

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

February 5, 2020

Meeting Notes

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

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair
Steven Fry
Neeyati Johnson
Elby Jones
Josh Morris
Shari Selch
Blake Voorhees
Michael Walton

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

Guests

Linden Lampman
Elijah Selch

Public

None

Absent- Excused

Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair
Whit Bouton
Jessica Jones
Stuart Niven
Steve Zemke

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.

Josh debriefed the group on the January 22 tree regulations update deliberative session with City staff. The meeting included discussion of ongoing work to update the Exceptional Trees Director's Rule and the content of the upcoming briefing to Council on Resolution 31902 to update current tree regulations. Specifically, staff shared the scope, schedule, and budget for this work in 2020. Sandra shared that this type of meeting is important to continue getting the UFC input as staff grapples with challenges. Josh

mentioned that it became clear that SDCI staff is very thinly stretched and the UFC recommendations would add more to their workload.

Public comment:

None

Adoption of January 8 meeting notes

ACTION: A motion to approve the January 8 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

Improving Statewide Readiness & Response to Washington Forest Pest Risks Webinar

The UFC watched the [webinar](#) “Improving Statewide Readiness & Response to Washington Forest Pest Risks” in preparation for the conversation with Linden Lampman from Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Urban Forestry Program.

Commissioners debriefed the webinar. Sandra mentioned that the City’s Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team had a presentation from Stephanie Helms (SDOT) and is aware of the process to date.

Pest Readiness efforts – Linden Lampman via phone

Linden Lampman joined the UFC via phone to talk about next steps on the pest readiness effort in Washington State.

When the group finished the Playbook they were able to get funding for a second phase of this effort. The funding will be to partner with the Invasive Species Council to do additional community engagement with cities that needed assistance putting together their risk preparedness plans. This next phase will be a three-year effort.

The team will put together a workshop so stakeholders can speak to experts to help them put together their plans. The WA State Dept of Agriculture will partner up with this effort to build a database of aggregated tree data and create a tool with a dataset with location, species, size, and condition of trees. This will enhance the way we talk about trees by having data. This tool will also help figure out areas with most vulnerability based on ports of entry. Might not be able to collect additional data but are hoping to partner up with cities to create a more robust dataset.

The Department of Natural Resources will also do outreach for communities to share their data.

The timeline would be three years and with funding currently in place they are working on the agreements. Once agreements are in place then the work will begin. This year DNR will introduce the Playbook as part of their seminar series. WSDA will begin collecting data.

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Pest readiness conversation debrief

- Sandra will follow up with Linden to see when there would be a good point in time to re-engage.

- It would be important to engage the Port of Seattle and see what type of plan they have in place to catch potential pests entering the region.
- UFC should wait until the City starts putting together their plan.
- A short-term recommendation is long-term thinking to fully fund a pest readiness plan and actions to deal with a potential infestation.
- Talk to Stephanie to see what would be helpful for her in this effort.

Public comment

None

Adjourn

Public input:

From: Steven Wells <stevenjwells@earthlink.net>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 10:06 AM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees! Now!!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I'm very concerned about the state of our urban forests here in Seattle. Just driving around the city I see so many large trees being cut down. It breaks my heart to see trees that are far older than I am (69) being so wantonly destroyed. It's clear than people think that trees are their "property", to dispose of as they please. They don't seem to realize that "their" trees are actually a part of a wide canopy that covers the entire city.

It especially galls me to see people move into a new home and cut down all the trees. It's like they have "arboriphobia". They're scared of trees. Of course there are problem trees, but what I see are perfectly healthy trees that are being cut down for unfathomable personal reasons. People just don't seem to realize that we're all in this together and that what we each choose to do affects the whole ecosystem. They think we're all separate entities, each in our own little boxes, and don't recognize their responsibility to care for the Natural World.

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I would add a couple of other requirements to this ordinance. A significant one I'd like to see is a dedicated "hotline" created for citizens to report people who are cutting down trees that

they shouldn't be allowed to cut down. How do we stop them before it's too late? I've felt so powerless to stop them from cutting down nice trees in my own neighborhood. Usually it's too late by the time I even see it. But sometimes there might be a chance to save these trees if there was a quick and easy way to contact an official with the power to stop them.

We all benefit from trees, but most people take them for granted and don't even realize their benefits. My second suggestion is to develop programs to educate people about these benefits so they understand all the good things trees provide for them every day. There should be meetings, classes and forums in neighborhoods all over the city, in accessible locations, to teach our community their value. Perhaps if people better understand how things really work in nature they might see how they fit into the whole scheme.

I believe we can continue to create a gorgeous forest here in our city. We all have a stake in its creation and maintenance. The City Council Must take the lead in providing education and services to support the citizenry in our mutual efforts to make this a reality. Please do your jobs, and do all you can to pass the Tree Ordinance and help save the trees that are here now, and promote the planting of many more, all over the city. If we work together we can accomplish wonders - you know we can do this! Let's go for it!!

Steven Wells

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From: Margaret Morrison <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Margaret Morrison

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From: Carol Olwell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 4:41 PM

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

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Some months ago I was walking my dog on 7th Ave. W between W Crockett and McGraw, and realized that a very large evergreen tree with a diameter of at least 30" was about to be cut down. I went to the city's website to see if this removal had been approved, and could not determine that. Within 48 hours the tree had been cut down, the stump ground up and the tree service was gone, indicating that the new property owner did not want to attract attention to what was happening.

This experience alerted me to how little protection exists for the urban forest, and that I needed to make an effort to correct that--- why I am writing in hopes that the Mayor and the City Council will adopt the Urban Forestry Commission's Tree Protection Ordinance, increase the protection of large mature trees and move the responsibility of tree protection to the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

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From: Katy Griffith <katygr@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 5:04 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Cc: stevezemke@msn.com; merrilieg@yahoo.com
Subject: FW: Exceptional tree

CAUTION: External Email

Hello Sandra,

Steve Zemke recommended that I forward this to you for two things:

1. Please add it to the comments on the UFC proposed tree ordinance as an example of difficulties with the current process.
2. Forward to SDCI (or anyone else appropriate) that could help resolve this.

Thanks a lot!

Katy Griffith
Board member & treasurer, TreePAC

From: Merrilie Gunnier <merrilieg@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 11:06 PM
To: info@dontclearcutseattle.org
Subject: Exceptional tree

Hello,

I came across your organization after seeing it featured on Vanishing Seattle's Instagram.

