



## City of Seattle

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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

December 2, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Webex call

(206) 207-1700

Meeting number: 146-794-2731

Meeting password: 1234

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

#### Attending

##### Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair  
Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair  
Elena Arakaki  
Whit Bouton  
Julia Michalak  
Josh Morris  
Stuart Niven  
Shari Selch  
Michael Walton

##### Staff

Sandra Pinto Urrutia - OSE  
Patti Bakker - SPR  
Mike Schwindeller - SPR  
Christopher Williams - SPR

##### Public

Steve Zemke

##### Absent- Excused

Elby Jones  
Jessica Jones  
Blake Voorhees

**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; read the land acknowledgement; the agenda and did roll call.

Land acknowledgement:

The UFC acknowledges that Seattle occupies traditional unceded lands of the Coast Salish peoples past and present. The UFC also acknowledges the Coast Salish people's stewardship of the area's trees and vegetation. We respect and honor their kinship with our urban forest and environment.

**Public comment:**

Steve Zemke: He sent to Sandra his comments on the UFMP to forward to the UFC. He also sent two links having to do with tree canopy. The tools he mentions helps analyze data related to the urban forest. Measures tree density and helps extract more information about Seattle's canopy cover. The technology also creates a height map which would allow to capture canopy volume. Very exciting technologies advancements having to do with urban tree canopy.

**Adoption of November 4 and November 18 meeting notes – MOVED TO NEXT MEETING**

**Seattle Parks and Recreation updates: Cheasty, Viewpoints, Colman Park, and GSP**

Christopher Williams, deputy Super-Intendent of Parks and Recreation provided a high-level update on SPR's current situation. SPR has been engaged in an effort to keep parks open and accessible to the public. They modified day-to-day operations as part of emergency response to COVID-19. Almost half of SPR staff has been focused on activities designed to keep Seattle's parks open and safe for community.

SPR before the outbreak:

- Mission: Seattle Parks and Recreation provides welcoming and safe opportunities to play, learn, contemplate and build community, and promotes responsible stewardship of the land. We promote healthy people, a healthy environment, and strong communities.
- Vision: healthy people, healthy environment, strong communities.
- 6,400 acres
- 485 parks
- 26 community centers, 8 indoor pools, 4 golf courses and much more
- Robust and vital recreation programs for people of all ages
- 900 full time employees organized in 7 divisions

SPR responding to the outbreak:

- New – a sudden focus on City and region's response to impacts of COVID-19
- Activated already existing Incident Command team and Continuity of Operations Plan (emergency management).
- Normal functions transformed to Mission Essential Functions
- Part of citywide team, headed by Mayor, guided by public health data

Mission essential functions:

- Providing emergency shelter facilities and staffing
- Supporting emergency food programs
- Supporting emergency childcare for essential workers
- Financial management, including payroll, vendor payment
- Comfort station maintenance and cleaning
- Landslide/environmental hazard response
- HR support for all SPR employees
- Maintaining essential life safety systems
- Daily cleaning, litter and garbage removal
- Providing agency leadership/situational awareness
- Active asset management and maintenance
- Navigation Team outreach (homeless individuals).

#### SPR Viewpoints:

SPR provided a briefing to the UFC back in 2019. The department has a viewpoint designation policy (2006) and a vegetation management plan for 16 official viewpoints (2005). There is no current funding to maintain viewpoints. SPR convened a task force and they produced a set of recommendations in 2018. The recommendations included developing a plan to restore and maintain the viewpoints as well as develop a project to fund this work. This is going to be part future District funding. This is difficult, expensive work with significant safety considerations. Status of different viewpoints vary from those that are in good shape to those that have grown vegetation that is blocking views. An example of a viewpoint that has been well maintained over time is Kerry Viewpoint in Queen Anne. An example of a viewpoint that currently has overgrown vegetation is Belvedere Park in West Seattle. The Park District funding process is on hold for two years.

#### Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail Project:

Mike Schwindeller is the manager for this project. The project has a long timeline. They are moving forward to obtain construction permits to begin building the trail in 2021. This is a pilot project and in order to address community concerns what was going to be a single-phase approach has been broken into two phases with both pedestrian and mountain bike trails:

- South Loop phase
  - o Plan finalized; SDCI permit pending
  - o Construction to begin Spring 2021
- North Loop phase
  - o Finalize plan in 2020-21
  - o Construction likely to take place in 2022

There have been SEPA appeals to the North loop piece. They had a facilitated design session with community and will likely go into mediation to finalize alignment.

#### Colman Park

There have been several briefings on this project for the UFC both from the community group that began the work on a vegetation management plan for the park and from SPR staff. It took some time to reach agreement on management of the park, especially the upper slope. Most of this park is included in the Green Seattle Partnership program which is actively restoring several zones throughout the park. Invasive removal for the upper slope restoration began in the fall of 2018. Planting of native species began in 2019 and there will be ongoing slope protection efforts.

#### Green Seattle Partnership:

The team briefed the UFC in late 2017 as the team was finalizing the Strategic Plan update effort. At the time, the analysis showed that the project was on track to bring into the restoration process all the acres originally planned for by the original target timeline of 2025. During the first 10 years of the project, the partners had learned a lot about the effort required to complete restoration. The effort identified the need for additional analysis. In 2019 staff began to perform such additional analysis and respond to budget shifts. At that point, staff briefed the UFC and shared Council's SLI request on the program.

#### Statement of Legislative intent report:

In order to develop the report, SPR considered lessons learned and current challenges. This was also an opportunity to re-evaluate the program's components, consider the City and community investments and consider new priorities and long-term planning. This was also an opportunity to re-visioning, engaging with partners and community to identify and maximize full program benefits including increased focus on equity and job training programs.

The new analysis found that with baseline funding all acres could be enrolled in phase 1 of restoration by 2042 and reach phase 4 by 2048. The original plan included only 2,500 acres. The program has updated that number to 2,754 acres.

Program current outlook:

- Covid-19 has been a big impact in 2020 resulting in budget reductions
- 2021-2023 will continue to be impacted by the pandemic including volunteer engagement and ongoing reduced funding levels.

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### **Chair and Vice-chair nominees**

Weston and Sarah addressed the group. Weston encouraged people to consider running for either position. Elections will be held at the 12/9 meeting.

### **UFMP letter of recommendation - discussion continues and potential vote**

The Commission discussed a first draft letter of recommendation about the draft Urban Forest Management Plan. Comments will be incorporated into a second draft by Josh with support from Julia and Elena. The new draft will be discussed at the 12/9 meeting.

### **Thank you letter to SDCI on RET presentation – MOVED TO NEXT MEETING**

#### **Public comment:**

Steve Zemke: Would like to ask Sandra to share the email he sent today with comments on the UFMP. People don't read the past reports and he thinks that the current plan should include more details on the benefits of trees (they way the 2013 document did). He liked the action priorities mentioned on the 2013 plan and would recommend bringing that piece back. Terminology to support maximizing tree protection as the City works on updating the tree protection ordinance. Would urge that the UFC pushes for increasing the canopy cover goal and bring the date forward. Would also like to know if Sandra could share all the input received with the UFC so that they see what people are commenting on.

Sandra reiterated that the team's intention is to be fully transparent and post all the comments online besides producing a summary.

**Adjourn:** Weston adjourned the meeting.

#### **Public input: (see next page and posted notes)**

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

**Sent:** Friday, November 27, 2020 7:40 AM

**To:** SCI\_Code\_Compliance <SCI\_Code\_Compliance@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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

**Subject:** Covering up the tree-crime scene 6754334-CN and 005294-19PA

#### **CAUTION: External Email**

Near completion in Seattle is a **single-family lot with 1 house, 1 attached dwelling, and 1 backyard house** just 8 feet away in Phinney at **536 N 67th St.**

- This house+2 ADU is the same site TreePAC was contacted about on Oct 1, 2019 concerning a large tree in the process of being removed.
- Revealing the freshly cut large tree stump, the City of Seattle photographed the entire site with the permit application on Oct 10, 2019
- A few days later on October 18, an application for a permit was recorded.
- Months later, on January 9, 2020, Tony Shoffner ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0909A, wrote a report stating "*No trees on site, so no tree protections are necessary.*"

This process of tree-removal-cover-up and post-documentation that no trees exist is a real travesty to the idea the building and land-use codes matter in Seattle. There are just good-ol-boyz laughing at what they can get away with.

