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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

Meeting notes

October 14, 2020 – Part 2, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Webex call

(206) 207-1700

Meeting number: 146-251-9864

Meeting password: 1234

In-person attendance is currently prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation 20-28. Meeting participation is limited to access by joining the meeting through a computer or telephone conference line.

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair
Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair
Elena Arakaki (non-voting)
Whit Bouton
Elby Jones
Julia Michalak
Josh Morris
Blake Voorhees
Michael Walton

Staff

Sandra Pinto Urrutia - OSE
Patti Bakker – SPR – UF Core Team
Vicky Raya – SPU – UF Core Team

Guests

Toby Thaler (CM Pederson’s office)

Public

None

Absent- Excused

Neeiyati Johnson
Jessica Jones
Stuart Niven
Shari Selch

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

Public comment: None

Cambium Carbon pilot City application letter: The UFC discussed the draft prepared by Sarah and Stuart.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Cambium Carbon pilot City application recommendation as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

Urban Forest Management Plan update briefing

The City's Urban Forestry Core Team (Core Team) members Patti Bakker, Sandra Pinto, and Vicky Raya presented the Urban Forest Management Plan update process to the UFC. In the presentation they shared the update process, the draft plan's structure and content, and next steps/timeline.

Plan update scoping:

Core Team is made up representatives from OSE, OPCD, SCL, SDCI, SDOT, SPR, and SPU. They began the plan update work in 2018 by establishing the purpose of the plan update: for the plan to provide a framework for policy and action that guides city government decision making to help Seattle maintain, preserve, enhance, and restore its urban forest. The core of the plan is a set of goals, strategies, actions, and indicators that will support a healthy and sustainable urban forestry across Seattle's publicly and privately owned land. The key objectives for the update were: to define **audience and plan purpose**; to redo **goals** to align with citywide and departmental goals and incorporate community input; redo **action agenda** to identify and prioritize actions informed by inclusive engagement ; to update the **monitoring** section to have clearer performance metrics and process for monitoring; and to inform **budget priorities**. A public engagement plan was created to engage historically underrepresented communities (Black, Indigenous and People of Color – BIPOC).

Public engagement:

In 2015, OSE applied the City's Racial Equity Toolkit to the 2013 plan update and found that there was no adequate inclusive engagement. Core Team decided to carry out public outreach in two phases, with initial outreach focusing efforts and resources on inclusive engagement of BIPOC communities and key stakeholders. The team partnered with SPU's Community Connections (CC), an inclusive engagement program administered by SPU's Environmental Justice and Service Equity division. They also worked with Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaisons to ensure they reached out to as many BIPOC communities as possible. CC developed culturally tailored strategies and with key materials translated to facilitate this work.

Inclusive engagement Phase I:

After the 2018 initial engagement and the production of a first draft plan, the team re-engaged BIPOC communities in 2019 to do "report-backs" and ensure their input was accurately incorporated into the Plan's goals, strategies, and actions. Nine BIPOC communities were engaged, including African American, Chinese, Disabled, East-African, Latinx, Native American, Seniors, South East Asian Cham Refugees, and unhoused populations. Materials were translated into Amharic, Cantonese, Khmer, Korean, Mandarin, Oromo, Somali, Spanish, Tigrinya and Vietnamese. Along with BIPOC communities, the team engaged traditional key stakeholder groups via listening sessions. Groups engaged included the Urban Forestry Commission, tree advocates, tree service providers, City implementation partners, and government agencies. All stakeholders were engaged at a collaborative level. The Team's commitment to transparency was supported by making all input publicly available on the Trees for Seattle website.

The team contracted Davey Resource Group to perform an initial assessment of Seattle's urban forestry initiatives and programs using the [Vibrant Cities Lab Urban Forestry Assessment Tool](#) to determine opportunities/challenges related to the plan's goals, strategies, and actions.

Urban Forestry Commission involvement: The team partnered with the Urban Forestry Commission throughout the plan update process including a listening session at the UFC meeting on September 5, 2018, and two deliberative sessions with UFC members on March 12 and August 27 of 2019.

