merely says there is a park within 100'.
- About 6 years ago another project on the southern boundary of Kubota Garden sought a 29 unit project on 5 acres in a wetland buffer on the upstream edge of the garden on S 55th St.. Fortunelty, Seattle Parks purchased the 5 acres from them for \$5 million.

We know of lot subdivisions within Single-Family zone, but since when does SDCI allow selling 9 homes on one 62,726 sq ft lot within a SF-7200 zone? Is the owners at Amerinor Holding looking for a contract rezone from SF-7200 to LR1 in order to allow multiple family dwellings on this lot? Will any of these nine homes be set aside as affordable housing? Is Seattle that desperate to take away more park-like land in lieu of redeveloping run-down existing properties that have no adjacency to a Seattle nature habitat?

It was my understanding that in order to build nine market-rate and unaffordable homes on this deep lot that a subdivision of a lot should be pursued instead on the proposed unit lots. Please review carefully the code sections that are applicable to single-family zones compared to multifamily zones. See that plans of the project that referenced SMC 23.22.062:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3341073>

This was sent in this Streams report :

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3318786>

- **SUMMARY OF POINTS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING IF CALLED FOR BY AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE:**
- This 900' long X 100' wide parcel that crosses Mapes Creek & a Category 4 wetland.
- The September 16th, 2019 Site Plan Cycle 8 for MUP 3018093 shows this project I have been monitoring for a long time has been reactivated.
- This unbuilt natural site is zoned SF7200, but the 9 unit lots in the 1.44 acre site are only 4,000 sq ft. Since when is the 75/80 lot division rule ignored for lots like this?
- A 1-31-19 Corrections letter from Parks asks if the applicant considered a deed to the city for the creek area on the east side of the site. They would like to own it as done adjacent to this lot. Why is the City willing to accept a Conservation Easement?
- Parcel F is part of separate lot that appears to be shelved in the current application. Parcel F was previously included in a design that did not have adequate driveway turn radius's for fire trucks, due to the narrow 100' width of the majority of the site.
- What enforcement is being pursued by SDCI on the existig tree grove and two Exceptional trees? The plans only mention 1 of the Exceptional Trees, and does NOT mention the Grove, but they are not close to each other. Both Exceptional trees are extra large, and thus are deal-breakers in the existing design. Each of the trees would cost an entire lot to save.

To quote the Arborist Report, the forest is so dense that plotting the trees on the plan 'presents real problems'. So does that warrant the arborist to avoid plotting any trees?

David Moehring
TreePAC and concerned Seattle resident.

Let's build a community by following the Codes.

From: Judy Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:05 AM

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

Cc: McElroy, Shanyanika <Shanyanika.McElroy@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Farmer, LaKecia <LaKecia.Farmer@seattle.gov>; June BlueSpruce

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Subject: Clearcutting over 90 trees from groves abutting Kubota Garden (966651st Ave S)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mr. Torgelson,

I look forward to a virtual meeting to comment on the clearcutting of the groves abutting Kubota Garden. As a Seattle resident concerned over such a massive clear-cut, I commented on the proposed project with many others. Since so many of us commented, it's time for your department to schedule a virtual meeting. I look forward to an invitation.

Regards,

Judy

Judy Akalaitis
206.370.4176

From: Sonia Popadycz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 3:32 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.

Sonia Popadycz

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From: Evelyn Montes Sobal <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 12:17 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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Evelyn Montes Sobal

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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Cc: Doherty, Erin <Erin.Doherty@seattle.gov>
Subject: Ballard Architectural guide

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra

Can you please put this in the public record? This is a historic home guide to Ballard whose cultural resources are being ravaged in re-development.

All the best and thank you,
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum

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[Link](#) to the document mentioned above.

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:22 PM

To: Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: 6931 42nd Ave S Lot cleared of 10 significant trees before Council votes Wednesday on CF314452

CAUTION: External Email

Dear City Council,

Don't let this pattern continue of **clearing Seattle's urban forest** including an Exception Hawthorn tree. No questions asked, no one noticed.

You will vote on Wednesday for 6931 42nd Ave South and it's lot cleared of 10 significant trees and several smaller trees as CF314452.

This 5-lot combined property is being developed with 44 market-rate rowhouses at 6931 42nd Ave South and the associated addresses (SDCI #3036675). As what has become the Seattle norm, the site is being **leveled of all trees**, and rowhouses are being overdeveloped contrary to City rules with dwellings behind them.

See attached SDCI multifamily requirements that state: "Rowhouses are attached side by side along common walls. Each rowhouse directly faces the street with no other principal housing units behind the rowhouses. Rowhouses occupy the space from the ground to the roof. Units can not be stacked."

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections is reviewing:

2- New 3- Story Rowhouse Structures

Project: 3026375

4033 S WILLOW ST

What is it?
 • Units: 8
 • Parking: 8
 • Demo of existing structure

Required approvals:
 • Environmental Review
 • Design Review

Submit comments to:
 • Email: SPC@seattle.gov
 • Mail: SDC/PRC, P.O. Box 34019
 Seattle, WA 98124-4019
 Include the project number and address.
(The comment period may be extended by written request prior to the start date.)

More information:
 • Online: enter project number 3026375 at www.seattle.gov/development/documentlibrary
 • Phone: (206) 684-8467 (message line)

Submit comments by **11-1-17**

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

**3041 South Willow Street &
6929 42nd Ave South;
City Council CF314452**



2009

10 years: trees before... & after



2019

The unit lot subdivision of Willow Investment, LLC, to subdivide one part of the development site into 12 unit lots. This is the southern most of five lots shown from interpreting historical parcel grids. There are another 28 unit lots in the full development. The facade designs are cookie-cutter.