An explanation from anyone involved in this would be appreciated.

[Records](#) show that no tree review was conducted.

David Moehring  
312-965-0634

Public comments on October 2019 about large tree removed 3 days before a permit application was submitted for three dwellings on one single-family lot. Today, 2 car parking spaces are provided where the tree once stood. Permit #6754334-CN

<a href="#">Public Comment: D. Moehring 10-20-2019</a>	30 KB	10/21/19	<a href="#">6754334-CN</a>	Construction Permit
<a href="#">Public Comment: Niven 10282019</a>	46 KB	10/30/19	<a href="#">005294-19PA</a>	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
<a href="#">Public Comment: Siems 10282019</a>	47 KB	10/30/19	<a href="#">005294-19PA</a>	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
<a href="#">Public Comment: Thaler 10282019</a>	48 KB	10/30/19	<a href="#">005294-19PA</a>	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
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From Jan 9, 2020, Tony Shoffner ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0909A

[Arborist Report Cycle2](#) 105 KB 02/25/20 [6754334-CN-003](#) Upload Documents

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January 9, 2020

Roque Deherrera  
Phinney Cooper, LLC  
400 112th Ave. NE. #400.  
Bellevue, WA  
98004

RE: Tree Inventory report - 536 N. 67th, Seattle.

Roque:

This report is provided to address the recent inventory I conducted of the tree on the property at the address of 536 N. 67th St. in Seattle, WA. I visited the property recently to gather information on the trees. There are no trees off-site with drip lines that extend onto the property.

## 1.0 Tree Assessment Methods

I conducted visual, level 2 basic evaluations of all the trees according to ISA standards and based upon many years conducting such evaluations on trees in the Pacific Northwest. I observed trees up close to inspect conditions of the trunk and from afar to inspect conditions in the crowns. All assessments were conducted according to the methods specified in the ISA Tree Risk Assessment Manual and on nearly 20 years experience conducting such evaluations.

The investigations involved the gathering of the following information:

- Tree species
- Trunk diameter
- Crown spread diameter
- Location factors
- Health and condition notes (general level of vigor, defects, disease or pest problems)

The City of Seattle's regulations of trees are provided in DPD Director's Rule 16-2008 and in chapter 19.25 of the SMC.

## 2.0 Tree Inventory

There is currently no trees on this property, therefore, no tree retention or protection is required.

## 3.0 Use of This Report and Limitations

This report is provided to MGT Builders to address the City of Seattle's requirements for tree inventories on lots proposed for development. Natural decline and failure of trees

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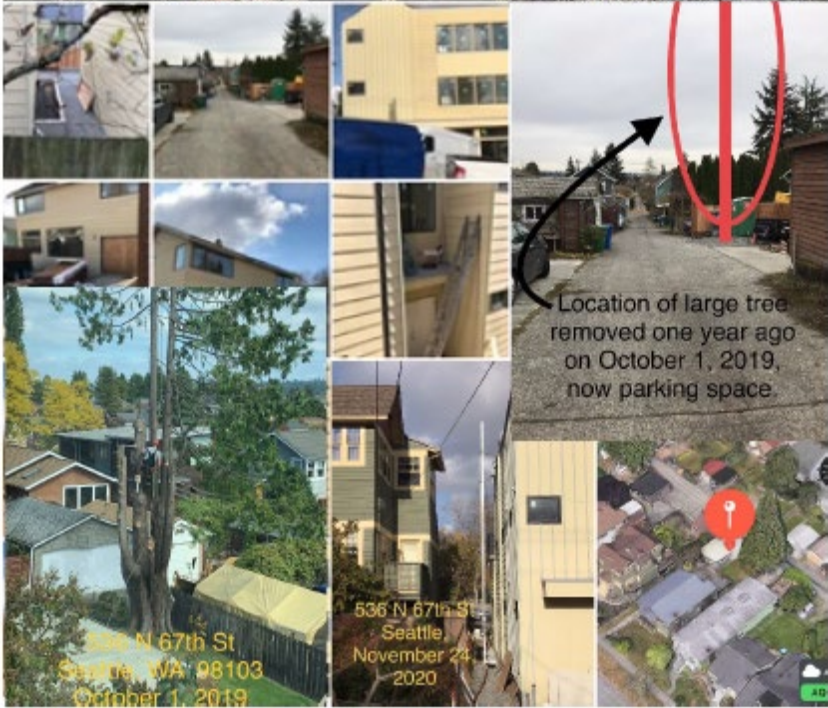
following development is not predictable, therefore, Shoffner Consulting and Tony Shoffner cannot be held liable for retained trees that die or fail prior to or following development of the property.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Shoffner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tony" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Shoffner".