Drafting the plan: Once the team received input from the community, key stakeholders, recommendations from the Initial Assessment, and the strategic conversations with the UFC, they incorporated all of that into the first draft plan. They created the plan's goals, strategies, actions, performance metrics, and monitoring framework.

UFMP structure: The Core Team aimed to produce a focused document that was short and to the point. Instead of having the plan be a treatise on UF, we wanted it to be a practical document that guided our work. We kept a similar structure to past plans in terms of chapters, but we made the content tight. This plan has 40 pages.

Chapter 1: Introduction: this chapter includes a definition of urban forest, states the purpose of the plan, emphasizes the importance of trees, provides a timeline of Seattle's relationship to trees, and describes the plan update process.

Chapter 2: Seattle's urban forestry today: This chapter talks about Seattle's urban forest as a resource. It describes the management units as the organizing principle of the plan's canopy cover goals; describes the different types of trees; talks about the 2016 canopy cover assessment and talks about tree inventories and other assessment efforts. This chapter talks about the challenges to Seattle's urban trees: aging, establishment and maintenance costs, climate change, and competing uses, as well as development and urban design, invasive plants, soils and space, and unsanctioned encampments.

Chapter 3: Existing management approach: This chapter talks about how city government manages this resource. It summarizes the roles of the departments that support our UF, the existing policies (comp plan, RSJI, Duwamish Valley Action Plan, Pedestrian Master plan, Housing affordability), programs (trees for Seattle, GSP, as well as SDOT's and SPR's management of street and public trees., regulations, and incentives.

Chapter 4: Goals and strategies: Core Team developed a ser of diverse, comprehensive goals to guide our UF work. These goals, as I mentioned before, were informed by a robust inclusive engagement process.

UFMP goals:

1. Racial and social equity
2. Ecosystems and human health
3. Human safety and property protection
4. Climate change
5. Community care
6. Balance competing priorities

Strategies: In order to meet the plan's goals, the team developed sever overarching strategies

1. Consider the needs of BIPOC communities
2. Prepare for climate change impacts
3. Understand the condition and the UF resource
4. Coordinate communication
5. Inspire, inform, and work with community
6. Preserve, restore and enhance the UF
7. Regulate and provide support

Chapter 5: Action agenda: The action agenda outlines the steps that the City and community partners will take to implement the plan. The Action Agenda was informed by the inclusive engagement process and reflects input provided by historically underrepresented communities, key stakeholders, and through the public comment process, the input of the public at large. The team decided to focus on 18 key short-term actions (compared to 105 from the previous plan) so that things get addressed. The agenda doesn't include work that is performed ongoingly by City departments such as planting trees and complying with the two-for-one tree replacement policy; management of city properties and natural landscapes; removing invasives; coordinating efforts and updating initiatives and regulations to support the UF. Acknowledging the difficult times ahead, the team also considered the actions that can be taken on with existing funding.

Chapter 6: tracking progress: The idea is that the plan will guide city government actions, departmental work plans, budget proposals and efforts by our community partners. Regular check-in on progress towards plan implementation will be needed. This section identifies key performance indicators, both quantitative (such as canopy cover) and qualitative (such as canopy connectivity); we also enumerated a series of quantitative key activity metrics such as # of trees maintained.

Chapter 7: Future research needs: This chapter memorializes the information that we need ongoing partnerships with research institutions and UF industry to get, such as in-depth quantification of the benefits of trees as an equity issue for community improvement and cultural engagement.

Engagement Phase II:

The City is launching the public input process with this presentation. Core Team will share the draft plan with the community and key stakeholders and will produce a webinar as a way to broadly share the information and the plan and to elicit comment. Core Team will then look at public comment input to incorporate it into the plan. Once a final draft is produced, it will be presented to the Mayor for review and approval. The last part of the plan update is to submit to City Council for their adoption.

