

## Urban Forestry Commission/IDT Annual Meeting Meeting Notes

Wednesday, November 8  
12:00 noon - 4:30 p.m.  
Camp Long

### Attendees

Urban Forestry Commission: Craig Johnson, Joanna Nelson de Flores, Megan Herzog, Sarah Rehder, Steve Zemke, Tom Early, and Weston Brinkley

Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team: Art Pederson, Ben Roberts, Darren Morgan, David Bayard, David Mutchler, Deb Brown McGarry, Deb Heiden, Heidi Narte, Jana Dilley, Josh Meidav, Lou Stubecki, Maggie Glowacki, Nolan Rundquist, Patti Bakker, Sandra Pinto de Bader, Sherry Graham, Stephen Socie,

### Facilitator

Andrea Petzel

### Members of the Public

Michael Oxman

### Meeting Notes

1. Welcome, Agenda Overview, Introductions
2. Review Meeting Goals:
  1. Strengthen the partnership between the Urban Forestry Commission and the Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team in order to accomplish the goals of the Urban Forest Stewardship Plan (UFSP).
  2. Work together to seed thoughts, set expectations, strategize, and build momentum for updating the UFSP.
3. Presentation Linden Lampman:
  - Urban + Community Forestry Manager with Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
  - A complete handout of Linden's presentation is attached to these notes.
  - For more information contact: [Linden.Lampman@wa.dnr.gov](mailto:Linden.Lampman@wa.dnr.gov) or (360) 902-1703 or visit: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/urbanforestry>
4. Feedback on Proposed Plan Structure, Values, and Goals  
Prior to the annual meeting, attendees were sent a link to an online survey to answer a series of questions related to the current UFSP. During a facilitated conversation, meeting participants provided further feedback on the questions asked. A compilation of survey answers is included with these meeting notes.
  - Are the plan elements still relevant?
    - Include outcomes, or information on the effect of actions.
    - Where do we evaluate impacts of this plan, specifically the impact of development?

- Breakout the timeline by near, mid, and long-term.
- In the plan, identify who is responsible for an objective.
- Is the current UFSP vision still relevant?
  - Too wordy, needs better construct
  - Make it easier to understand for people not involved so heavily in urban forestry issues.
  - Write it for the collective
  - Involve the community for crafting the vision.
  - Do we want to frame it as community as the co-manager?
  - Do we write a plan with clearly defined roles and responsibilities?
- Are the current UFSP goals still the most important?
  - The first three are measurable but the 4<sup>th</sup> really isn't.
  - Needs to have community health indicator.
  - Maintenance is missing and needs to be specifically stated.
  - 2037 is too far a time horizon – shorten to 2025.
  - Think about the composition of the urban forest – native species.
  - Link a healthy urban forest and a healthy watershed.
  - Include habitat, flyways, the goals are too human-centered.
  - Function of the forest should be included.
  - Take the things that are manageable (actionable) and separate them from the benefits.
  - Equity and the equitable distribution of the resources.
- What about the stewardship element of the goals?
  - Hard to measure.
  - Maybe buy-in from stakeholders is an offshoot of stewardship.
  - It should be included.
  - Perhaps it's a measurement of the effectiveness of the plan itself.
  - Canopy cover versus canopy volume – should be more defined, or changed to include maintain canopy volume.

#### 4. Break out exercises

The group broke into four small working group sessions to brainstorm two topics that will help lay the groundwork for the UFSP plan.

- What projects/policies/actions happening now impact the urban forest, and who are the associated stakeholders.
- Using the stakeholders you identified, map them to the best of your abilities according to the relative power and interest they have in urban forest issues.
- Additional stakeholders the group identified:
  - Elected officials
  - Commissions
  - City departments
  - Non-profit organizations (Seattle Audubon, Thornton Creek Alliance, Forterra, etc.)
  - Community organizations

- Community members
- Tribes
- Property owners
- Renters
- Tree advocates
- Open space advocates
- Volunteers
- Industrial businesses, freight
- Developers
- Regional governments
- State government
- Federal government
- Businesses and business owners
- People experiencing homelessness
- Institutions
- Port of Seattle
- Tree service providers
- Tourists
- Landscape architects
- School district/teachers
- CSO basins

Break-out Session 1 Notes:

PROJECTS	STAKEHOLDERS
- URBAN BIRD CITY	SEATTLE AUDUBON
- MOVE SEATTLE LEVY (Tree INVENTORY) itree analysis	SEATTLE PARKS
- POLLINATOR PATHWAY	SDOT
- BEE CITY USA	CAP HILL Eco DISTRICT
- KING COUNTY Million Tree	COMMON ACRE
- TREES FOR SEATTLE	KING COUNTY
- THORNTON/TAYLOR/LONGFELLOW FOREST RESTORATION	SPU
- SPU FOREST & TREE ASSET INVENTORY	TREE AMBASSADORS
- GREEN SEATTLE PROJECT NATIVE FOREST RESTORATION	THORNTON CREEK ALLIANCE
- TREE AMBASSADORS	MEADOWBROOK Community

PROJECTS	STAKEHOLDERS
SEATTLE TREE MAP	DEPT OF NEIGHBORHOODS
<del>PLANNING</del>	→ SEATTLE AUDUBON
TREE ORDINANCE REVISION	PUGET SOUND KEEPERS ALLIANCE
INVASIVE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT	MTN TO SOUND GREENWAY
	EVERY CITY DEPT
	--- SPU / PARKS, TCA, FORTERRA

## PROJECTS & PROGRAMS / POLICY

- GSI
- GSP (NATIVES RULE!)
  - RISK ASSESSMENT
- PARKS TREE CREW
  - HAZARD TREE
  - THINNING
- FLOODPLAIN & RIPARIAN FOREST RESTORATION
- MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER - TREE PROTECTION
- INVASIVE MGMT
- CLIMATE RESILIENCY
- MYER'S WAY LAND
- AQUISITIONS
- UNDEVELOPED ROW
- DEVELOPMENT PROJ'S
  - RETAIN TREES

## STAKEHOLDERS

- GSI - DEVELOPMENT
  - CSO BASINS
  - HOMEOWNERS / BUS = PROP. VALUE
  - W/Q
- GSP - The City
  - FOREST HEALTH / HABITAT
  - RECREATION
  - CLIMATE MODERATION
- MAYOR - UF COMMISSION
  - CITY STAFF
  - PRIVATE DEVEL.
- CLIMATE RESILIENCY -
  - CITY (COOLING, TEMP. STABILIZATION)
  - LONGEVITY
  - STEWARDSHIP

Elected  
Community - sliced?  
RSJ Stakeholders  
WSPOT

Tree Providers

Healthy  
Practices

Urban  
League

tree service corp  
Arborists

Architects -

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tourists

Recreative users

View holders

Regret Sand keepers

Tribes

underserved communities

diverse populations

- ethnic

- Developers

Tree Advocate

Open Space Advocates

TMC - Nat. Con.

YOUTH

Landscapers / planters

DSA

Food Network

Teachers  
Students

↳ RASXSW →

# PROJECTS

SDOT LEVY CONSTRUCTION

WATERFRONT

LIGHT RAIL  
C.C. STREETCAR  
WSTCC

D & WW STRATEGIC PLAN

KING COUNTY GSI

WSDOT

UW COMP PLAN

ARBORETUM (MASTER)

DENNY SUBSTATION

SURPLUS PROP. DISP.

CITY RISK MITIGATION

TECH GROWTH  
DADU'S & ADU'S

# STAKEHOLDERS

SPS

ARMY CORPS ENG.

HOMELESS

HOME OWNERS

BUSINESS OWNERS

INSTITUTIONAL OWNERS

NON-PROFITS/RELIGIOUS INSTT.

KING COUNTY METRO

PORT OF SEATTLE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

RENTERS

AMAZON etc.



Residential/office Commercial / Private / City Development	Houses Park projects Right of Way	City staff, SDOT, SDC & SCL Banks, Prop. Owners, developers Architects, neighbors, tree advocates
Encampments/ Homelessness.		Community, GSP Volunteers, Parks, Police, SDOT, Homeless people, Election, Business Comm.
Park preventative maint. Program		Neighbors, Parks, elected
Tree planting - SPU, SCL, SDOT, PLS SDCI		Homeowners, Community, City depts, Developers
Climate Action Plan / Heat Island Effect		Community
GSI - Green Stormwater Infrastructure		City Depts, Developers, Utility Depts
Ongoing tree maintenance		Tree SVCS, SCL, SDOT, PLS, Property Owners, Community, Metro
Duwamish Valley Youth Corps		Residents, Corps members, SDOT
SDCI - Regulations / Enforcement SDOT, Ordinances, Exec. Order		
Policy		
ADA Compliance (Federally Mandated)		SDOT, Residents
Illegal Cutting		Residents, Parks, SDOT

Substation disposition

SCL, neighbors  
Community members

Infrastructure updates

City depts, community,  
neighbors

Food Action Plan

Solar Access

Residents, city depts

Break-out Session 2 Notes:







