

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

Meeting notes

July 1, 2020

April 1, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Skype call

(206) 386-1200 or (206) 684-5900

Conference ID: 85557906

In-person attendance is currently prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation No. 20-05 until April 23, 2020. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line.

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair
Neeiyati Johnson
Elby Jones
Jessica Jones
Julia Michalak (no vote)
Josh Morris
Stuart Niven
Shari Selch
Blake Voorhees
Michael Walton
Steve Zemke

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

Guests

Elijah Selch

Public

None

Absent- Excused

Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair
Whit Bouton

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 and did roll call.

Josh, Steve, and Weston briefed the group on the deliberative session they had with SDCI to share the TIPs table with observations. SDCI staff was appreciative of the UFC's goal and will work to incorporate the input.

Public comment:

None

Adoption of June 3 and June 10 meeting notes

ACTION: A motion to approve the June 3 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.

ACTION: A motion to approve the June 10 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.

SDCI thank you and recommendation letter

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Weston walked the group through the new version of the letter.

The UFC discussed and proposed edits.

ACTION: A motion to approve letter as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

UFC statement on racial injustice

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Neeiyati walked the group through the draft letter.

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ACTION: A motion to approve letter as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

2020 work plan review continues

Moved to next week.

Public comment:

None

Adjourn:

Weston adjourned the meeting.

Public input:

(see next page and posted notes)

From: Kelli Maring <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:42 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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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Kelli Maring

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From: ARAM SHIVA <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:48 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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- please visit my website: kidclimate.org

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:04 PM

To: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Cc: McElroy, Shanyanika <Shanyanika.McElroy@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Farmer, LaKecia <LaKecia.Farmer@seattle.gov>; June BlueSpruce <jbluespruce@gmail.com>; Woody Wheeler <woody.wheeler@gmail.com>; Judy Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>; Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>; Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>; bardjess@msn.com; Rich Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>; Andrew Kirsh <andrewkirsh@hotmail.com>; bmaslan08@gmail.com; Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; twocats3646@gmail.com; KWalter@muckleshoot.nsn.us; Webster, Louis <Louis.Webster@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Clearcutting over 90 trees from groves abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Dept. of Construction and Inspections Director Nathan Torgelson,

There are over 90 trees to be cleared... and there were as many (90) comments on this proposed project with over fifty (50) inquiries asking for a meeting to comment. About an acre of trees will be mulched for an over-developed SF-7200-zoned property adjacent to the north edge of Kubota Garden. The requests for a meeting were completed in November 2019, which was enough time for a meeting to be organized prior to the March COVID-19 policies.

Those who took time to comment have not forgotten about this proposed environmental hit. Please advise on the status of a virtual meeting similar to that conducted by the Seattle City Council.

Thank you,

David Moehring
 Board Member of TreePAC
dmoehring@consultant.com

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Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:07 PM

From: "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>

To: "PRC" <PRC@seattle.gov>, "DOT_LA" <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>, "DOT_SeattleTrees" <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>, nathan.torgelson@seattle.gov

Cc: "seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net" <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>, shanyanika.burton@seattle.gov, "Pinto de Bader, Sandra" <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov>, "Herbold, Lisa" <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>, neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com

Subject: Clearcutting Tree Grove abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

Thank you for allowing public comment on the **9666 51st Ave S**. With at **least 50 requests to PRC@seattle.gov**, please hold a public meeting to review the environmental and landuse issues of the proposed clear-cutting of a large wooded lot bordering Kubota Gardens.

This is yet another reason why Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance.



Parcel 7131300100; Owned by Amerinor Holding, Lot area 62,726 sq ft

FACTS:

- A tribe sent in a public comment asking that the dam be removed to protect the fish population. Besides the dam on this property, there are 4 other dams, all within 200 feet of each other, 2 up stream and 2 downstream, and on Parks property.
- Another Correction letter requires the plans be revised to indicate the abutting Kubota Gardens Natural Area. The current version merely says there is a park within 100'.
- About 6 years ago another project on the southern boundary of Kubota Garden sought a 29 unit project on 5 acres in a wetland buffer on the upstream edge of the garden on S 55th St.. Fortunately, Seattle Parks purchased the 5 acres from them for \$5 million.

We know of lot subdivisions within Single-Family zone, but since when does SDCI allow selling 9 homes on one 62,726 sq ft lot within a SF-7200 zone? Is the owners at Amerinor Holding looking for a contract rezone from SF-7200 to LR1 in order to allow multiple family dwellings on this lot? Will any of these nine homes be set aside as affordable housing? Is Seattle that desperate to take away more park-like land in lieu of redeveloping run-down existing properties that have no adjacency to a Seattle nature habitat?

It was my understanding that in order to build nine market-rate and unaffordable homes on this deep lot that a subdivision of a lot should be pursued instead on the proposed unit lots. Please review carefully the code sections that are applicable to single-family zones compared to multifamily zones. See that plans of the project that referenced SMC 23.22.062:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3341073>

This was sent in this Streams report :

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3318786>

- **SUMMARY OF POINTS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING IF CALLED FOR BY AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE:**
- This 900' long X 100' wide parcel that crosses Mapes Creek & a Category 4 wetland.
- The September 16th, 2019 Site Plan Cycle 8 for MUP 3018093 shows this project I have been monitoring for a long time has been reactivated.
- This unbuilt natural site is zoned SF7200, but the 9 unit lots in the 1.44 acre site are only 4,000 sq ft. Since when is the 75/80 lot division rule ignored for lots like this?
- A 1-31-19 Corrections letter from Parks asks if the applicant considered a deed to the city for the creek area on the east side of the site. They would like to own it as done adjacent to this lot. Why is the City willing to accept a Conservation Easement?
- Parcel F is part of separate lot that appears to be shelved in the current application. Parcel F was previously included in a design that did not have adequate driveway turn radius's for fire trucks, due to the narrow 100' width of the majority of the site.
- What enforcement is being pursued by SDCI on the existig tree grove and two Exceptional trees? The plans only mention 1 of the Exceptional Trees, and does NOT mention the Grove, but they are not close to each other. Both Exceptional trees are extra large, and thus are deal-breakers in the existing design. Each of the trees would cost an entire lot to save.

To quote the Arborist Report, the forest is so dense that plotting the trees on the plan 'presents real problems'. So does that warrant the arborist to avoid plotting any trees?

David Moehring

TreePAC and concerned Seattle resident.

Let's build a community by following the Codes.

From: Judy Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:05 AM

To: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Cc: McElroy, Shanyanika <Shanyanika.McElroy@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Farmer, LaKecia <LaKecia.Farmer@seattle.gov>; June BlueSpruce <jbluespruce@gmail.com>; Woody Wheeler <woody.wheeler@gmail.com>; Judy Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>; Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>; bardjess@msn.com; Rich Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>; Andrew Kirsh <andrewkirsh@hotmail.com>; bmaslan08@gmail.com; Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; twocats3646@gmail.com; KWalter@muckleshoot.nsn.us; Webster, Louis <Louis.Webster@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>

Subject: Clearcutting over 90 trees from groves abutting Kubota Garden (966651st Ave S)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mr. Torgelson,

I look forward to a virtual meeting to comment on the clearcutting of the groves abutting Kubota Garden. As a Seattle resident concerned over such a massive clear-cut, I commented on the proposed project with many others. Since so many of us commented, it's time for your department to schedule a virtual meeting. I look forward to an invitation.

Regards,

Judy

Judy Akalaitis
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From: Sonia Popadycz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 3:32 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Evelyn Montes Sobal <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 12:17 PM

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,

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

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:24 AM

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

Cc: Doherty, Erin <Erin.Doherty@seattle.gov>

Subject: Ballard Architectural guide

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra

Can you please put this in the public record? This is a historic home guide to Ballard whose cultural resources are being ravaged in re-development.

All the best and thank you,
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum

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[Link to the document mentioned above.](#)

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:22 PM

To: Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

Subject: 6931 42nd Ave S Lot cleared of 10 significant trees before Council votes Wednesday on CF314452

CAUTION: External Email

Dear City Council,

Don't let this pattern continue of **clearing Seattle's urban forest** including an Exception Hawthorn tree. No questions asked, no one noticed.

You will vote on Wednesday for 6931 42nd Ave South and it's lot cleared of 10 significant trees and several smaller trees as CF314452.

This 5-lot combined property is being developed with 44 market-rate rowhouses at 6931 42nd Ave South and the associated addresses (SDCI #3036675). As what has become the Seattle norm, the site is being **leveled of all trees**, and rowhouses are being overdeveloped contrary to City rules with dwellings behind them.

See attached SDCI multifamily requirements that state: "Rowhouses are attached side by side along common walls. Each rowhouse directly faces the street with no other principal housing units behind the rowhouses. Rowhouses occupy the space from the ground to the roof. Units can not be stacked."

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections is reviewing:

2- New 3- Story Rowhouse Structures

Project: 3026375

4033 S WILLOW ST

What is it?
 • Units: 8
 • Parking: 8
 • Demo of existing structure

Required approvals:
 • Environmental Review
 • Design Review

Submit comments to:
 • Email: SPC@seattle.gov
 • Mail: SDC/PRC, P.O. Box 34019
 Seattle, WA 98124-4019
 Include the project number and address.
(The comment period may be extended by written request prior to the start date.)