Are 2-inch caliper street trees good enough to cover the ecological loss?

Along 42nd street, there are being planned six (6) new 2-inch caliper street trees of Paper Bark Maple with an expected tree size: 20–30 feet tall and just 12 feet wide, and spacing at 30-feet apart. There are also are four (4) planned new Norwegian Sunset Maple trees proposed along Willow Street. Are these trees ever tall enough to limb over the curb clearances needed for vehicles? The NW Tree Catalog and Schmidt Nursery claim that the ultimate canopy size for this tree, grown for 30 years in average urban soil, will be 35' tall and 25' wide.

ONLY A PARTIAL LIST OF THE TEN TREE CASUALTIES (ID # numbers from Arborist Report) :

NOTE: "*It does not meet the threshold diameter to be classified as exceptional.*"

As stated for each tree by Tony Shoffner, an ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0909A.

#5 Cherry - 8" DBH 10' Canopy Diameter; fair condition and health. [< 23" DBH]

#7 Hawthorn - **16" DBH** 20' Canopy Diameter; fair condition and health. **WAS EXCEPTIONAL**

#8 Hawthorn - 10" DBH 16' Canopy Diameter; This tree is in fair condition and health. [<16" DBH]

#9 Hawthorn (cluster) - 8" DBH 28' Canopy Diameter; This tree is in fair condition and health. [<16" DBH]

#11 Blue atlas cedar - **18" DBH** 24' Canopy Diameter; good condition and health. [< 30" DBH]

12 Scot's pine - **14" DBH** 16' Canopy Diameter; good condition and health. [<24" DBH]

16 Mugo pine - 7" DBH 20' Canopy Diameter; fair condition and health. [species?]

17 Black walnut - **28" DBH** 50' Canopy Diameter; located just off-site to the south. good condition & health [, 30" DBH]

18 Cherry - **12" DBH** 20' Canopy Diameter; located just off-site to south. good condition and health. [< 23" DBH]

19 Black walnut 10" DBH 20' Canopy Diameter; located just off-site to south. good condition and health. [< 30" DBH]

plus a great number of other trees that were on site in 2015 BEFORE this application began.

'R.I.P.' - or so says the **whirling chainsaws** that have come to represent 'saving Seattle's environment' by building greater density without green-space.

David Moehring
TreePAC

P.S. - Please take a quick look at the attached 2-page "Lot Boundary Adjustment_If You Say So" document and explain how minor boundary adjustments from the original property created several properties before the unit lots being proposed. [3025597-LU](#) The intent of the Seattle landuse code is being abused on a regular weekly basis.

CC: Land use Members

[Link to original email with PDF documents attached.](#)

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From: paula jenson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:54 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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seattle, Washington 98117

From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:38 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; McElroy, Shanyanika

<Shanyanika.McElroy@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Farmer, LaKecia <LaKecia.Farmer@seattle.gov>; June BlueSpruce <jbluespruce@gmail.com>; Woody Wheeler <woody.wheeler@gmail.com>; Judy Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>; Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>; Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>; Jessica Dixon-Horton <bardjess@msn.com>; Rich Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>; Andrew Kirsh <andrewkirsh@hotmail.com>; Bernice Maslan <bmaslan08@gmail.com>; Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; mary sullivan <twocats3646@gmail.com>; KWalter@muckleshoot.nsn.us; Webster, Louis <Louis.Webster@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Clearcutting over 90 trees from groves abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

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Thank you David, I second this request for a public, online meeting to discuss the proposal to destroy valuable tree canopy and natural habitat. Long term losses for short term gains are not sustainable.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

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On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 6:04 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Dear Dept. of Construction and Inspections Director Nathan Torgelson,

There are over 90 trees to be cleared... and there were as many (90) comments on this proposed project with over fifty (50) inquiries asking for a meeting to comment. About an acre of trees will be mulched for an over-developed SF-7200-zoned property adjacent to the north edge of Kubota Garden. The requests for a meeting were completed in November 2019,

which was enough time for a meeting to be organized prior to the March COVID-19 policies.

Those who took time to comment have not forgotten about this proposed environmental hit. Please advise on the status of a virtual meeting similar to that conducted by the Seattle City Council.

Thank you,

David Moehring
Board Member of TreePAC
dmoehring@consultant.com

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Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:07 PM

From: "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>

To: "PRC" <PRC@seattle.gov>, "DOT_LA" <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>, "DOT_SeattleTrees" <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>, nathan.torgelson@seattle.gov

Cc: "seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplist.riseup.net" <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>, shanyanika.burton@seattle.gov, "Pinto de Bader, Sandra" <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov>, "Herbold, Lisa" <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>, neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com

Subject: Clearcutting Tree Grove abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

Thank you for allowing public comment on the **9666 51st Ave S**. With at **least 50 requests to PRC@seattle.gov**, please hold a public meeting to review the environmental and landuse issues of the proposed clear-cutting of a large wooded lot bordering Kubota Gardens.

This is yet another reason why Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance.



Parcel 7131300100; Owned by Amerinor Holding, Lot area 62,726 sq ft

FACTS:

- A tribe sent in a public comment asking that the dam be removed to protect the fish population. Besides the dam on this property, there are 4 other dams, all within 200 feet of each other, 2 up stream and 2 downstream, and on Parks property.
- Another Correction letter requires the plans be revised to indicate the abutting Kubota Gardens Natural Area. The current version merely says there is a park within 100'.
- About 6 years ago another project on the southern boundary of Kubota Garden sought a 29 unit project on 5 acres in a wetland buffer on the upstream edge of the garden on S 55th St.. Fortunately, Seattle Parks purchased the 5 acres from them for \$5 million.