Next steps and timeline:

- Draft plan public input: October – November
- Incorporate public input into document: December
- Mayor's office review and approval: January 2021
- Issue SEPA decision and plan production: February 2021
- Present to Council's LUN Committee: Spring 2021

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Public comment

Toby Thaler, from CM Pedersen's office, mentioned that Council would discuss urban forestry governance at their Friday (10/16) meeting.

Adjourn: Weston adjourned the meeting.

Public input:

(see next page and posted notes)

From: dmoehring@consultant.com <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 7:38 AM
To: TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>; bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>
Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; suzanne@grantharper.net; Martha Baskin (mobaskin@earthlink.net) <mobaskin@earthlink.net>; Jerry Harter <jrh100@hotmail.com>; heidi@caylxsite.com; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; James Davis <jamesdavis1400@gmail.com>; treesyes <treesyes@gmail.com>
Subject: Stand up Friday for Cedar trees at 2616 NW 62nd St

CAUTION: External Email

Urgent help :

A future developer of the property at 2619 NW 63rd Street in Ballard has convinced the Neighbor who lives at 2610 NW 62nd street to needlessly remove their Large trees (photo) at the border Of the property.

Help!

This is absolutely not necessary!

6 rowhouses (3 per street face) may easily be developed on the property WITHOUT removing the neighborhood's few remaining significant trees.

Stand with the concerned Ballard residents by 9am this morning if you can! Call 206 734-9307 to ask Jerry Harter for details.

Save Seattle from needless clearcutting!

David

Sent using the mobile mail app

Forwarded email

From: "Jerry Harter" <jrh100@hotmail.com>
Date: October 8, 2020
To: "Stuart Niven" <panorarbor@gmail.com>, "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>, "Jim Davis" <jamesdavis1400@gmail.com>

Cc:

Subject: Letter sent to Cedar trees at 2616 NW 62nd St

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What to do!

Jerry

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

My name is Jerry Harter and I live at 2619 NW 63rd. I'm writing you because two large and very old cedar trees are slated to be cut down by my neighbor to the south at 2616 NW 62nd. This is a rental managed by Ballard Realty. I believe the owner is Tony Campota living in Lynnwood. The removal of the tree was requested by our mutual neighbor to the west, Ed Wyman, who is in the process of selling his property at 2623 NW 63rd. I believe the trees are being removed for the convenience of the buyer/developer of Wyman's property.

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Is there something you could do to save these trees from development? There have been so many beautiful large trees bulldozed in this area recently. Please, let's take care of what's left!

Sincerely,

Jerry Harter

206-734-9307

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Janetway <janetway@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 9:30 AM

To: dmoehring@consultant.com

Cc: TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>; bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; suzanne@grantharper.net; Martha Baskin (mobaskin@earthlink.net) <mobaskin@earthlink.net>; Jerry Harter <jrh100@hotmail.com>; heidi@caylxsite.com; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; James Davis <jamesdavis1400@gmail.com>; treesyes <treesyes@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Stand up Friday for Cedar trees at 2616 NW 62nd St

Thanks David!

I found this example of huge existing trees saved on Aloha St in Queen Ann yesterday.

Janet



Sent from my iPad

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From: Abby Liu <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 9:31 AM

To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and short platting process
- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of Transportation already requires
- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the

grove

- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090

- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

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- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."

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- Add "Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages."

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complied with.

- SECTION 6. SDCI should adopt SDOT's registration process and requirements to assist Tree Care Providers in complying with city code and regulations. Reduce the number of citations that will remove a Tree Care Provider from being registered with the city to no more than 2 per year. Require annual registration same as Seattle business licenses require. Require that Tree Care Provider companies have a WA State contractor's license to ensure they have workers' compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.

Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Abby Liu

abbseys@hotmail.com

5280 17th Ave NE

Seattle, Washington 98105

From: Julie Syrdal <jbsyrdal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 8:45 AM
To: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>
Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: City trees: Article in The Atlantic today

CAUTION: External Email

Sending along an important article from The Atlantic today regarding the importance of trees in urban areas for your review.