Tony Shoffner  
ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0909A  
TRAQ







**From:** [Stuart Niven](#)  
**To:** [David Moehring](#)  
**Cc:** [O'Brien, Mike](#); [PRC](#); [Pacheco, Abel](#); [neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com](#); [seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net](#); [treepac\\_seattle@lists.riseup.net](#); [Carolyn Rodenberg](#); [Lynn Fitz-Hugh](#); [Jessica Dixon-Horton](#); [Anne Siems](#); [Jan Katzenberger](#); [Kaplan, Martin](#); [sabrioso@comcast.net](#); [edlebird@gmail.com](#); [carriefrankenburg@gmail.com](#); [chuckaross@gmail.com](#); [BetsyL.Ross@gmail.com](#); [sarahconelli@gmail.com](#); [Dihong Shao](#); [sdeforest@foxrothschild.com](#); [ltsnyder2000@yahoo.com](#); [Kim@kim-mulligan.com](#); [mblums@gmail.com](#); [judi@writeloguru.com](#); [astanko@comcast.net](#); [carddahlmani@comcast.net](#); [hrpovmail@nullfson.com](#); [patti.lesche@gmail.com](#); [hspinazze@shopglobal.net](#); "Barbara Bernard" via Magnolia Tree Keepers - All messages; [Pinto de Bader, Sandra](#); [Durkan, Jenny](#); [LEG\\_CouncilMembers](#); [Bagshaw, Sally](#); [Harrell, Bruce](#); [Gonzalez, Lorena](#); [Herbold, Usa](#); [Juarez, Debora](#); [Mosqueda, Teresa](#); [Sawant, Kshama](#); [Holmes, Peter](#); [Emery, Chanda](#); [Pederson, Art](#); [SCT\\_Code\\_Compliance](#); [Humphries, Paul](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Oct 1 massive tree removed before DADU application 3 days later  
**Date:** Monday, October 28, 2019 2:47:28 PM

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**CAUTION: External Email**

I second David's comments and remain shocked at the number of 'exceptional' trees being removed illegally and without punishment, as well as how many trees are permitted for removal without question simply to allow developers to raze properties without having to create tree protection zones, or consider existing trees in their plans.

Trees do not need humans but humans need trees. No trees; humans die. It is that simple.

Since SDCI is managed by complaints, I submitted a complaint about the removal of the exceptional tree which is visible in David's attached photographs, and on Google Maps street view. It was a large native Western red cedar which was a valuable asset to the neighbourhood and it is now gone, forever. Seemingly the inspector who looked at the property could not see the tree. SDCI really needs to improve the way it looks at plans for development so that all sites are checked for trees or evidence of tree removals related to the development so that property owners can be punished for removing trees and encouraged to retain trees as per SMC 25.11 and DR16-2008.

Please hire more arborists that know what trees are and how important they are, so that arborists look at plans involving trees and can work with developers to protect trees rather than having reviewers who know nothing about trees rubber stamp every plan without regard for the trees on a site. The current management of development in Seattle is not sustainable.