We know of lot subdivisions within Single-Family zone, but since when does SDCI allow selling 9 homes on one 62,726 sq ft lot within a SF-7200 zone? Is the owners at Amerinor Holding looking for a contract rezone from SF-7200 to LR1 in order to allow multiple family dwellings on this lot? Will any of these nine homes be set aside as affordable housing? Is Seattle that desperate to take away more park-like land in lieu of redeveloping run-down existing properties that have no adjacency to a Seattle nature habitat?

It was my understanding that in order to build nine market-rate and unaffordable homes on this deep lot that a subdivision of a lot should be pursued instead on the proposed unit lots. Please review carefully the code sections that are applicable to single-family zones compared to multifamily zones. See that plans of the project that referenced SMC 23.22.062:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3341073>

This was sent in this Streams report :

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3318786>

- **SUMMARY OF POINTS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING IF CALLED FOR BY AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE:**
- This 900' long X 100' wide parcel that crosses Mapes Creek & a Category 4 wetland.
- The September 16th, 2019 Site Plan Cycle 8 for MUP 3018093 shows this project I have been monitoring for a long time has been reactivated.
- This unbuilt natural site is zoned SF7200, but the 9 unit lots in the 1.44 acre site are only 4,000 sq ft. Since when is the 75/80 lot division rule ignored for lots like this?
- A 1-31-19 Corrections letter from Parks asks if the applicant considered a deed to the city for the creek area on the east side of the site. They would like to own it as done adjacent to this lot. Why is the City willing to accept a Conservation Easement?
- Parcel F is part of separate lot that appears to be shelved in the current application. Parcel F was previously included in a design that did not have adequate driveway turn radius's for fire trucks, due to the narrow 100' width of the majority of the site.
- What enforcement is being pursued by SDCI on the existig tree grove and two Exceptional trees? The plans only mention 1 of the Exceptional Trees, and does NOT mention the Grove, but they are not close to each other. Both Exceptional trees are extra large, and thus are deal-breakers in the existing design. Each of the trees would cost an entire lot to save.

To quote the Arborist Report, the forest is so dense that plotting the trees on the plan 'presents real problems'. So does that warrant the arborist to avoid plotting any trees?

David Moehring
TreePAC and concerned Seattle resident.

Let's build a community by following the Codes.

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:36 PM

To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Another new build missing required trees

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Building Code Compliance,
Please explain how permit #6602087-CN was issued on 03/26/19 at **6546 25TH AVENUE NW** to renovate an existing house when it is now obvious that a brand new 2-story house has been constructed. The in-progress photos show that to be the case. The Realtor's ad also states "NEW CONSTRUCTION".

ADD A FLOOR TO AN EXISTING HOUSE ???:

The permit issued was for limited scope just to "ADD A SECOND FLOOR TO AN SINGLE FAMILY HOME AND RELOCATE THE EXISTING GARAGE/OFFICE". There was no demolition permit and there was no new building permit.

Yet, from the existing house location shown of the attached pdf site plan and the attached recent photograph, it is obvious the scope of the building permit was significantly breached.



Image above: There is no sign of the existing house... except perhaps parts of the existing foundation. A new concrete stair would also suggest - with a half-floor below, that the height of the first-floor was increased - whereas the permit simply indicated a second floor would be added.

TREE PROTECTION OR REPLANTING REQUIREMENTS: This lot is within a Single-Family SF-5000 zone. The Seattle Municipal Code requires to retain or replant at least a total of two inches of tree caliper for every 1,000 sq ft of lot area. Accordingly, this 5,000 sq foot lot should have retained at least 10-inches of existing tree caliper. The site plan and the 2017 King County Viewer suggested there were trees totalling that size to remain. Instead, the lot was cleared of trees for no reason. And only arborvitae bushes were added as required screening to the property to the north. From the real estate photos, it looks like this new building doesn't have the original preserved trees, or any tree of merit to meet the code requirements.

It is sad that a **\$1,500,000 price-tag** can not even buy 10-inches of partial replacement tree caliper. It does include removing the environmental value of 46-inches of tree caliper from 10 trees that has since been mulched and hauled away.

All of the pioneering movements for a better environment back fifty years ago... and now this is what is Seattle coming to? Property rights and profits.

David Moehring
for the Baker Street Community Group
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King County Parcel Viewer Images below of 2017 and 2019 6546 25th Avenue Northwest





Listing provided by Savvy Lane Inc via NWMLS.

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3.75
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3,258
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Seattle, WA 98117



