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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

August 19, 2010

Convened 9:00 am Adjourned 4:00 pm

Projects Reviewed

King Street Station
Discussion with Mayor Mike McGinn
Midvale Stormwater Facility
Tree Regulations Update
West Seattle Wayfinding System
Walk Bike Ride

Commissioners Present

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August 19, 2010 Project: Tree Regulations Update

Phase: Briefing Last Reviewed: N/A

Presenters: Brennan Staley, DPD

Time: 1.00 hr

SUMMARY

The Design Commission thanked Brennon Staley for his presentation on this very complicated issue. The Commission applauded the work in general, but also the work to promote local tree types. The Commission provided the following suggestions:

- Be cognizant of where the issue of tree canopy loss is greatest and how these regulations can mitigate these effects.
- Be creative about removal and replacement to allow for high density development (entertaining such ideas as allowing replacement in planting strips in a coordinated way).
- Consider how these regulations can have negative consequences on otherwise good development.
- Continue to coordinate with SDOT, SPU and other departments to provide incentives for preservation.
- Consider how this effort can be integrated with the multifamily code amendments as a way of creating a more seamless process.
- Encourage the planting of native coniferous trees.