The sequence of these events in Queen Anne is of interest because I am going through something similar with my neighbor's proposed construction and their exceptional tree. In addition, the property includes an extensive tree canopy along the alley on the east side of the project that is marked for removal as well.

I have been dealing with an Exceptional Tree issue over several months and have been trying to get SDCI to now acknowledge its presence in a proposed construction project (SDCI #3034869-LU).

- April 2019: The SDCI Arborist and a Land Use Planner contacted us via email to inform us that the owner of [1620 Sunset Ave SW](#) contacted the Arborist regarding the exceptional tree on their property. At that time, we were just starting to rebuild our house and were directed to take several tree protection precautions under the threat of having our permit cancelled. We have followed all directives, at a substantial cost to ourselves, to protect the exceptional tree.
- June 2019 (less than two months after the above situation): We were made aware that our neighbor was working with Developer Dave Biddle of Blueprint Capital to subdivide their lot and construct a new house. The plans submitted to the city erroneously recorded the size of the exceptional tree as 18", which would mean the tree was not exceptional and did not require further permits for its removal. Blueprint Capital has a history of falsifying information to avoid tree protection requirements.
- For the next five months, we contacted the city on several occasions to inquire why they were not requiring the owner and Blueprint Capital to correct the measurement and ensure the exceptional tree was considered as part of the project.
- November 19, 2019: We were finally copied on an email to Blueprint Capital from David Van Skike, Senior Land Use Planner, Policy & Technical, City of Seattle, SDCI. In this email, Mr. Van Skike directed Blueprint Capital to correct the measurement and stated protection measures would be required. This e-mail is even part of SDCI #3034869-LU as one of the official attachments.
- December 30, 2019: Blueprint Capital submitted new plans to the city and they did not correct the measurement again even though they made other corrections to the plan set.
- January 6, 2020: SDCI has approved the plans even though the measurement was not amended and none of the directions from the [11/19](#) email were followed. The reviews were somehow all approved in less than 3 full working days and during the holiday season.

We have tried several times to reach out the SDCI to find out why, again, they are not requiring Blueprint Capital to correct the measurement and at the very least take the exceptional tree into consideration during the planning process. We are just being ignored at this point.

This project (SDCI #3034869-LU), is moving through the process without any scrutiny (the 11/19/19 email was completely ignored and still the project was approved to move forward).

The home on this property was made famous when it was featured in the movie "[Sleepless in Seattle](#)" but it has a more significant historical background and relevance to the early days of the City of Seattle. Shipping industry magnate HB Kennedy had the custom home designed and constructed in 1909 by famed Seattle architect Arthur L. Loveless. The exceptional tree must be at least as old as the house therefore should be of value to the City of Seattle.

We don't know where else to turn to gain protection for this tree and the canopy. SDCI initially required the protection of the exceptional tree but now they seem to be allowing the Developer to remove it. Any advice would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Merrilie Gunnier

From: Ruchi Stair <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 5:16 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Seattle needs a stronger Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I ask for your help to increase protections for Seattle's trees and urban forests. They are vulnerable to hotter, drier summers and are impacted by our much-needed growth in housing and light rail. It is imperative that we step up to protect living trees and replace those we have lost.

Trees cool our neighborhoods, lift our spirits, provide habitat for birds and critters, reduce flooding, filter run-off and purify the air. They are our best hedge against climate change.

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From: Nancy Shimeall <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 6:14 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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Thank you for helping our city combat runaway climate disruption and pollution.

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From: Terrie Ward <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 7:29 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Rebecca Cronin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 6:46 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Annie Thoe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Polly Freeman <polly_freeman@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 1:09 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: michelle wainstein <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Mike Lettunich <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Scott Granlund <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Or we'll vote someone into office that will...

Thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Jim Becker <jbecker98107@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Kelly Johnson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 6:40 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Nana Kuo <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 11:08 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Danielle Bock <danielle.bock@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 11:42 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: cburnap@gmail.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Jean Murphy Ouellette <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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I live in Victory Heights and have seen a lot of big trees go down due to putting HUGE houses on the property. This is a travesty.

Jean Murphy

Jean Murphy Ouellette

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From: Dylan O'Hearn <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 8:48 AM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I want my children to experience the magic our big beautiful urban trees bring to the city of Seattle. We cannot stand by as developers destroy the life that makes Seattle a truly world class city. What will this place be if our trees are replaced with wall to wall concrete and slab boxes???

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Dylan O'Hearn

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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: FW: Biophilia with DADU Designs

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra

Please make this interchange part of the public record. I am interested in learning more about OSE's approach to tree preservation and the City's aggressive DADU push.

All the best,
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum

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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 9:42 AM
To: PCD_DADUplans <DADUplans@seattle.gov>
Cc: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Subject: RE: Biophilia with DADU Designs

Thanks Nick for your response. Green building- outside the Sustainable Sites standard in LEED- does not countenance or consider the entire site- really just the building itself. In addition, "encouraging" green building and design is very different than requiring that the design prioritize large tree retention. This past year we were in Canada and I notice that many large trees were maintained within 4-5 feet of

structures. In the absence of arborist guidance, the homeowner and construction company will take the laziest route which is tree removal.

I think we need a signature block that says “interested in how we’re encouraging ADUs and tree protection?”

I will work with OSE and others to make sure this integration occurs at both a policy and implementation level. I’m dismayed that OPCD- which is supposed to focus on COMMUNITY development is really just another arm of SDCI. I don’t see how you are encouraging holistic approaches to the city writ large and sites in general.

What ARE your plans for this?

All the best,
Heidi

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From: PCD_DADUplans <DADUplans@seattle.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 11:11 AM

To: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>

Subject: RE: Biophilia with DADU Designs

Good morning, Heidi.

Thanks very much for your thoughtful suggestions. In our [Submission Guide](#), we have requested DADU designs with small footprints not only since they’re more likely to work on many sites throughout the city but also because they help facilitate tree preservation. You’ll also see in our selection criteria that we encourage green building and design, including consideration of how the design or footprint of the ADU could accommodate the retention of existing trees.



Nick Welch

Senior Planner *(he/him)*

City of Seattle [Office of Planning and Community Development](#)

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Interested in how we're encouraging ADUs? Sign up for [email updates](#).