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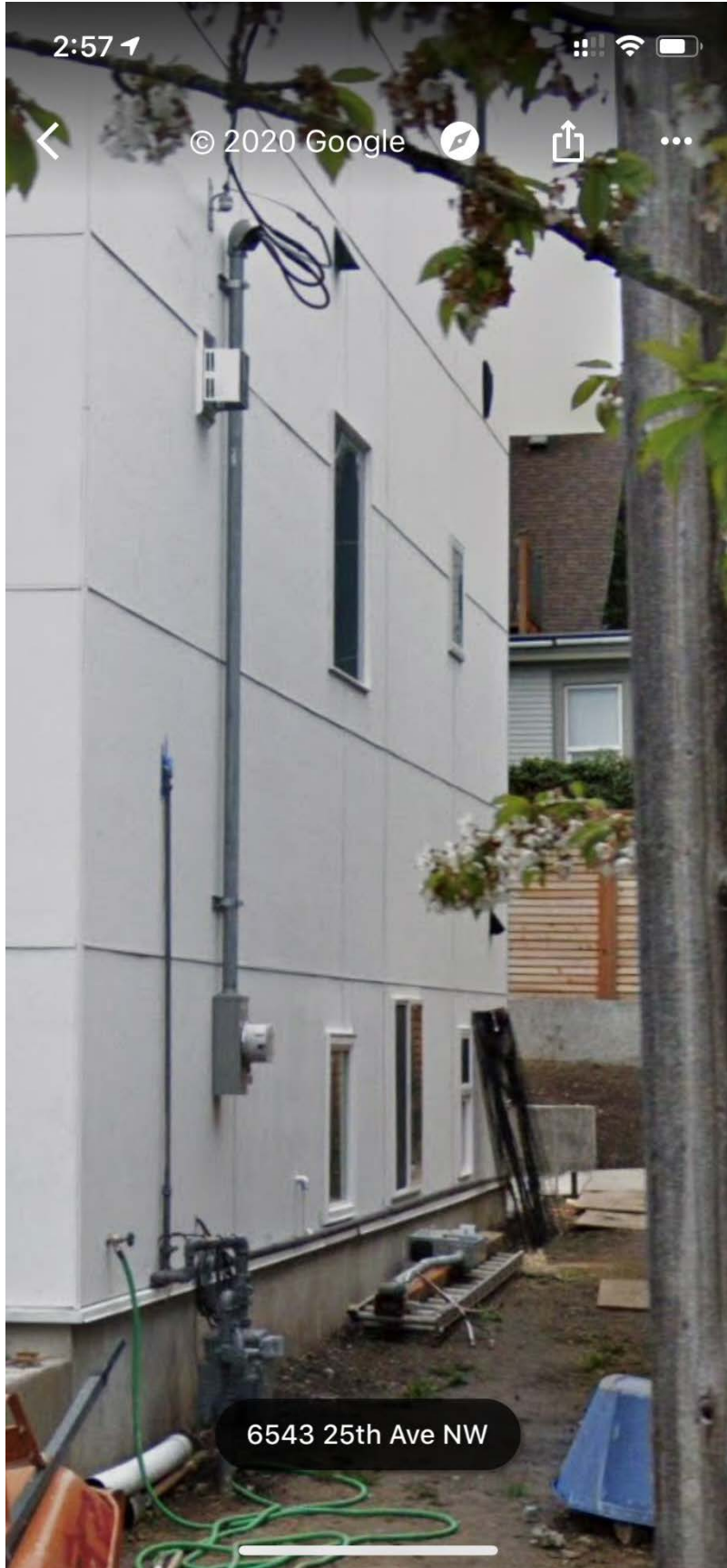
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From: Madison Rivas <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Madison Rivas

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306A N 74th St

Seattle, Washington WA

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:13 PM
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Thank you for considering this. Trees are a public good that benefits all Seattle citizens. Please don't allow developers to ruin our home.

Thomas Everill

thomasjeverill@gmail.com

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Seattle, Washington 98117

From: MAKENNA GEURTS <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

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

MAKENNA GEURTS

missmakenna@hotmail.com

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THOUSAND OAKS, California 91360

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 10:00 AM

To: Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>

Cc: Cruz, Maria <Maria.Cruz@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>

Subject: Legislative loophole ignore Large trees along back property line 1417 N 46TH ST- 3036627-LU

CAUTION: External Email

Dear City Council Land Use & Neighborhoods representative.

- Chair **Dan Strauss**
- Vice-Chair **Teresa Mosqueda**
- Member **Debora Juarez**
- Member **Andrew J. Lewis**

- Member [Alex Pedersen](#)
- Alternate [Lorena González](#)

Let this be the City Council that **cleans up legislative loopholes** instead of the prevalent 'anything goes' economic interests of market-rate residential construction. Like short plat subdivisions, **Lot Boundary Adjustments** that are being used to segregate a lot into two or more lots --- but without the scrutiny of approval criteria --- must be noticed by the Department and City Council as an issue that is growing beyond control. Please notice that developers are chuckling at Seattle about taking advantage of yet another zoning code loophole.

[Current Project Example Description](#) 3036627-LU

Land use application to subdivide one development site into two unit lots (this follows the LBA decision that was issued **without public notice and without public comment period**). The construction of residential units is issued separately under Project #6691050-CN as the the subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. The Unit Lot notice states the "Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots."

[Notice of Application](#) 147 KB 06/30/20 [001083-20PN](#) Public Notice

Unfortunately, this project is another example of a noncomplying use of Lot Boundary Adjustment (LBA) to create two building lots from a narrow portion of a parcel grid established before properties were defined. As the attached survey shows, there are no existing trees shown. If not already chopped down and chipped up, please ask of the development community through the SDCI Planners to provide an existing tree assessment for the property developed at 1417 N 46TH ST (3036627-LU). Site photos show a rather large tree along the rear property line that may be Exceptional. The development plans show no consideration for this tree with only a 7-foot setback.

[Site Photos](#) 30 MB 08/23/18 [012709-18PA](#) Building & Land Use Pre-Application

[LBA Determination Letter](#) 42 KB 12/28/18 [3032094-LU](#) Master Use Permit

Thank you,

David Moehring
3444B 23rd Ave W

From: Christina Masters <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 9:22 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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Christina Masters

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310 NE 170th St

Shoreline, Washington 98155

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

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:01 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; Carrie Frankenburg <carriefrankenburg@gmail.com>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Paul Carlson <carlson.paul1@gmail.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Enforcing tree protections at 3412 and 3406 34th

CAUTION: External Email

Dear PRC,

A notice has now been received to provide 5 noncompliant rowhouse unit lots at 3412 34TH AVE W
Project: 3035422-LU In Magnolia.