More information:
 • Online: enter project number 3026375 at www.seattle.gov/development/documentlibrary
 • Phone: (206) 684-8467 (message line)

Submit comments by **11-1-17**

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

3041 South Willow Street & 6929 42nd Ave South; City Council CF314452



2009

10 years: trees before... & after



2019

The unit lot subdivision of Willow Investment, LLC, to subdivide one part of the development site into 12 unit lots. This is the southern most of five lots shown from interpreting historical parcel grids. There are another 28 unit lots in the full development. The facade designs are cookie-cutter.

Are 2-inch caliper street trees good enough to cover the ecological loss?

Along 42nd street, there are being planned six (6) new 2-inch caliper street trees of Paper Bark Maple with an expected tree size: 20–30 feet tall and just 12 feet wide, and spacing at 30-feet apart. There are also are four (4) planned new Norwegian Sunset Maple trees proposed along Willow Street. Are these trees ever tall enough to limb over the curb clearances needed for vehicles? The NW Tree Catalog and Schmidt Nursery claim that the ultimate canopy size for this tree, grown for 30 years in average urban soil, will be 35' tall and 25' wide.

ONLY A PARTIAL LIST OF THE TEN TREE CASUALTIES (ID # numbers from Arborist Report) :

NOTE: "*It does not meet the threshold diameter to be classified as exceptional.*"

As stated for each tree by Tony Shoffner, an ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0909A.

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'R.I.P.' - or so says the **whirling chainsaws** that have come to represent 'saving Seattle's environment' by building greater density without green-space.

David Moehring
TreePAC

P.S. - Please take a quick look at the attached 2-page "Lot Boundary Adjustment_If You Say So" document and explain how minor boundary adjustments from the original property created several properties before the unit lots being proposed. [3025597-LU](#) The intent of the Seattle landuse code is being abused on a regular weekly basis.

CC: Land use Members

- Chair [Dan Strauss](#)
- Vice-Chair [Teresa Mosqueda](#)
- Member [Debora Juarez](#)
- Member [Andrew J. Lewis](#)
- Member [Alex Pedersen](#)
- Alternate [Lorena González](#)

[Link to original email with PDF documents attached.](#)

From: paula jenson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:54 PM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:38 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; McElroy, Shanyanika

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Subject: Re: Clearcutting over 90 trees from groves abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David, I second this request for a public, online meeting to discuss the proposal to destroy valuable tree canopy and natural habitat. Long term losses for short term gains are not sustainable.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

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On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 6:04 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Dear Dept. of Construction and Inspections Director Nathan Torgelson,

There are over 90 trees to be cleared... and there were as many (90) comments on this proposed project with over fifty (50) inquiries asking for a meeting to comment. About an acre of trees will be mulched for an over-developed SF-7200-zoned property adjacent to the north edge of Kubota Garden. The requests for a meeting were completed in November 2019,

which was enough time for a meeting to be organized prior to the March COVID-19 policies.

Those who took time to comment have not forgotten about this proposed environmental hit. Please advise on the status of a virtual meeting similar to that conducted by the Seattle City Council.

Thank you,

David Moehring
Board Member of TreePAC
dmoehring@consultant.com

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Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:07 PM

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To: "PRC" <PRC@seattle.gov>, "DOT_LA" <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>, "DOT_SeattleTrees" <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>, nathan.torgelson@seattle.gov

Cc: "seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplist.riseup.net" <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>, shanyanika.burton@seattle.gov, "Pinto de Bader, Sandra" <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov>, "Herbold, Lisa" <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>, neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com

Subject: Clearcutting Tree Grove abutting Kubota Garden (9666 51st Ave S)

Thank you for allowing public comment on the **9666 51st Ave S**. With at **least 50 requests to PRC@seattle.gov**, please hold a public meeting to review the environmental and landuse issues of the proposed clear-cutting of a large wooded lot bordering Kubota Gardens.

This is yet another reason why Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance.



Parcel 7131300100; Owned by Amerinor Holding, Lot area 62,726 sq ft

FACTS:

- A tribe sent in a public comment asking that the dam be removed to protect the fish population. Besides the dam on this property, there are 4 other dams, all within 200 feet of each other, 2 up stream and 2 downstream, and on Parks property.
- Another Correction letter requires the plans be revised to indicate the abutting Kubota Gardens Natural Area. The current version merely says there is a park within 100'.
- About 6 years ago another project on the southern boundary of Kubota Garden sought a 29 unit project on 5 acres in a wetland buffer on the upstream edge of the garden on S 55th St.. Fortunately, Seattle Parks purchased the 5 acres from them for \$5 million.