From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 7:36 PM

To: PCD_DADUplans <DADUplans@seattle.gov>

Cc: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>

Subject: Biophilia with DADU Designs

CAUTION: External Email

I am writing to encourage the City to actively include site design considerations that include protecting and adding biophilic elements to these designs. The city failed to protect large mature trees in passing this legislation and while the designs in your survey document are pleasant to look at, DADUs fringed by trees, the reality is that all the DADU/ADUs I have seen occasioned complete removal of any living matter including large trees.

I request that include landscape architects, arborists and horticulturalists in your survey and design competition because building without context is just a construction gig. I would like a phone call back to discuss this issue.

With best regards,
Heidi Siegelbaum

Heidi Siegelbaum

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From: Martha Rost <generalrost@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2020 5:09 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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As a resident of Seattle since 1980, I have seen development mow down the tree canopy throughout the city, particularly in Capitol Hill where I live. Urban density makes sense to me, but so does good air quality and the protection or replacement of the trees lost to development. A couple of spindly random trees planted on boulevards does not make up for the large old trees coming down to build the apartment units. There is a better way, which combines preservation with real efforts to plant trees that will make up for those lost to development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Martha Rost

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From: Mary Gwinn <mgwinn@bookcritics.org>

Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 3:51 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Over and over in my West Seattle neighborhood, I have seen trees cut down after the planning department approved another million-dollar-plus home or apartment project. This lack of tree protection flies in the face of Seattle's image as an environmentally progressive city. Many cities across the U.S. have much tougher tree protection ordinances.

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Please don't let another year pass before passing this ordinance; we lose more trees every day. Thanks for listening.

Mary Gwinn

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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: FW: Tree murder mystery

CAUTION: External Email

Do you know about this? And what does Parks do when something like this happens? It would be easy enough to find out whose properties were in the line of sight of some coveted view....Can you please reply when you have time?

Many thanks,
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum

From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 10:13 AM
To: PCD_DADUplans <DADUplans@seattle.gov>
Cc: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: RE: Biophilia with DADU Designs

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Nicholas,

This is a formal request for the **raw data from the attached survey**. Please tell me if you are going to force me to submit a public records request.

Many thanks,
Ms. Siegelbaum

From: Marilyn Whited <MGWhited@Hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Matthew Simari <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 7:50 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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Matthew Simari

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From: Makaylaa Powers <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Makayla Powers

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From: Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Presentation at Magnolia Community Council 1/21

CAUTION: External Email

Sarah Rehder presented this evening and shared with us that we need to be a strong voice when it comes to tree protection. Sarah stayed that robust community engagement needs to be demonstrated.

Please consider this email, my voice for asking for a stronger tree protection ordinance.

Please keep me updated on progress made and how else I can be involved to protect Seattle's trees.

Kindly,
Barbara Bernard

From: Carol Olwell <cjolwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra, the tree was removed from 2106 6th Ave. W; I haven't checked, but I would assume a picture of that tree might still be on Google maps, as its removal happened only a few months ago, after the property changed hands.

Carol

From: Ken Bryan <kbryan@alum.mit.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Update Seattle's Outdated Tree Ordinance!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: steve moselle <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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steve moselle

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Seattle, Washington 98199

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:55 PM

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

Cc: Kevin Orme (via treepac_seattle Mailing List) <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; Rich Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>

Subject: Chief Seattle weeps

CAUTION: External Email

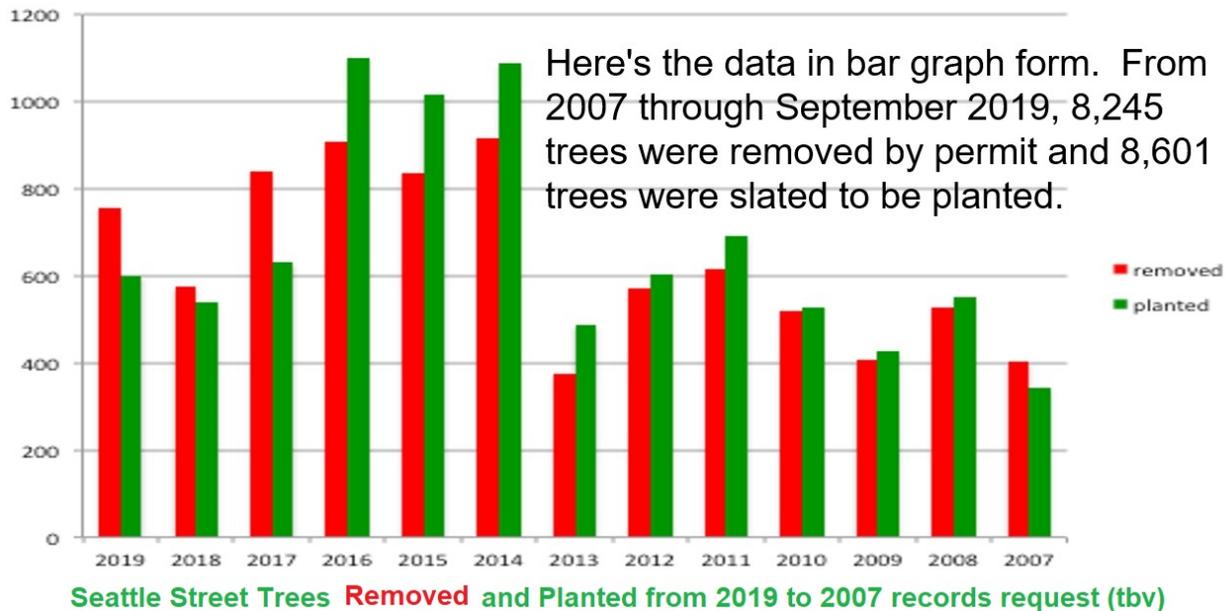
Good afternoon, Sandra ,

It appears a healthy large street tree will need to be removed in **Pioneer Square** simply due to access for the renovation construction. I'm not sure how our tree ordinance may be made stronger other than to perhaps require significant or Heritage trees to generate building set-back requirements or possible tree location if they are not over 25 feet or so.

We can't save them all... but we hopefully can see that the replacement of these large street trees removed due to construction on private land are replaced to the equivalent semi-mature canopy size.