Notice Date: 7/13/2020

Project Description

“Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6715278-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Comments may be submitted through: 07/27/2020”

Why noncompliant?

Two key of several reasons.

First, the code prohibits other dwellings behind the denser and unlimited rowhouses compared to rowhouses (see below).

Second, the code requires short plats and subsequent unit lots (resulting from construction plans) to be configured in such a way that Seattle's tree protection code may be enforced.

And despite comments from the city staff, this development is proceeding along as it has since the early design review without any attention to the retention of large existing trees. Sure, the existing trees will be destabilized when the foundation wall of the existing house is dug up. Design by maintaining those foundations, if that is indeed the case. So the (a) design plan and the construction thereof has deemed the exceptional trees hazardous? This and the fact that (b) there are too many dwellings allocated to this LR1 double lot functionally related development; and that (c) a Lot Boundary Adjustment - intended just for minor lot adjustment - is yet another example of a land use policy that the Department illegitimately accepts to circumvent LR1-zoned density limits.

These 5 unit lot and the 4 unit lots in the rear total the density beyond the area's zoned capacity and, therefore, are ripe for an administrative appeal.

Administratively these actions are prohibited by Title 19 in King County. What makes Seattle development 'above the laws'? Appeals are not standing in the way of progress. Conversely, The Department of Construction and Inspections is standing in the way of code compliance and justice.

Sincerely,
David Moehring
3444 23rd Ave W
Seattle WA 98199

Sent using the mail.com mail app

On 11/4/19 at 8:26 AM, David Moehring wrote:



> Mr. Humphries,

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> Thank you for practicing what SDCI preaches - that being the Department is the 'steward of Seattle's environment'.

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> Your comments on the townhouses with row houses development* at 3406 and 3412 34th Ave W are astute relative to the protection of existing Exceptional trees and tree groves. Too often the city planners do not establish at the onset that designs must work around protected trees.

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> You have appropriately asked for the retaining existing group of trees at the south end and trees which primarily grow on the property to the south.
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> Astonishingly, there is no evidence that a Design has been provided here that considered retaining exceptional and protected trees. There is plenty of space on this functionally-related site to do so. The attached pdf from a similar (and smaller) LR1-zoned lot in Ballard demonstrates that architects and arborists have indeed successfully collaborated on retaining nature trees when the Department requires them to do so.
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> As the former councilperson Rob Johnson once suggested, Seattle needs to stand up for mature trees while accommodating increased density.
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> <https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=13648789-4dd4f1d3-1364af39-8681d5b5fa8e-7770ecf647fd404f&q=1&e=f65f55e6-e12f-41cf-8fa7-f4487b6dae6e&u=http%3A%2F%2Farchive.kuow.org%2Fpost%2Fseattle-says-no-more-willy-nill-y-cutting-down-trees-private-property>
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> The message below is a good testament to why this issue is so important in within Seattle urban environment.
>
> David Moehring
> Magnolia Tree Keepers 
> TreePAC 
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> * Code note: Seattle prohibits development of land with both Rowhouses and townhouses. SMC 23.84A.032.R(20); yet no one objects to the practice of non-authorized contract rezoning from LR1(M) to LR2(M1).
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> Sent: Friday, November 01, 2019 at 2:22 AM
>>> From: "Naomi"
>>> To: "Finn Coven, Jessica" <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
>>> Cc: "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>
>>> Subject: Re: Keep Seattle Livable!
>>> Dear Jessica:
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>>> Thank you for your summary analysis of Seattle's Tree Protection.
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>>> My biggest issue, from what I can see and the number of trees that are being compromised in various ways, is that not enough is being done to prevent trees from becoming hazard trees in the first place.
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>>> Putting a management focus on hazard trees can very easily play into the hands of developers and agreeable arborists who need the income being offered to evaluate in a certain direction.

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>>> What is missing here is the planning and site preparation requisite to a tree or trees being planted, how we select a tree for that site, how we plant it and facilitate its establishment and then how we protect, preserve and maintain it so that it can actually grow into maturity. There are many proven strategies which can facilitate GROWING a tree into maturity, all of which cost much less than having to come along later and deal with the result of all of the requisite parts and pieces either not being done or being done incorrectly.

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>>> A sustainable urban forest ecosystem is front loaded in terms of Standards, Procedures and Best Practices and their resulting costs. But, that investment not only results in a healthy, resilient and viable urban forest resource, it affords an extraordinary quality of life for all residents as a result of the enhanced Ecosystem Services such an Urban Forest is able to deliver.

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>>> That should be the goal of managing the resource, rather than a sole focus on the hazards that, all too often, bad judgment and grossly inadequate planning, management and protection instigate.

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>>> Kind regards

>>> Naomi

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>>> On Oct 31, 2019, at 6:45 PM, Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov
<mailto:Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>> wrote:

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>>> Dear Naomi,

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>>> Thank you for your email.

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

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>>> 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

<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/Resources/Final%20Report_Tree%20Regulation%20Research%20ProjectPahsell_31MAR2017_final.pdf> provided the basis for Mayor Burgess' Executive Order 2017-11

<<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/2018/2018docs/TreeExecOrder2017-11FINAL.pdf>> on Tree Protection (EO).