Since SDCI is funded by fees for permits; may I suggest attaching a considerable fee for the removal of trees, so much so that developers will want to remove fewer or those who can afford to remove them, are at least paying back into the department so these fees can pay for more arborists and a better system of tree protection?!

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

*PanorArborist*

ISA Certified Arborist PN-7245A & Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)

Arborist on Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission

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On Sun, Oct 20, 2019 at 8:45 AM David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)> wrote:

Yet another example that Seattle residents have been deceived and why a stronger tree ordinance and stronger enforcement are long overdue:

536 N 67TH ST

On Oct 1st 2019, TreePAC reported a massive tree in the process of being removed without a permit or any sign of a development. No reaction from the city except 'not my problem'.

Surprise, what shows up at the Department of Construction and Inspections just 3 days later after the tree chopping on October 4th is an DADU application along with several parking spaces being including within the area where the once massive environmental workhorse stood. In fact, the Department's recent EDMS record now clearly shows the stump of the removed casualty.

Primary Applicant: Akasha Whoolery has done many of these projects in the city of Seattle. Is this okay for our City stewards to look the other way? How will this be remedied for urban heat island, carbon sequestration, and natural habitats/ pathways?

This is an embarrassment.

David Moehring  
TreePAC Board member

Per <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/>

Check out the Record 005294-19PA:

Preliminary Assessment Report Use Pre-Application	136 KB	10/17/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land
Site Photos	36 MB	10/11/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
PASV Authorization Letter Use Pre-Application	18 KB	10/08/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land
PASV Authorization Letter Use Pre-Application	18 KB	10/08/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land
PASV Authorization Letter Use Pre-Application	18 KB	10/08/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land
Site Plan	105 KB	10/04/19		

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From: dmoehring@consultant.com <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 11:44 AM  
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>  
Subject: 2521 29TH AVE S

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you to SDCI , the owner and the architect for a design that retains at least 2 large trees on the parking lot site on 2521 29TH AVE S!

The only thing the arborist report seemed to mid is whether a combination of 8 trees 1-10 qualified as a tree grove. It also appears a cluster including an adjacent lot to the northeast might be considered for a grove.

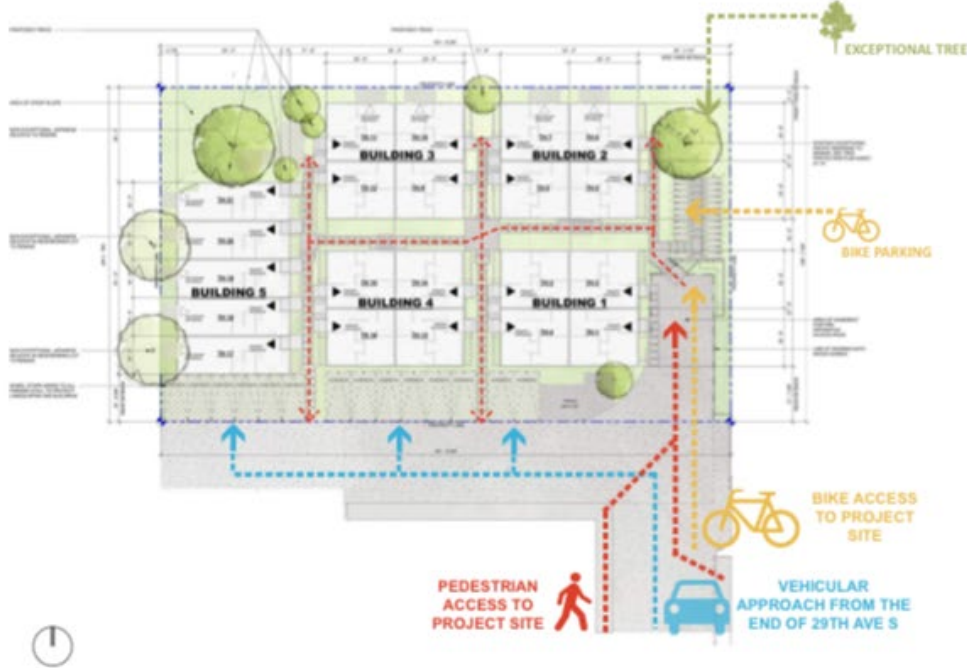
David Moehring  
TreePAC  Board member

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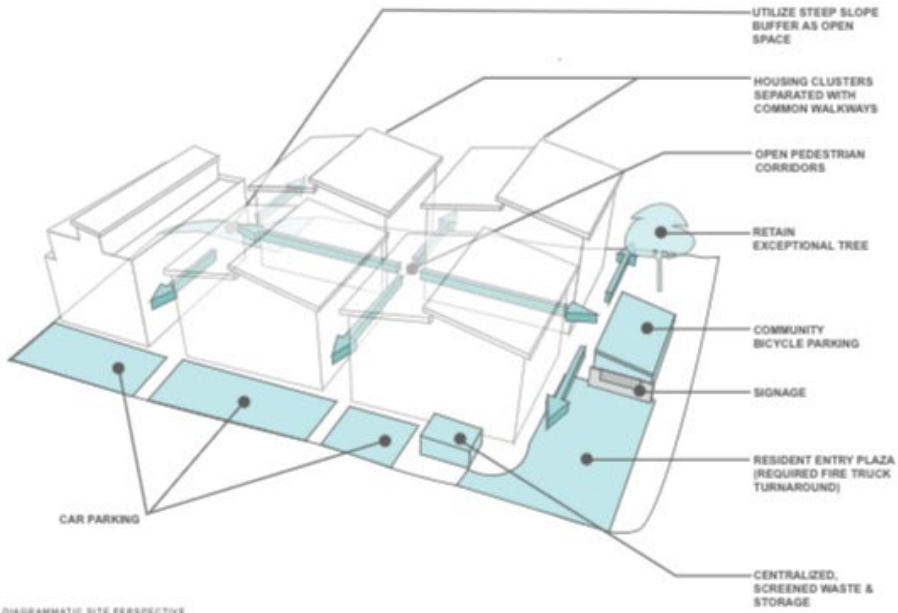
BY DESIGN GUIDANCE PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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PUBLIC REALM:

concept which bundles the small clusters, allowing for light, air, and open space on site. The placement of the site by the steep slope easement and the exceptional tree at which are to be preserved, trash and recycle storage and recycling parking are located off site for all units. The site plan is supported (Option 3G packet), C51-B, C51-D,

even maintained. Buildings are to be maintained, air, light, and each building. The steep slope has been undisturbed. We have spaces around these natural residents experiences. Bicycle trash and recycling storage off site at corner of the property services and to all residents.



ELINES:  
 1 Ventilation  
 2 Cyclists

DIAGRAMMATIC SITE PERSPECTIVE

**John Kenney**

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[Tree Inventory](#)

To: Dave Biddle  
Blueprint Capital Services, LLC

Job Site: 2521 29th Ave S, Seattle WA  
Date: 12/19/2018 updated 4/9/19

Prepared By: John Kenney, Owner, Steep Slope Tree Consulting  
ISA Certified Arborist/ Municipal Specialist # PN-6601AM

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**Summary**

I was asked to produce a tree inventory report before proposed development. No site plan was reviewed. One exceptional tree (tree 10) and no exceptional grove onsite. One exceptional tree on adjacent property with encroaching dripline (tree 12). No trees over 24" in diameter onsite. No known street trees adjacent. The survey was updated and I went back on site to determine if any other trees were on site or adjacent encroaching 4/9/19

**Assignment & Scope of Report**

This report outlines the site inspections by John A. Kenney, of Steep Slope Tree Consulting, LLC.  
Observations

