

**SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

Weston Brinkley, Chair • Joanna Nelson de Flores, Vice-Chair  
Tom Early • Megan Herzog • Craig Johnson  
Sarah Rehder • Sandra Whiting • Andrew Zellers • Steve Zemke

*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*

**April 4, 2018**

**Meeting Notes**

Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 2750 (27<sup>th</sup> floor)  
700 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle

**Attending**

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – chair  
Joanna Nelson de Flores – vice-chair  
Tom Early  
Craig Johnson  
Sarah Rehder  
Andrew Zellers  
Steve Zemke

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

Guests

Linden Lampman – WA State DNR

Public

None

**Absent- Excused**

Sandra Whiting  
Megan Herzog

**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**

Weston called the meeting to order.  
Sandra PdB gave a quick update on current recruitment. Interview panels are moving forward recommendations for appointments to the Arborist, Landscape Architect, Environmental Equity, and Public Health representative positions.

**Public comment**

None

**Approval of March 7 and March 14 meeting notes**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the March 7 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the March 14 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.**

**WA State Department of Natural Resources**

Linden Lampman is the Urban and Community Forestry program manager for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. She provided an overview of her program and initiatives.

Hillary Franz is the new Commissioner of Public Lands and really gets urban forestry. DNR's mission is to, in partnership with citizens and governments, provide innovative leadership and expertise to ensure environmental protection, public safety, perpetual funding for schools and communities, and a rich quality of life.

Linden's program is in a section of WA State DNR that assists communities and is solely federally funded. They work to educate people and elected officials; they partner-up with local government, citizen groups, and volunteers to support communities in building resilient, sustainable urban forests in the places where they live, play, and work.

Linden shared a wealth of information. For full presentation content please visit the digital recording at: <http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocuments>

**Tree Ordinance discussion continues**

The Commission discussed the draft tree ordinance letter of recommendation provided by Tom and Steve. Tom walked through his proposal to provide policy guidance, based on past UFC recommendations and specific suggestions for the tree code update.

Tom and Steve will work to produce a next iteration of the letter to be discussed next week.

**Public comment**

None

**New Business**

None

**Adjourn**

Weston adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

**Public input**

None