

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2014 Work Plan

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2014 Priority Actions:

1. DPD's Tree Protection Ordinance
2. Advising on City Decisions that Impact the 30% Canopy Goal
3. Internal Engagement of City Departments on Canopy Goals
4. Improving Transparency of Process / Operations of UFC
5. Outreach and Engagement

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable
Urban Forest Stewardship Plan					
Participate in and support work to advance plan implementation					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review UFSP implementation strategy presented by UF IDT to Council 	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	February	February	Recommendation/ Letter of support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review 2014 UF IDT work plan and provide feedback to departments 	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	April	April	Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review 2013 UFMP Progress Report and provide feedback to departments 	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	February	March	Recommendation
Tree-related City Regulations/Policies					
Advise DPD on proposed tree regulations					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop recommendations for revising Director's rules (including 20-2005, 11-2007, 16-2008 and other as applicable) to be consistent with a strong tree protection ordinance (Driven by DPD's ordinance timeline). 	Jeff	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	TBD	TBD	Position Paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalize recommendations for existing and future DPD code enforcement. 	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain the draft 2012 work on tree ordinance. 	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop UFC principles and priorities for future, revised DPD tree ordinance. 	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	Position Paper
Advise the City on its pruning of public trees to accommodate private views and other infrastructure					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on UF IDT policy on decision-making when tree/infrastructure conflicts exist and pruning for private views 	Leif/Tom	DPD, SDOT, Parks, Council, MO	TBD	TBD	Position Paper

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Outreach and Engagement					
City Council and Mayor's Office interaction					
• Hold quarterly meetings with City Council and Mayor's Office	Peg/Sandra Others	Council, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Speaking points
• Present 2013 Annual Report and 2014 work plan to City Council and Mayor	Peg/Sandra	Council, OSE	Q1	February	Presentation
• Plan urban forestry outreach and engagement events such as Arbor Day, Green Seattle Day, reLeaf events, SDOT tree-sidewalk conflicts public engagement, etc.	All	UF IDT	January	Ongoing	Commissioners' presence at events
Conduct Internal Engagement					
• Develop annual calendar for invited speakers, guests and topics (to include inviting industrial groups to visit with UFC)	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Calendar
• Review outreach efforts and create strategy (including using new stadium as catalyst to explore tree planting in industrial areas)	Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	Memo
Align Urban Forest IDT and Urban Forestry Commission's work plan					
• Hold annual joint UFC/UF IDT meeting	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	Workshop
Race and Social Justice Initiative					
• Continue exploring ways to incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
• Explore possibility of amending Ordinance 123052's membership section to include an 'at-large' member in order to facilitate increased membership diversity	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
Funding for Urban Forestry					
• Parks District Levy	Tom	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
• Bridging the Gap Levy	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
• SCL Urban Forestry Program	Tom	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
• SPU	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
Internal Operations					
• Issue 2014 Annual Report	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual report
• Review 2014 and create 2015 work plan	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual work plan
• Hold Chair and co-chair elections	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec	Nov/Dec	New leadership