# Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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2020 Work Plan (Adopted on 1/8/20. Revised 6/10/20)

2020 Priority Actions:

1. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies
2. Urban Forest Management Plan
3. Outreach and Engagement

4. Funding for Urban Forestry
5. Internal Operations

Accomplished

On-hold due to COVID-19

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable
1. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies					
1.1 Advise the City on its tree and urban forest protection ordinance update					
1.1.1 UFC working group (*with fewer than 6 members) to work on Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance update and participate in deliberative sessions with City staff, Council Central staff 1.1.1.1 Hazardous tree definition	Steve, Weston, Stuart, Josh, Sarah, Elby Michael, Stuart, Whit	SDCI/OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Updated ordinance Recommendation
1.1.2 SDCI research on fee-in-lieu	Sandra, Blake	SDCI	TBD	TBD	Briefing/recommendation
1.1.3 Develop recommendations for revising Director's Rules and TIPs relevant to clarify the interpretation of the tree protection ordinance 1.1.3.1 Exceptional Tree Director's Rule	Josh, Sarah, Steve, Stuart, Weston, Whit	SDCI	Ongoing	March	Ongoing input via deliberative sessions
1.1.4 Explore opportunity to change setbacks for residential zones in the land use code	Weston, Blake, Elby	SDCI	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
1.1.5 Understand the City's Design Review Guidelines and opportunities for tree preservation	Weston	SDCI	May	May	Received briefing
1.1.6 Legislation dealing with zoning that can affect urban forestry	Josh, Steve, Blake	State	TBD	TBD	Monitor
1.2 Advise the City on urban forestry policies					
1.2.1 Seattle Parks & Recreation tree policies: 1.2.1.1 Supplemental Use Guidelines for Natural Areas/Greenbelts 1.2.1.2 Cheasty Greenspace Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot 1.2.1.3 Tree maintenance program	Whit, Steven	Parks	Ongoing	Ongoing	Monitor

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1.2.1.4 Viewpoints policy 1.2.1.5 Colman Park follow-up					
1.2.2 Explore opportunities for tree planting in industrial areas: Port of Seattle, Freight Advisory Board; SDOT	Whit, Steven, Michael	Port of Seattle	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
1.2.3 Follow up on recommendation for increased coordination between SDOT and SCL on tree maintenance and pruning cycles.	Whit, Sandra	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	TBD
1.2.4 Seattle tree list update (OPCD, SDCI, and SDOT) including what not to plant (Holly, English ivy, etc.)	Whit, Michael, Sarah, Elby	OPCD, SDCI, SDOT	TBD	TBD	Recommendation
1. Urban Forest Management Plan					
2.1 Support UFMP update					
2.1.1 Participate in strategic deliberations with Core Team and provide input	Weston, Jessica, Sarah	Core Team	Mar/June	TBD	Ongoing input
2.1.2 Provide review and input to draft plan	Weston, Jessica, Sarah	Core Team	TBD	TBD	Letter of support
2. Outreach and Engagement					
3.1 City council and Mayor's Office interaction					
3.1.1 Present 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Work Plan to Council and the Mayor	Weston, Sandra	CC, OSE	April	April	Presentation
3.1.2 Hold in-person meetings with Council and Mayor's Office	Weston, Blake	CC, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Build relationships
3.2 Community Engagement/Education					
3.2.1 Develop info sheet to respond to community inquiries/communications	Whit, Sandra	UFC/Community	Q1	March	One-pager
3.2.2 Intentionally expand the diversity of voices the UFC engages with. Expressly seek out underrepresented communities that have not been historically at the table	Whit, Sarah, Elby	UFC/Community	Q2	Q2	TBD

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3.2.3 Support City Departments on promoting the "What not to Plant" list	Weston, Michael, Neeyati, Elby	Core Team	TBD	TBD	TBD

3.2.4 Meet with community groups to engage in dialogue about the importance of trees, the UFC role, and community interests/priorities
   3.2.4.1 Key Arena redevelopment
   3.2.4.2 Cheasty pilot
	Weston, Jessica, Steven, Sarah	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build relationship

3.2.5 Plan urban forestry outreach and engagement and attend events such as Arbor Day, Green Seattle Day, and Trees for Seattle events	Sandra, Neeyati, Blake	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	Participation
3.2.6 City of Seattle applications and engagement programs	Sandra, Neeyati, Blake	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	Participation
3.3 Internal Engagement					
3.3.1 Develop annual calendar to invite City Departments to brief the UFC	Weston, All	UF IDT	January	Ongoing	Discussion
3.3.2 Introduce the UFC at commission meetings (Planning, Pedestrian, Bike, Parks, MPD Oversight Committee); Neighborhood Council meetings; and public meetings	Weston, All	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	UFC promotion and coordination
3.3.3 Align UF IDT and UFC's work plan 3.3.3.1 Hold annual joint UFC/IDT meeting	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Coordination
3.4 **Engagement with Community Organizations and Urban Forestry Partners**					
3.4.1. Seattle School District. Explore ways to view trees as learning opportunity (vs. liability)	Weston,Shari	SSD, DON, OSE, Assoc's	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.2 Washington State Urban and Community Forestry	Weston, Sandra	TBD	TBD	TBD	Briefing on Pest Resilience
3.4.3 UW and community colleges with horticulture programs and landscape architecture.	Steven, Michael, Whit, Elby, Shary	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.4 WA State Department of Transportation	Steven	SDOT, Parks	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.5 Tilth Alliance	Weston, Steven	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship

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3.4.6 Seattle Green Ways	Weston, Sandra	SDOT	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.7 Native Plant Society	Josh	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing support
3.4.8 King County	Weston, Sandra	TBD	TBD	TBD	KC Forestry Plan briefing
3.4.9 Citizen Science – SnoKing Watershed Council	Shari/ Neeyati	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.4.10 The last 6,000 majestic trees (civic campaign)	Weston/Sandra	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.5 Race and Social Justice Initiative					
3.5.1 Incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work	Whit, Sandra	OSE	January	Ongoing	Outreach
3. Funding for Urban Forestry					
4.1 City budget primer	Sandra				
4.2 Encourage City to allocate necessary budget to implement new tree ordinance	Steve, Sandra	SDCI, MO, CC	Ongoing	Ongoing	Letter of recommendation
4.3 Green Seattle Partnership ongoing briefings on use of funds	Weston, Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
4.4 Transfer of development rights for protection of tree groves (Seattle Times building example)	Weston, Michael	SDCI	TBD	TBD	TBD
4.5 Trees for Seattle program update	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Q1	Q1	Ongoing support
4.6 Carbon Economy (State, County, City levels)	Weston, Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
4. Internal Operations					
a. Issue 2019 Annual Report	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual report
5.2 Create 2020 work plan	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual work plan
5.3 Hold Chair and Vice-chair elections	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec	Nov/Dec	New leadership