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>>> 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

<[http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/codes/codes-we-enforce-\(a-z\)/tree-protection-code](http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/codes/codes-we-enforce-(a-z)/tree-protection-code)> 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

<<http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Publications/CAM/cam331b.pdf>>, to more clearly determine what trees

are to be classified as hazardous; and Tip 242 -Tree Protections in Seattle <<http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Publications/CAM/cam242.pdf>>, 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 <<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codes/dr/17-2018%20tree.pdf>> - Calculating Tree Valuations and Civil Penalties for Tree Protection Code Violations <<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codes/dr/17-2018%20tree.pdf>>. 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.

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>>> 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.

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>>> 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 <<http://clerk.seattle.gov/search/results?s6=mandatory+housing+affordability&l=200&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESON&Sect3=PLURON&Sect4=AND&Sect5=RESNY&Sect6=HITOFF&d=RESF&p=1&u=%2Fsearch%2Fresolutions&r=1&f=G>> – Section 6) to the Mandatory House Affordability legislation. The resolution is in alignment with UFC recommendations.

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>>> 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.

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>>> Thank you again for reaching out.

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>>> Sincerely,

>>> Jessica Finn Coven, Director

>>> Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment

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>>> From: Naomi Zurcher <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

>>> <<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>>>

>>> Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2019 6:40 AM

>>> To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

>>> <<mailto:Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>>>

>>> Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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>>> CAUTION: External Email

>>> OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

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>>> As an Urban Forester and a Consulting Arborist, I am concerned with the well-being of the public's trees, regardless of where they are - all trees matter.

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>>> It has come to my attention that although Seattle has a Tree Protection Ordinance in place, the public's urban trees are being decimated through a lack of enforcement combined with inadequate Best Management Practices and development that does not respect the existing tree resource.

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>>> None of this is acceptable and all of it is avoidable and preventable.

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>>> Seattle's Urban Forest is comprised of trees and all their associates including human residents, living together in the built environment. Seattle's trees are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. 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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>>> BUT, trees can only provide these critical services IF their needs are respected and accommodated.

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>>> Naomi Zurcher

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:44 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; irish_family@hotmail.com; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; dkmoody@gmail.com; Mary Jean Gilman <mj.gilman@comcast.net>; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; sethely@gmail.com; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; rotterbj@hotmail.com; josh@sfei.org; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; laurelgene@comcast.net; slgaskill@aol.com; woodburne@gmail.com; surfsupgordi@yahoo.com; kares@uw.edu; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; josh@sfc.org; jimboo1471@aol.com

Subject: Re: Clearing proposed of 18 Significant Trees a 8315 14TH AVE NW

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Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

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From: Josh Collins <josh@sfei.org>

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:29 PM

To: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Cc: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; irish_family@hotmail.com; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; dkmoody@gmail.com; Mary Jean Gilman <mj.gilman@comcast.net>; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; sethely@gmail.com; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; rotterbj@hotmail.com; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; laurelgene@comcast.net; slgaskill@aol.com; woodburne@gmail.com; surfsupgordi@yahoo.com; kares@uw.edu; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; jimboo1471@aol.com

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I applaud, solute, and tip my hat to all your efforts to protect urban trees by helping to enforce the city's policy.

But the policy increasingly seems like lip service to me. Do we chain ourselves to trees? Chain children to them? Leave one (tree not child) on the mayor's doorstep?

I'm a 2016 transplant from Berkeley CA where I lived in homes I owned for over 30 years. This kind of destruction of trees private or public simply does not happen in most Bay Area cities, without written authorization by all immediate neighbors. In fact, in Berkeley, this kind of redevelopment requires much more community input on project scope and design than what I've seen here over the last 4 years.

Saving trees might very well require changing the housing policy. The need for so much at-market high-density housing that threatens so many trees is unproven, especially as telecommuting from outside urban centers accelerates. What is the vacancy rate of new housing along 15th Ave? I've seen perpetual rent and sale signs. In the meantime, it seems the local tiny housing complex for homeless women stays full. Perhaps the redevelopment policy needs to be revisited in the context of the post-covid economy. The assumption of at-market housing needs should be revisited. I think they're questionable at best.

Design codes are a ruse. Architects meet the developers' needs for maximum square footage of developed living space by substituting rooftop patios for yards. "Hey son wanna go up on the roof and shoot some hoops?" There's no consideration for how the prevailing weather severely curtails the use of rooftop patios and decks almost all year.

Furthermore, the negative effects of the redevelopment on existing home values is disregarded. That's a "taking" of private equity where I come from. But Washington prevents a home owner from seeking compensation if the city or county authorizes the impactful neighboring land use change under a ratified umbrella public policy. Here, a developer can sell a new townhouse that is priced for its view and then build another townhouse that takes the view away, and the owner losing her view can do nothing. Trees? They aren't valued as highly as views, and views can be devalued with impunity.

I'm just learning the housing history of this city, but it seems the city has manufactured a tax base by promoting increased housing density to meet the needs of one dominant industry after another, from the gold rush to logging to maritime fishing to aerospace to high tech. This is still a company town.

In the Bay Area we passed a regressive regional propriety tax across nine counties to restore 100,000 acres of wetlands at a cost of \$25 million per year for 20 years in part because the major industries (banking, tourism, higher education, wine, high tech) agreed that the reason they didn't pick-up and move to Salt Lake City or anywhere else was because of the "natural beauty of the the bay." What's the emerald city without trees? Does tech care?

This is a company town. Now that the forest is gone along with its commercial value, I don't think the city really gives a wink about trees unless the current head-honcho industry does. Get tech to value trees, and trees will be protected - maybe.