David Moehring

Analyzed spreadsheet with over 17,000 rows, separating it into years



Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 3:23 PM

From: "Dewald, Shane" <Shane.Dewald@seattle.gov>

To: "dmoehring@consultant.com" <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: "Kozak, Cindy" <Cindy.Kozak@seattle.gov>, "Roberts, Ben" <Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>, "Markovich, Joe" <Joe.Markovich@seattle.gov>, "Morgan, Darren" <Darren.Morgan@seattle.gov>, "Rundquist, Nolan" <Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov>

Subject: RE: Chief Seattle weeps

David,

The Chief Seattle Club Project construction logistics plan has been through multiple reviews on site by SDOT Urban Forestry, SDOT Street Use and the project contractor to explore all possible options to avoid removal.

Unfortunately, removal is a necessity public safety associated with the project construction on site. The value of this tree has not been overlooked –removal is not associated with tree condition or any aspect of tree health.

The removal is based on the lack of any feasible means for the project to provide long needed accommodations for the continued and long term functions served by the Chief Seattle Club.

All other street trees and trees internal to the Fortson Square site were posted to be retained and protected at the time that the removal notice was put in place.

I will backcheck this since it sounds like there may be some missing.

The intent is to keep PROTECT TREE notices on these trees –and to ensure that they are protected through the project construction phase.

Thank you for your interest in this tree...and all of the trees you invest time and effort to protect. I see your incoming e-mail regularly and recognize the value that you and all TreePAC members bring in the effort to retain Seattle Trees.



Shane E. DeWald, PLA

Senior Landscape Architect

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 6:04 PM
To: Echohawk, Colleen <colleen@chiefseattleclub.org>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>;
mdelano@walshconstruction.com
Cc: Rich Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>;
DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>
Subject: Chief Seattle weeps
Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Chief Seattle Club, and the Seattle Dept of Transportation:

"All things share the same breath - the beast, the tree, the man... the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports..." [Chief Seattle]

It appears the renovation and annex to the Chief Seattle Club will come with casualty later this month.

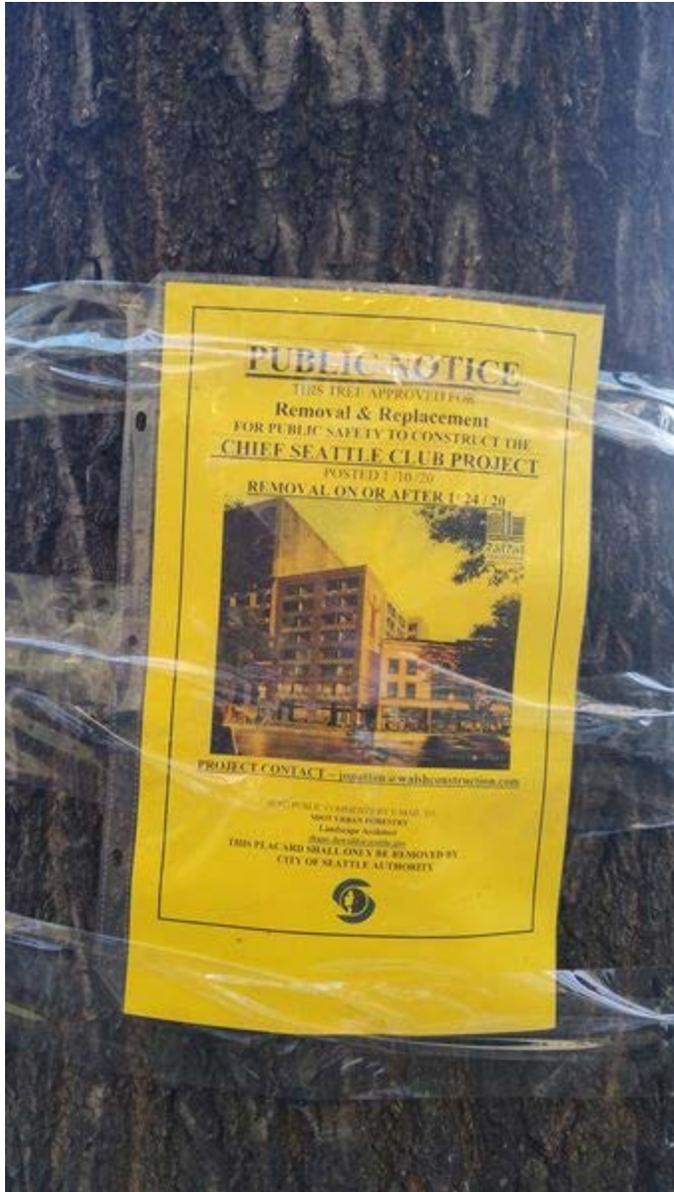
Two large street trees are noted to be retained, but this Exceptional street tree appears that it is to be taken out according to the signage.

Is there an arborist evaluation and report that at least explains the reason for the tree's demise, and why removal is the only measure to address the tree?

Thank you,

David Moehring

Board Member, TreePAC





From: Kenneth Quinn <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Kenneth Quinn

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From: Cameron Levin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 3:45 AM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Nancy Cole <shampooobar@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 7:56 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Mark Holland <solarhound@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:14 AM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Kevin Orme (via treepac_seattle

Mailing List) <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; Rich Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: [treepac_seattle] Chief Seattle weeps

CAUTION: External Email

This SDOT employee's answer is a bunch of gobbledygook. Typical Seattle bureaucrat response. He does not answer the question.

The City must be training these people in nonsense responses.

Something is wrong with SDOT. Even our street trees are under attack now.

"Unfortunately, removal is a necessity public safety associated with the project construction on site. The value of this tree has not been overlooked –removal is not associated with tree condition or any aspect of tree health.

The removal is based on the lack of any feasible means for the project to provide long needed accommodations for the continued and long term functions served by the Chief Seattle Club."

From: Gordon Adams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 12:30 PM

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

Subject: Tree Ordinance - Important to update!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Take this seriously, please.

