

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Tom Early, Chair • Steve Zemke, Vice-Chair
Weston Brinkley • Leif Fixen • Mariska Kecskes • Donna Kostka • Richard Martin • Joanna Nelson de Flores
Erik Rundell • Andrew Zellers

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

June 8, 2016

Meeting Notes

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

Attending

Commissioners

Tom Early – chair
Steve Zemke – vice-chair
Leif Fixen
Mariska Kecskes
Donna Kostka
Joanna Nelson de Flores
Erik Rundell
Andrew Zellers

Staff

Deb Heiden - SPU
Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

Public

None

Absent- Excused

Weston Brinkley
Richard Martin

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

Call to order

Tom called the meeting to order and read the Commission’s mission.
Tom mentioned that he would like the commission to discuss backyard cottages at the next meeting. There is concern on how this legislation might impact the urban forest and canopy cover.
Steve is very concerned about this because there are usually trees in back yards. When you include a driveway then you are actually removing more trees (from the side yard).

Public comment

None

Adoption of May 4 and May 11 meeting notes

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

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

SPU tour - Deb Heiden

Deb Heiden led a tour of SPU West Seattle sites including Scenic Heights Pump Station/Charlestown Standpipe, Myrtle Reservoir & Park and the Webster Street Detention Pond.

Public comment

None

New Business:

None