I note that the region's primary natural icon is the warm-blooded charismatic Orca, more specifically the J-pod, and we're starving it out of the Sound. As go the Orca so go the trees, or visa versa.

This region reminds me of the Bay Area - the soul center of the modern environmental movement - in about 1971 - losing more of its ecological capital and services faster than it could hope to recover half of them. But it never had much of a forest to lose. In fact, the Bay Area urban forest is almost entirely unnatural. Not like regions to the north. Not like the southern Salish. Well, at least trees can be re-planted.

By the way, I have a 50-ft hemlock that needs to be felled. It was tortured during the construction of my house in 2013, three years before I got here. It's got three trunks, construction scars, ivy half way to its crown, and terminal disease. It's a haven for birds, but a hazard to human life and property. I can't afford to have it removed. But it's on the list of trees to disappear when the townhouses are built next door. So the contractor will take care of it for me.

These are complicated times.

Josh Collins

Pardon my typos. Sent from my cell phone.

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On Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 11:38 AM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Dear PRC,

Design review includes consideration of protected tree groves and Exceptional trees. Please keep me informed of the **proposed removal of ~ 18 Significant Trees** within an LR2-zoned 6,600 sq ft lot at 8315 14TH AVE NW with 9 market-rate townhouses. This includes significant street trees.

See Directors Rule 16-2006. Will a SEPA determination be required ?

Who needs clean air? Build up... not out. Keep large trees alive!

Design Review - Streamlined - for project 3036563-EG

[Design Review EDG Proposal - Draft](#) 7 MB 07/06/20 [3036563-EG](#) Early Design Guidance

Notice Date:7/9/2020

Review Location:N/A

Review Date:NA

Project Description Streamlined Design Review for 3, 3-story townhouse buildings (9-units total). Parking for 3 vehicles proposed. Comments may be submitted through:07/22/2020

Kind regards,

David Moehring

Baker Street Community Group, Member

TreePAC, Board member

<https://treepac.org/tree-preservation-efforts-in-seattle/>

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

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:24 AM

To: Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; Josh Morris <Joshm@seattleaudubon.org>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Cc: seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>; Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>

Subject: In lieu of fee average too low at just \$1250 per tree

CAUTION: External Email

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> https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/2020/2020docs/Fee-in-lieu_Update_8July2020.pdf

From: kasadreams@gmail.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 6:59 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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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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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:50 PM

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

Subject: Urging OSE to take action on the Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Sandra:

I am writing to urge you to pass the UFC version of the Tree Ordinance. Our ordinance is 20 years old, outdated and does not belong under the stewardship SDCI who gets its funding from permits. It is an outrageous and impermissible conflict of interest.

Attached is a letter with pertinent background regarding the ordinance and gaps in recordkeeping, tree replacement, and trends in hazard tree designations among other issues. At at time of COVID (poor environmental conditions lead to poor health = higher rate of illness), climate change, wildfires and stress, passage is a no-brainer.

What other intervention do you need to act?

Please respond with your thoughts, timelines and any barriers you believe are getting in the way. You can do it!

All the best,
Heidi Siegelbaum

Heidi Siegelbaum

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Adopt the Current Draft UFC Version of the Tree Ordinance

Trees- notably mature trees- are a critical part of a city's health infrastructure. Gifting oxygen, habitat, stormwater attenuation, lowered ambient air temperature and inducing pro-social behavior, trees have more value than any other natural feature outside water itself. The native conifers provide environmental, and hence, human benefits all year long because they never lose their needles. Trees are also a critical part of climate change strategies and the city's CAP should reflect that as well.

Our Tree Ordinance is 20 years old and failing us

Seattle's current tree ordinance was first enacted in 2009, or 20 years ago. The City has been unable to update it during this period of time based on what appears to be undue influence, inertia, interference, issue-conflation, politics and obstructionist behavior. That same year the City Auditor's Office released a [Report](#) indicating Seattle needed to change the way it regulated and enforced tree protection.

Less than a decade later, the City deployed an interdepartmental team which created a two-Phase report on Seattle's Tree regulations. The City's own [Tree Regulations Report](#) indicates a pattern and practice of insufficient protection of trees and the ways in which the laws are carried out.

This includes a notation that a full 50% of the hazardous exceptional trees cut in Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) (which are regulated by law) were missing submittal documents required by the ECA Code and Tip 331B (Hazard Trees). Tree cutting complaints characterized as "non-violation" increased from 27% to 75% between 2008 and 2015.

Fall 2019: A chance to enact a revised Tree Ordinance

The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) with input from its arborists and a wide range of talented community members, now have in hand a proposed tree ORDINANCE.

Updated Proposed Ordinance (October 2019)

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

Noteworthy changes from the existing ordinance include the following:

- **Permit Program and Public Notice:** Expand existing tree cutting and replacement permit program for 6 inch and bigger trees on private property in all land use zones both during development and outside development. This also includes an important 2-week public notice and posting which is routinely used by Seattle's Department of Transportation (SDOT).

- **Tree Replacement:** Require the replacement of all trees removed that are 6 inches Diameter Breast Height (DBH) and larger with trees, that will, in 25 years reach equivalent canopy volume (either on site or pay an in-lieu fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund).
- **Exceptional Trees:** Retain current protections but include protection of trees to 24 inches DBH, tree groves and protect trees over 6 inches DBH being removed on undeveloped lots.
- **Removal frequency:** Can only cut 2 significant (non-exceptional) trees in 3 years, per lot, outside development. Establish a city-wide database for applying to cut trees and replacement permits to track changes in tree canopy.
- **Permit Postings On-Line:** Post online all requests to cut trees and permit approvals for public viewing.
- **Tree Service Providers:** Expand SDOT's existing tree provider's registration and certification to register all tree service providers working on trees in Seattle.