Dass Adams

Gordon Adams

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From: MARIE WHITE <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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MARIE WHITE

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SEATTLE, 98119

From: Carolyn Crockett <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have been a homeowner since 1976. I have watched as small and medium trees grew on my property. I have firsthand experience with how long it takes for a small tree to grow into one of substantial size. Every time a tree is cut down in my neighborhood, I am saddened and also angered that I have not had a chance to challenge said removal (currently no advance posting required). When diseased and dangerous trees need to be removed, I think that whenever possible, as in the case in my yard, they should be turned into a beneficial wildlife snag. I strongly support the efforts of Don't Clearcut Seattle and the sister

organizations in urging updating of Seattle's tree ordinance including the provisions they have identified.

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Carolyn Crockett

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From: Paula Benson <paula.benson@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 3:42 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Janet Welle <jmwelle@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:59 AM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: David Shemtov <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree Loss

CAUTION: External Email

Project #3029652-LU

I spoke at the 12/18/19 Planning, Land Use & Zoning Committee Meeting about the loss of trees on my block in Seattle.

I wanted to reach out to share my disappointment that Seattle has lost another site with mature trees on the block. While we all recognize more housing is needed, we must also recognize that we can not be irresponsible with what little tree canopy that is remaining in Seattle. Once the old growth trees are removed, it will be generations before they could be replaced. In this time of climate crisis we must balance all the needs we are faced with.

Developers must be required to incorporate mature trees into their designs for new housing, as over 70% of Seattle's tree canopy is on private property. Please pass a stronger tree protection ordinance now.

Please protect Seattle's trees.

With great sadness,
Barbara Bernard

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:34 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>

Cc: bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; mijcon@hotmail.com; gordon@gfarchitects.biz; Buker, Gerald <Gerald.Buker@seattle.gov>; taylorwp@gmail.com; jenny.maki@gmail.com; kenh@kenholmes.com

Subject: East Ballard 57th Street on Chopping Block

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Public Resources Center (PRC) -

Please keep the eastern Ballard Community and myself or others interested informed about multiple projects taking off within the **newly expanded Ballard HUB Urban Village** area since the passage of the up-zoning in April 2019. See the list of properties below. It is a shame that most people in this neighborhood had no idea that they single-family property was being up-zoned as it was. To even further obscure transparency. The Streamline Review Process has kept the community at bay, even though their properties will be impacted. Progress... right?!?

Let's do it correctly where growth is imminent. Do not forget the tree canopy which provides a number of benefits relative to climate change (no need to repeat here.)



Within each of these projects there is a reference about **existing trees** on and off the property. However, not all of these applications have included **prepared arborist reports** to see which trees are exceptional or part of a tree grove spanning one or more lots. Also, whether the trees are considered Exceptional or not, do neighbors know that their trees may be in danger by removal of critical roots?

For example, the Ballard lot at 2213 NW 63rd ST lost their property-line grove of trees due to the careless demolition by the contractors at 2203 NW 63rd ST. Has that builder paid any fines for that tree loss? See these March 2019 complaints:

[Other Supporting Documents](#) 1176 KB 03/18/19 [001987-19CP](#) Code Compliance Complaint

[Other Supporting Documents](#) 331 KB 03/18/19 [001987-19CP](#) Code Compliance Complaint

 ***We need stronger tree ordinance enforcement!***

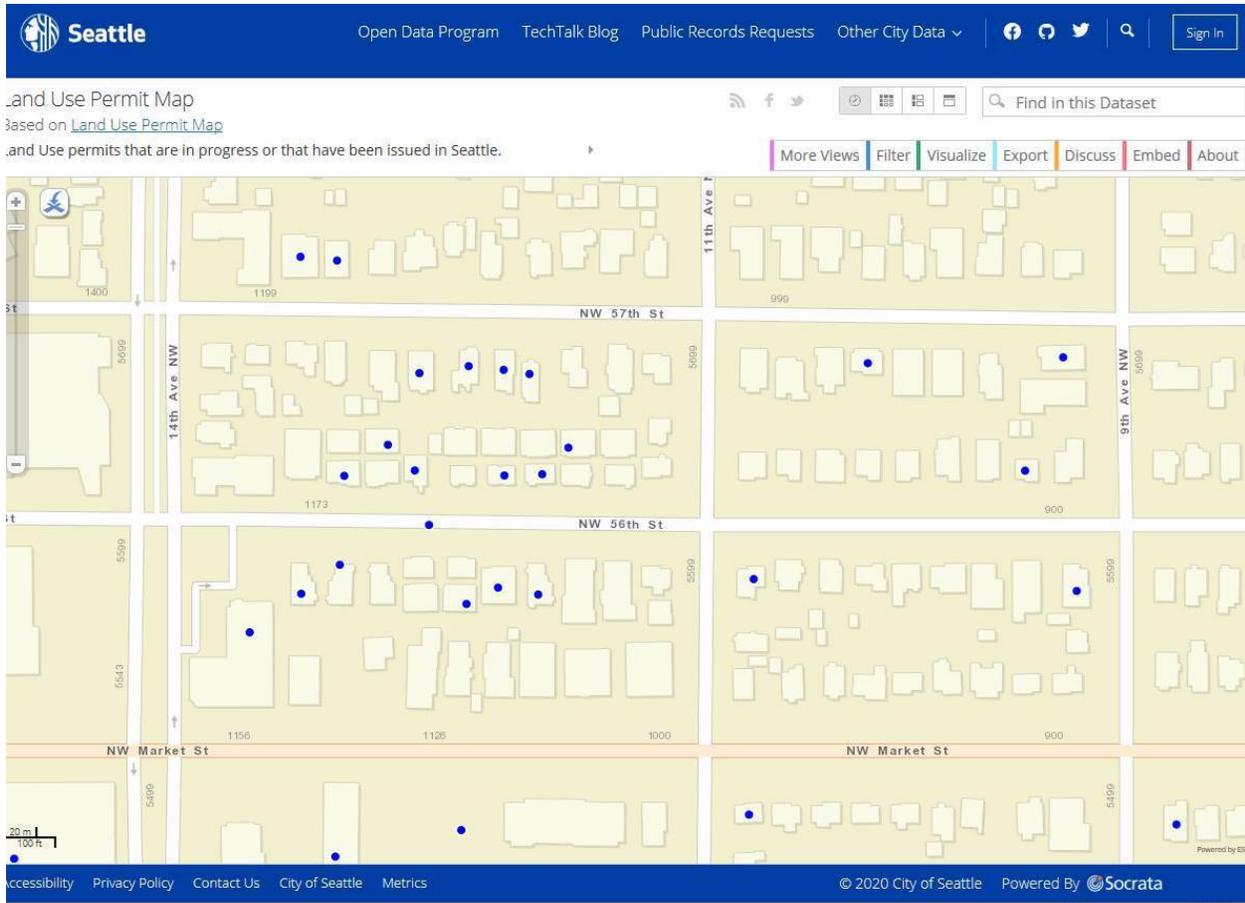
David Moehring
TreePAC, Board Member
312-965-0634