Excerpt:

People are more likely to walk down tree-laden streets, and they pay a premium of 6 to 9 percent for homes in neighborhoods with good tree cover. Sick people do better when surrounded by trees, too: One study found that patients recovering from surgery spent 8.5 percent less time in the hospital when they had a view of nature, compared with those who didn't. Other research found

that children with ADHD displayed better concentration after a 20-minute walk in a green park. Trees even appear, remarkably, to correlate with lower rates of crime: Academic research in 2001 discovered that apartments with abundant greenery experienced 52 percent less crime than those with less foliage.

https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2020/10/trees-need-be-future-proofed/616660/?campaign_id=58&emc=edit_ck_20201012&instance_id=23008&nl=cooking®i_id=77596333&segment_id=40686&te=1&user_id=12f24572799922ce7292a180971da5aa

Thanks,
Julie

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 4, 2020, at 9:06 PM, Julie Syrdal <jbsyrdal@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Nolan,

Please save the big leaf maple in Madrona. It is a gorgeous tree and adds so much beauty to the neighborhood. In an urban environment like Madrona, an old tree like this is hard to find and is a much needed connection to nature.

There is a lot of ugliness in our city right now. Please don't take away something that makes it better. It would be a huge loss for the whole neighborhood and generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julie Syrdal
Denny Blaine resident

PS: If you haven't read Overstory, I highly recommend it! An incredible novel about trees.

From: Monal Pathak <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 11:52 AM

To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>

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Monal Pathak

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Seattle, Washington 98109

From: Lynne Hyerle <lynne@nosprayzone.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents.

Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

Here are the key provisions that need to be in the updated tree ordinance:

1. Expand the existing Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program, including 2-week public notice and posting on-site, as used by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) – to cover all Significant Trees (6” and larger diameter at breast height (DBH)) on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
2. Require the replacement of all Significant trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay a replacement fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
3. Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24” DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit Significant Trees being removed on undeveloped lots.
4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development
5. Establish one citywide database for applying for Tree Removal and Replacement Permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
7. Expand SDOT’s existing tree service provider’s registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Lynne Hyerle

lynne@nosprayzone.org

3011 NW 75th St

Seattle, Washington 98117

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8:41 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Bretzke, Daniel <Daniel.Bretzke@seattle.gov>

Cc: Land Use Advocacy Forum <land-use-advocacy-forum@googlegroups.com>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; PCD_SOCMedia <PCD_SOCMedia@seattle.gov>

Subject: Disposition of City Property at Yakima Ave and S Irving St (1314, 1326, 1336)

CAUTION: External Email

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312-965-0634



January 26, 2018

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Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:02 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>

Subject: Fill in ECA at 9280 WATERS AVE S; clear grove at 9269 57th Ave S

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Public Resource Center
(PRC@seattle.gov),

Please provide a public meeting (with 50 requests) for the development in Rainier Beach.

More tree groves are being cleared at 9269 57th Ave S

Project: 3036931-EG

for 9 new townhouses on a steep slope...

And across the street at

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Project:3033729-LU

Notice Date:10/8/2020

Project Description

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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Description Land use application to adjust the boundary between five parcels of land resulting in four parcels of land. Existing building to remain. (And more)

<https://web8.seattle.gov/SDCI/ShapingSeattle/buildings/Details/3033984-LU>

The addresses on Concord Street are deceiving, as the street has not yet been extended. The nearest property to search for on the GPS would be 833 S Trenton Street.

David Moehring
[TreePAC](#) Board Member
<https://treepac.org/>

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Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 6:22 AM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Bretzke, Daniel <Daniel.Bretzke@seattle.gov>; Land Use Advocacy Forum <land-use-advocacy-forum@googlegroups.com>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; PCD_SOCMedia <PCD_SOCMedia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: Disposition of City Property at Yakima Ave and S Irving St (1314, 1326, 1336)

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Our office is no longer involved with this property, as it was sold by the City back in 2018. The webpage below announcing the property disposition dates from January 2018. Daniel Bretzke with our office is no longer the contact for compiling public comments.

Thank you!



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