Fall 2019 Seattle City Council Resolution

Councilmember Bagshaw – in coordination with the Mayor – authored a [resolution](#) 31902 that includes a timeline and requests quarterly reporting on the progress of the development of the legislation from the Executive beginning January 31, 2020. The September 6, 2019 Central Staff Memo articulates that “the City is *committed to exploring*” the nine strategies below. While this is promising, a commitment to exploration does not ensure an update to the 20 years old ordinance.

In the resolution, the Council requests that legislation prioritizes:

- Retaining protections for exceptional trees and expanding the definition of exceptional trees.
- Adopting a definition of significant trees as trees at least 6 inches in diameter and creating a permitting process for the removal of these trees.
- Adding replacement requirements for significant tree removal.
- Simplifying tree planting and replacement requirements, including consideration of mitigation strategies that allow for infill development while balancing tree planting and replacement goals.
- Reviewing and potentially modifying tree removal limits in single-family zones.
- Establishing an in-lieu fee option for tree planting.

- Tracking tree removal and replacement on both public and private land throughout Seattle.
- Providing adequate funding to administer and enforce tree regulations.
- Requiring all tree service providers operating in Seattle to meet minimum certification and training requirements and register with the City.

Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA)

The City Council adopted an MHA Companion Resolution #31870, Section 6, which was designed to support the current proposed tree ordinance:

- Expand exceptional tree definition and retain protections
- Create significant tree (6 inches or greater) cutting permit
- Require replacements for significant tree cutting
- Simplify tree planting/replacement requirements
- Maintain tree removal limits in single-family zones
- Explore in-lieu (in place of) fee option for tree replacement
- Track tree cutting and replacement
- Provide adequate funding to administer/enforce the ordinance

Current Tree Ordinance

https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT25ENPRHIPR_CH25.11TRPR

No Tree Protection under the ADU/DADU Ordinance (Seattle Municipal Code 23.44.020.A.2)

The August 2019 ADU/DADU legislation now permits three dwellings per single-family zoned lots and needlessly reduces tree protections or replanting requirements. Although the maximum lot coverage is still only 35 percent, the required trees on lots with a ADU has been reduced by 75 to 80 percent. For instance, if one has a typical lot of 5,000 sq. ft. and adds an ADU, all that is needed is one small 2-inch caliper tree. Previously, one would need to retain or plant trees that add up to at least 10-inches of tree caliper. It's highly likely that any new construction on an existing lot would result in tree removal without replanting. We see this pattern in our neighborhood already where every shred of vegetation, including trees, was removed with no replacement.

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In closing, I ask you to use your skills, intent and the ample evidence before you to adopt this Ordinance. Let's live up to our name; the Urban Forestry Management Plan by Davey Resource Group will affirm many of the findings in this note.

I would be happy to discuss these issues with you on a call if you like.

Sincerely,

[Heidi Siegelbaum](#)

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From: Charles Mish <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Subject: Take Action: Stay in touch

As many recent studies have shown, trees have numerous benefits in the urban environment; sequestering carbon, capturing rainwater and releasing it on sunny days through transpiration, stabilizing hillsides, purifying the air, providing shade on hot days, and improving mental health. Since 1970, our urban tree canopy has been cut nearly in half. Please reverse that trend by planting more trees and preserving the existing mature and exceptional trees by strengthening the tree ordinance.

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 4:05 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: three mansions within shore line wetlands at 2544, 2546, 2548 39TH AVE E (3036607-LU, et. al.)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear PRC@seattle.gov,

Please conduct a Zoom(or other) public meeting for the **waterfront development of three mansions** at Madison Estates 2544, 2546, 2548 39TH AVE E.

The arborist report is missing a marked location plan and photographs. There are large trees at the waterfront being removed to clear views for the new structures--- The trees on one of those sites to be removed include:

- #2 Thuja plicata, 11" DBH
- #3 P. tricocarpa, 32" DBH
- #4 Thuja plicata, 13" DBH
- #5 Thuja plicata, 29" multi trunked DBH
- #6 Thuja plicata, 14" DBH.

These homes appear to exceed the allowable floor plan area as determined by the City Council's legislation in August 2019.

The homes are proposed within a wetlands buffer.

David Moehring
Member, TreePAC

SITE PLAN- LOT 1

PARCEL #: 411460-0355
ADDRESS: 2548 39TH AVE E
ZONING: SF-5000
LOT AREA: 19,264 S.F.
LOT COVERAGE: 35%

CONSTRUCT NEW 6507 S.F. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH 941 S.F. GARAGE

OWNER: MADISON ESTATES LTD PARTNER
11747 NE FIRST STREET SUITE 300
BELLEVUE, WA 98005
PH. (425) 451-8188

SITE PLAN- LOT 2

PROPERTY INFORMATION:
PARCEL #: 411460-0370

ADDRESS: 2546 39TH AVE E

ZONING: SF-5000

LOT AREA: 18,498 S.F.

CONSTRUCT NEW **6324 S.F. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH 956 S.F. GARAGE**

SITE PLAN- LOT 3

PARCEL #: 411460-0355

ADDRESS: 2544 39TH AVE E

LOT AREA: 38,205 S.F.

CONSTRUCT NEW **6826 S.F. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH 866 S.F. GARAGE**

RECORDED 25'-0" NGPA BUFFER EASEMENT #8906981 DATED 9/30/94