RECORD THIS COMMENT FOR:

- 901 NW 57TH ST: FULL SUBDIVISION - 14 LOTS - PASV/PAR done under Project 00389319PA, - Assessment Completed: 8/8/2019; [3035080-EG](#)
- 912 NW 56TH ST : 6 proposed townhouses in 2 separate structures. 3 surface parking stalls and 1 attached garage stall proposed. Existing structures (and trees) to be demolished.
- 927 to 929 NW 57TH ST: Constructing a new 4 story 23 to 25unit SEDU apartment. Includes demolition of existing 2 story duplex. 6749569-CN. **CLEARING ALL TREES ON LOT - POSSIBLE CRZ DAMAGE TO NEIGHBOR'S EXCEPTIONAL TREE.**
- 1119 NW 57TH ST : 3 Rowhouses + 3 Townhouses : TEN TREES PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN OUT including a 26-Inch Pine Tree... Is this size and species correct?
- 1123 NW 57TH ST: Streamlined Design Review for a 4-story building with 16 apartments and 5 small efficiency dwelling units (21 units total). No parking proposed. Existing building to be demolished.

- 1125 NW 57TH ST: 6 proposed townhouses in 2 separate structures. 3 surface parking stalls and 1 attached garage stall proposed. Existing structures to be demolished.
- 1133 NW 57TH ST: Streamlined Design Review for 2, 3-story townhouse buildings (6 units total). Parking for 2 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished.

<https://data.seattle.gov/Permitting/Land-Use-Permit-Map/>



From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
 Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:05 AM
 To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>
 Cc: magnolia-tree-keepers_all@googlegroups.com; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Annie Thoe

<neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>

Subject: Neighbor Trees removed: 3015 30th Ave w (PARCEL 6821102320)

CAUTION: External Email

City inspectors,

Please investigate healthy trees removed adjacent to the development lot earlier this week at 3015 30th Ave West.

We need stronger tree ordinance enforcement when permits indicate trees are to remain.

Did the contractor ask the neighbor to the north to remove 2 trees that were indicated in the permit set to remain? Did the contractor or developer inquire with with neighbor or had offered to remove their trees at no cost or for a compensation? Did the contractor convince the neighbor that their trees will fall over at no fault to their construction nearby, and that they would gladly remove their trees so the neighbor would not have the cost of damages should the trees fall?

For your reference:

>> SITE PLAN: See the image site plan attached.

>> GREEN FACTOR CALCS: The L2 sheet, Green Factor Plan, shows the two neighbor trees to remain but does not include any on-site trees to remain relative to the Green Factor Value.

See sheet A1.A.00: TREE PROTECTION NOTES (including image of plan above - noted to Protect the neighbor's trees)*

>> "TREE PROTECTION FENCING REQUIRED AROUND ENTIRE DRIP LINE (EXTENT OF CANOPY) ON THE PERMIT SITE (THE TREE PROTECTION AREA - TPA):

>> • CHAIN LINK, WIRE MESH, OR SIMILAR OPEN RIGID MATERIAL (NO

>> PLYWOOD); • MUST BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO DEMOLITION OR GROUND

>> DISTURBANCE; • KEPT IN PLACE FOR THE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION • NO

>> SOIL DISTURBANCE OR ACTIVITY ALLOWED WITHIN THE FENCED AREA;

>> MATERIALS STORAGE/STOCKPILING, PARKING, EXCAVATION, DUMPING OR

>> WASHING; • MODIFICATIONS OF THESE REQUIREMENTS BY APPROVAL OF SDCI

>> PLANNER ONLY (684-8850); • IF ROOTS GREATER THAN 2-INCH FOUND OUTSIDE OF FENCING, PROTECT BY HAND EXCAVATION AND, IF NECESSARY, CUT CLEANLY AND KEEP COVERED AND MOIST; • USE 3 INCHES OR DEEPER WOOD CHIP MULCH OUTSIDE FENCED AREAS TO PROTECT FEEDER ROOTS.

>> *ARBORIST REPORT:** Per the arborist report, the "Encroaching

>> Adjacent Property Significant Trees" included these three:* Tree #A:

>> 18.7" DBH (6 stems of 4.4", 9.3", 4.6", 7.2", 8.1", and 10.2" DBH

>> attached at ground – 3 ft. height) Lawson Cypress tree, *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*, Good/ Fair condition, 15 ft. dripline radius, Non-Exceptional Tree (Threshold diameter 30", Seattle DPD Director's Rule 16-2008, Table 1) Tree #B: 6.2" DBH Leyland Cypress tree, *Cupressus x leylandii*, Good/ Fair condition, 9 ft. dripline radius, Non-Exceptional tree (Largest Leyland Cypress tree in Trees of Seattle, 2nd edition by Arthur Lee Jacobson is 10'6" circumference = 40.1" diameter; 75% = 30.1 so 30" Threshold diameter) Tree #C: 10.9" DBH Leyland Cypress tree, *Cupressus x leylandii*, Good/ Fair

condition, 12 ft. dripline radius, Non-Exceptional tree (Largest Leyland Cypress tree in Trees of Seattle, 2nd edition by Arthur Lee Jacobson is 10'6" circumference = 40.1" diameter; 75% = 30.1 so 30" Threshold diameter) and two more smaller trees that were on the property:

DEVELOPMENT LOT TREES REMOVED:

>> Tree #3: 10.5" DBH Leyland Cypress tree, Cupressus x leylandii, Good
>> condition, 12 ft. dripline radius, Non-Exceptional tree (Largest
>> Leyland Cypress tree in Trees of Seattle, 2nd edition by Arthur Lee
>> Jacobson is 10'6" circumference = 40.1" diameter; 75% = 30.1 so 30"
>> Threshold diameter) Tree #4: 14.5" DBH Leyland Cypress tree,
>> Cupressus x leylandii, Good condition, 18 ft. dripline radius,
>> Non-Exceptional tree (Largest Leyland Cypress tree in Trees of
>> Seattle, 2nd edition by Arthur Lee Jacobson is 10'6" circumference =
>> 40.1" diameter; 75% = 30.1 so 30" Threshold diameter)