We know of lot subdivisions within Single-Family zone, but since when does SDCI allow selling 9 homes on one 62,726 sq ft lot within a SF-7200 zone? Is the owners at Amerinor Holding looking for a contract rezone from SF-7200 to LR1 in order to allow multiple family dwellings on this lot? Will any of these nine homes be set aside as affordable housing? Is Seattle that desperate to take away more park-like land in lieu of redeveloping run-down existing properties that have no adjacency to a Seattle nature habitat?

It was my understanding that in order to build nine market-rate and unaffordable homes on this deep lot that a subdivision of a lot should be pursued instead on the proposed unit lots. Please review carefully the code sections that are applicable to single-family zones compared to multifamily zones. See that plans of the project that referenced SMC 23.22.062:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3341073>

This was sent in this Streams report :

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3318786>

- **SUMMARY OF POINTS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING IF CALLED FOR BY AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE:**
- This 900' long X 100' wide parcel that crosses Mapes Creek & a Category 4 wetland.
- The September 16th, 2019 Site Plan Cycle 8 for MUP 3018093 shows this project I have been monitoring for a long time has been reactivated.
- This unbuilt natural site is zoned SF7200, but the 9 unit lots in the 1.44 acre site are only 4,000 sq ft. Since when is the 75/80 lot division rule ignored for lots like this?
- A 1-31-19 Corrections letter from Parks asks if the applicant considered a deed to the city for the creek area on the east side of the site. They would like to own it as done adjacent to this lot. Why is the City willing to accept a Conservation Easement?
- Parcel F is part of separate lot that appears to be shelved in the current application. Parcel F was previously included in a design that did not have adequate driveway turn radius's for fire trucks, due to the narrow 100' width of the majority of the site.
- What enforcement is being pursued by SDCI on the existig tree grove and two Exceptional trees? The plans only mention 1 of the Exceptional Trees, and does NOT mention the Grove, but they are not close to each other. Both Exceptional trees are extra large, and thus are deal-breakers in the existing design. Each of the trees would cost an entire lot to save.

To quote the Arborist Report, the forest is so dense that plotting the trees on the plan 'presents real problems'. So does that warrant the arborist to avoid plotting any trees?

David Moehring
TreePAC and concerned Seattle resident.

Let's build a community by following the Codes.

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:36 PM

To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Another new build missing required trees

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Building Code Compliance,
Please explain how permit #6602087-CN was issued on 03/26/19 at **6546 25TH AVENUE NW** to renovate an existing house when it is now obvious that a brand new 2-story house has been constructed. The in-progress photos show that to be the case. The Realtor's ad also states "NEW CONSTRUCTION".

ADD A FLOOR TO AN EXISTING HOUSE ????:

The permit issued was for limited scope just to "ADD A SECOND FLOOR TO AN SINGLE FAMILY HOME AND RELOCATE THE EXISTING GARAGE/OFFICE". There was no demolition permit and there was no new building permit.

Yet, from the existing house location shown of the attached pdf site plan and the attached recent photograph, it is obvious the scope of the building permit was significantly breached.



Image above: There is no sign of the existing house... except perhaps parts of the existing foundation. A new concrete stair would also suggest - with a half-floor below, that the height of the first-floor was increased - whereas the permit simply indicated a second floor would be added.

TREE PROTECTION OR REPLANTING REQUIREMENTS: This lot is within a Single-Family SF-5000 zone. The Seattle Municipal Code requires to retain or replant at least a total of two inches of tree caliper for every 1,000 sq ft of lot area. Accordingly, this 5,000 sq foot lot should have retained at least 10-inches of existing tree caliper. The site plan and the 2017 King County Viewer suggested there were trees totalling that size to remain. Instead, the lot was cleared of trees for no reason. And only arborvitae bushes were added as required screening to the property to the north. From the real estate photos, it looks like this new building doesn't have the original preserved trees, or any tree of merit to meet the code requirements.

It is sad that a **\$1,500,000 price-tag** can not even buy 10-inches of partial replacement tree caliper. It does include removing the environmental value of 46-inches of tree caliper from 10 trees that has since been mulched and hauled away.

All of the pioneering movements for a better environment back fifty years ago... and now this is what is Seattle coming to? Property rights and profits.

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King County Parcel Viewer Images below of 2017 and 2019 6546 25th Avenue Northwest





Listing provided by Savvy Lane Inc via NWMLS.

\$1,579,000

Price

5

Beds

3.75

Baths

3,258

Sq. Ft.

6546 25th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117



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From: Madison Rivas <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:02 AM
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,

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.

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removed on undeveloped lots.

4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development
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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.

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From: Thomas Everill <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Thank you for considering this. Trees are a public good that benefits all Seattle citizens. Please don't allow developers to ruin our home.

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