

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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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

January 11, 2017

Meeting Notes

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

Attending

Commissioners

Steve Zemke – vice-chair
Weston Brinkley
Leif Fixen
Reid Haefer
Craig Johnson (non-voting)
Donna Kostka
Joanna Nelson de Flores
Erik Rundell
Andrew Zellers

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

Public

None

Absent- Excused

Tom Early – chair
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

Steve called the meeting to order

Public comment

None

SCL pruning practices letter – discussion continues

Both Tom and Steve proposed edits to the letter on coordination of pruning practices. The Commission discussed.

Steve will write a next iteration. Sandra will invite departments to attend next meeting. Sandra will also ask about BMPs in terms of amount to be removed/pruned at any one given time.

Draft 2017 Work Plan – continues

Sandra to follow up with Parks RE: supplemental use guidelines for natural areas/greenbelts.
Sandra to invite CM Bagshaw staff to attend the briefing on Drive Zero... whenever we can schedule it.
Invite Cass to give a presentation on tree pruning
Invite Native Plant society to do a presentation
Seattle Audubon
Local groups dealing with climate change
Center for Urban Horticulture – climate change talk?
Invite Jana to brief UFC

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2017 Work Plan as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

2016 Annual report - review

The Commission reviewed the final version of the 2016 Annual Report.

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2016 Annual Report as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

Public comment

None.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

Public input:

From: Lance Young [mailto:lance_young@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:55 AM

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

Subject: Re: Can you make a meeting with SCL and OSE on Wed February 1 at 1:00 p.m?

Hi Sandra

I will unfortunately be in eastern Washington most of that week and unavailable that first week in February. The first part of the week of 2/12 is possible but I have an important meeting in Olympia Wednesday of that week and will be out of state following the meeting. The end of February is also a possibility.

Regarding the issue at hand it is unfortunate that the UFC was not able to grasp the importance/impact on city trees of the 20' power line clearances now being used. I noticed that the power companies reply to our (ITTPS) initial inquiry was posted with your meeting documents, but that the our response document to their presentation was not posted. Would you please post this with the rest of the supporting material for the November 9th meeting, and please attribute it properly to the ITTPS (Interurban Trail Tree Preservation

Society). Several members of our group spoke to the commission. I have also attached the original inquiry letter in case it did not get posted with the other reference documentation for this subject.

We are all looking forward to getting this problem fixed and preserving our canopy, and appreciate any efforts that the commission feels that they can provide without serious ramification from government agencies. By the way the best/fastest way to contact me during the winter season is generally by telephone/voicemail at 206-363-0859.

Thanks

Lance Young ITTPS

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