>> ASSESSOR'S PARCEL No. 6821102320

>> 3,534 SF

>> LBA NUMBER 3030040

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> Important text from October 23, 2018

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

>> 700 Fifth Ave Suite 2000

>> P.O. Box 34019 Seattle, WA 98124-4019

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>> "This application is to develop four rowhouse units." {david - this
>> is only the west portion of the development}

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>> "According to the submitted Arbor Options Arborist Inventory and

>> Report (dated 9/21/17) there are four existing trees on site and

>> three trees just off-site to the north, but with canopies (and

>> assumed, roots) on the project site. The outer reach of a trees

>> branches (the canopy) defines the "tree protection area", which

>> includes both the canopy and roots. None of the trees on or

>> off-site are exceptional. When off-site exceptional trees extend

>> onto the project site they are treated as if on-site for the portion

of the tree protection area that is on the project site. This is because impacts detrimental to a tree from

construction activity can occur to roots and canopy regardless of location of trunk. Although SDCI does

not have regulations regarding the protection of off-site nonexceptional trees, the City does have

several policies and the goal of protecting the "urban forest". And, regardless of City goals to preserve

urban forest canopy coverage, if a neighbor is interested in retaining their trees it is helpful to consider

impacts to this neighbor's tree roots and canopy when developing site plans. Toward this end I am

sending a link to a helpful document "Tree Protection on Construction and Development Sites".

Although under no City Code obligation to follow these practices, often it is simply a matter of knowing

about tree protection best practices that influences site design and construction practices to the benefit

of any tree within the area of construction.

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/codes/treeprotection/default.htm>

Protection on Construction and Development Sites."

David Moehring
Magnolia TreeKeepers

From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:38 AM

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

Cc: Welch, Nicolas <Nicolas.Welch@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>;
Wysocki, Sara <Sara.Wysocki@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Biophilia with DADU Designs

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you Sandra for your response. Recognizing the complex and competing pressures, residents can still build DADUs and ADUs without preserving trees. Just three lots down from us, all vegetation was removed and an additional 30% hard surfaces (Buildings, drive and impervious gravel) were put in with a corresponding loss of all trees and associated vegetation.

Having worked in green building and being current in that domain, the only aspect of green building that addresses trees is Sustainable Sites and our laws don't require use of that standard. Of course I support green building but I also support the flood attenuation, oxygen and air cleansing benefits of mature trees (climate change mitigation).

The lack of required tree protection is also exacerbated by the city's choosing not to include green infrastructure in its climate action plan which I'm surprised about.

I hope public sentiment and evidence point the way forward to a new tree ordinance. Thanks again Sandra for your response. I very much appreciate it.

All the best,
Heidi

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From: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:47 PM
To: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Cc: Welch, Nicolas <Nicolas.Welch@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>;
Wysocki, Sara <Sara.Wysocki@seattle.gov>
Subject: RE: Biophilia with DADU Designs

Hi Heidi,

In partial response to Seattle's housing affordability and homelessness crises, the Mayor issued [Executive Order 2019-04](#): Actions to encourage more affordable accessory dwelling units throughout Seattle. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are small, space-efficient secondary homes that help provide more housing options throughout Seattle neighborhoods where housing is generally unaffordable to most people. ADUs offer several potential benefits for their owners and occupants alike, including aging in place, supplemental rental income, flexibility to meet changing household needs, and the companionship, assistance, and the security of living in close proximity.

The Executive Order outlines work that the City's Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) and Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) are leading in collaboration with other City departments, including OSE, and includes making recommendations on how to build "green" ADUs, preserve trees, and support other important environmental features on a property. The City's current effort to develop [pre-approved ADU plans](#) encourages designs that include green building and could facilitate tree preservation. The Executive Order also calls for ongoing assessment of how ADU construction may affect green space and tree canopy.

As you are aware, the Mayor and City Council issued [Resolution 31902](#) directing SDCI to work with OSE to look at strategies to update tree protections on private property. SDCI and OSE present the first update on this work to the City Council's Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee on February 12. I invite you to attend the briefing to learn more about this process. If you are unable to attend in person, the Seattle Channel posts recordings of Council meetings [here](#).

Thank you for reaching out,



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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: FW: Biophilia with DADU Designs

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra

Please make this interchange part of the public record. I am interested in learning more about OSE's approach to tree preservation and the City's aggressive DADU push.

All the best,
Heidi

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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 9:42 AM
To: PCD_DADUplans <DADUplans@seattle.gov>
Cc: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Subject: RE: Biophilia with DADU Designs

Thanks Nick for your response. Green building- outside the Sustainable Sites standard in LEED- does not countenance or consider the entire site- really just the building itself. In addition, "encouraging" green building and design is very different than requiring that the design prioritize large tree retention. This past year we were in Canada and I notice that many large trees were maintained within 4-5 feet of structures. In the absence of arborist guidance, the homeowner and construction company will take the laziest route which is tree removal.

I think we need a signature block that says “interested in how we’re encouraging ADUs and tree protection?”

I will work with OSE and others to make sure this integration occurs at both a policy and implementation level. I’m dismayed that OPCD- which is supposed to focus on COMMUNITY development is really just another arm of SDCI. I don’t see how you are encouraging holistic approaches to the city writ large and sites in general.

What ARE your plans for this?

All the best,
Heidi

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From: PCD_DADUplans <DADUplans@seattle.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 11:11 AM
To: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Subject: RE: Biophilia with DADU Designs

Good morning, Heidi.

Thanks very much for your thoughtful suggestions. In our [Submission Guide](#), we have requested DADU designs with small footprints not only since they’re more likely to work on many sites throughout the city but also because they help facilitate tree preservation. You’ll also see in our selection criteria that we encourage green building and design, including consideration of how the design or footprint of the ADU could accommodate the retention of existing trees.



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Interested in how we’re encouraging ADUs? Sign up for [email updates](#).

From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 7:36 PM
To: PCD_DADUplans <DADUplans@seattle.gov>
Cc: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Subject: Biophilia with DADU Designs

CAUTION: External Email

I am writing to encourage the City to actively include site design considerations that include protecting and adding biophilic elements to these designs. The city failed to protect large mature trees in passing this legislation and while the designs in your survey document are pleasant to look at, DADUs fringed by trees, the reality is that all the DADU/ADUs I have seen occasioned complete removal of any living matter including large trees.

I request that include landscape architects, arborists and horticulturalists in your survey and design competition because building without context is just a construction gig. I would like a phone call back to discuss this issue.

With best regards,
Heidi Siegelbaum

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 10:19 AM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; dalzell.maria@gmail.com; Metroplos@hotmail.com; chrzasto@illinois.edu; barmstrong12345@yahoo.com; Rich Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Tree clearings at 2020 and 2100 and 2106 NE 85TH ST

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David, for raising this critical question.

We cannot allow yet another development to raze all trees on these properties, regardless of their size and species. Seattle's development should be managed with a much wider overview not simply on a property to property basis, as this is leading to all trees on all lots being removed. If this is repeated on every possible development site which in essence is every property in the City, there will soon be no trees in any neighbourhood except perhaps some young replacement street trees as the mature street trees were removed to make way for demolition machines.

Seattle's development is unsustainable and requires an immediate overhaul.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

PanorArborist

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On Mon, Jan 20, 2020 at 10:50 AM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Dear PRC,

Please keep me informed and advise how many Exceptional trees and tree groves will be removed for the townhouses developments at adjacent address: 2020 and 2106 and 2100 NE 85TH ST. It does not appear to be any marks to retain trees... nor does it appear there is an arborist report on SDCI EDMS.

Project:3035789-LU, Project:3035759-LU and 3035790-LU

Area: Northeast

Notice Date:1/16/2020

Project Descriptions:

Land use application to subdivide one development site into **six unit lots**. The construction of residential units is under Project #6684564-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

AND

Land use application to subdivide one development site into **nine unit lots**. The construction of residential units is under Project #6684566-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

AND

Land use application to subdivide one development site into **six unit lots**. The construction of residential units is under Project #6684567-CN . This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Comments may be submitted through:01/29/2020

Rules that interpret Tree Protection (Ch. 25.11)

DR # Name

17-2018 [Calculating Tree Valuations & Civil penalties for Tree Protection Code Violations](#)

16-2008 [Designation of Exceptional Trees](#)

10-2006 [Clarifying when administrative design review is required in order to save exceptional trees in lowrise, midrise, and commercial zones.](#)

David Moehring
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From: Kalisto Nanen <kalisto.zenda@nanen.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@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.

Kalisto Nanen

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From: Patricia Halsell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 1:18 PM

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

Subject: Current laws inadequate to protect Exceptional Tree in Fremont

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor, City Council, and Urban Forestry Commission,

I'm writing to you as the 60% owner of an Exceptional Tree in the Fremont neighborhood. The other 40% of the tree sits on the property of a developer who wishes to remove the tree so that he can develop his property. The current laws do not provide me with adequate means to protect this Exceptional Tree from the developer.

This tree is estimated to be between 60 to 80 years old and has been identified by both Arthur Lee Jacobson and the University of Washington Hyde Herbarium at the Center for

Urban Horticulture as a rare male clone of a *Populus Simonii* 'Pendula.' According to Arthur Lee, it's the only specimen of its kind in Seattle on private property.

This tree, unfortunately, has a history of being attacked by developers. In 2008, at the urging of many of my neighbors who love this tree, I sought Heritage Tree status in order to protect it from the first developer, Dan Cawdrey, who sought to remove it. The Heritage Tree committee met at the base of the tree on a Thursday morning and decided to confer it Heritage status. This so infuriated Cawdrey that two days later, on a Saturday morning (when city offices were closed) he had renegade lumberjacks attempt to remove the tree. I awoke to the sound of chain saws, ran outside in my nightgown and pleaded with the crew to stop, explaining that I owned 60% of the tree. Cawdrey laughed, told the crew to ignore me and proceed, which they did. I called Seattle Police, who responded and told me it was a civil matter. I then called tv news crews and the newspapers and the story appeared on the evening tv news and in both the Seattle PI and Seattle Times newspapers the next day. Although my actions in alerting the media saved the tree from complete removal, it was not enough to save it from severe malpruning that day. When Nolan Rundquist, the City Arborist at the time, came out at my request to inspect the tree the following week, he declared it had been "butchered" and unlikely to survive.

Fortunately, it has survived. Today, 12 years later, the tree is healthy according to recent sonic tomography testing. It is deciduous, so this time of year it's bare, but it is magnificent in the summer. It is a home for birds and wildlife, provides shade in an area of the neighborhood that needs it, and my Fremont neighbors call it the "Sentinel" of our alley.

Although Cawdrey eventually declared bankruptcy and left the area, a new developer has acquired that property, and also wishes to remove the tree so it can develop the adjoining parking lot into a seven-story commercial building.

I am doing everything I can to protect the tree. I have forwarded to SDIC arborist reports and sonic tomography testing results that demonstrate that the tree is healthy and qualifies as Exceptional due to its size and species. Art Pederson has entered this information into the city's database so that any permit applications will flag that the property contains an Exceptional Tree.

However, this week I was informed by a pruning company that the developer has asked them to prune his side of the tree without my knowledge or consent, promising to indemnify the pruning company for any liability to me for damages. A co-owner of a boundary tree may not legally prune his side if it would cause harm to the tree. We have a written arborist report stating that partial pruning or removal of a significant amount of the live canopy would kill it.

My point is, none of my efforts will be adequate to stop a developer who is determined to kill a tree through severe malpruning, midnight guerilla tactics or outright removal with impunity, should it choose to do so. Given the great commercial value of its proposed development, a developer can afford to pay whatever damages it may incur to me for timber trespass or theft of property, and simply write that off as a cost of doing business. I fear this tree is on borrowed time.

Unless the law is changed to provide greater protection for Exceptional Trees, with penalties severe enough to actually deter a developer, developers will continue to reduce Seattle's tree canopy with impunity because it is worth more to them to remove the tree than it is to pay damages.

It's truly a David and Goliath situation. My tree, and Seattle's tree canopy, will be the casualties.

I hope you will regard my tree's perilous situation as a cautionary tale.

Best regards,

Patricia Halsell

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