Tree #	Species	Size Inches	Exceptional	Drip line radius all sides unless noted in feet (For Exceptional trees)	Condition (Poor, fair, good, excellent)	Comments
1	Japanese zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i>	18	No Exceptional at 21"		Fair	Adjacent property's tree
2	Japanese zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i>	13.2	No Exceptional at 21"		Fair	Adjacent property's tree
3	Japanese zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i>	15.3	No Exceptional at 21"		Fair	Surface roots
4	American arbutus, <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Estimate 8	No Exceptional at 30"		Fair	Adjacent property's tree
5	Japanese zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i>	16.8	No Exceptional at 21"		Fair	Some twig dieback
6	Japanese zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i>	13.3	No Exceptional at 21"		Fair	
7	doodar cedar, <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	8.8	No Exceptional at 30"		Fair	
8	doodar cedar, <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	Estimate 18	No Exceptional at 30"		Fair	Adjacent property's tree
9	hawthorn, <i>Crataegus spp</i>	Estimate 13	No Exceptional at 16"		Fair	Adjacent property's tree
10	Pacific madrone, <i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	10.1	Yes Exceptional at 6"	11	Fair	At least 20% leaf dieback. Discarded oil from car maintenance near tree. Old tree tag #9170. Ivy at base, remove and mulch.
11	Japanese zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i>	3	No Exceptional at 21"		Fair	Inadequate soil volume. Surface roots.
12	atlas cedar, <i>Cedrus atlanticaatlans</i>	32 estimate	Yes Exceptional at 30"	22	Fair	Adjacent tree. Typical branch rtp outs.

**Conclusions**

One exceptional tree (tree 10) and no exceptional grove onsite. One exceptional tree on adjacent property with encroaching dripline (tree 12). No trees over 24" in diameter onsite. No known street trees adjacent.





Owner, Steep Slope Tree Consulting  
ISA Certified Arborist/ Municipal Specialist # PN-6601AM  
ISA Tree Risk Qualified  
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## Methods

### What I did do

I measured each numbered tree with a diameter tape. Tree height is only obtained for tree assessment, not for the tree inventory's. I did however note any observed defects, this includes.

- The main stem or stems is inspected for decay, cavities, cracks, wounds and fruiting bodies.
- The crown of the tree and branches were observed with the eye and if an abnormality was noticed I use binoculars.
- The root collar and area around the roots were observed. I look for damage and fruiting bodies. And if the original grade was recently changed.

Based on these factors a determination of condition is made. Four condition categories are described below, based on species traits.

1. Excellent= free of defects and disease. Excellent structure and form for that species. The right tree for the location. Will be wind firm if isolated.
2. Good=No significant structural defects, no disease concerns. Normal structure and canopy color. Suitable for location. Will be wind firm if isolated.
3. Fair=Minor structural defects, not expected to contribute to failure in the near future, no disease concerns, moderate foliage density, cannot be isolated if in group, mostly suitable for location.
4. Poor= major structural defects expected to fail in the near future, in decline, significant issues. Wrong species for space.

I followed City of Seattle regulations cited below.

### Tree Measurement

Measurement of Tree Diameter Diameter at breast height (dbh), which means the diameter of a tree trunk measured at 4.5 feet above average grade, is used in determining the diameter of existing trees. Where a tree has a branch(es) or swelling that interferes with measurement at 4.5 feet above average grade or where a tree tapers below this point, the diameter is measured at the most narrow point below 4.5 feet. For trees located on a slope, the 4.5 feet is measured from the average of the highest and lowest ground points or, on very steep slopes where this is not possible, the lowest practical point on the uphill side. Where a tree splits into several trunks close to ground level, the dbh for the tree is the square root of the sum of the dbh for each individual stem squared (example with 3 stems:  $dbh = \text{square root } [(stem1)^2 +$

**Size Threshold**

"I documented the diameter and species of each significant tree on site or close border tree. I then referenced The City of Seattle Director's rule 18-2008 and noted if any trees measured are Exceptional. I also followed the directors rule following statement.  
"Trees with a diameter at breast height (dbh), defined in this rule, that is equal to or greater than the threshold diameters listed in Table 1 are considered exceptional unless they fail to meet the risk criteria discussed in the following section. For all species not listed in Table 1, the threshold diameter is 30" or 75% of the largest documented diameter for a tree of that species in Seattle, whichever is less, as noted in Trees of Seattle, 2nd edition by Arthur Lee Jacobson. If no tree diameter or circumference is listed in this source, the threshold diameter is 30" or 65% of the largest documented diameter for a tree of that species in Washington, whichever is less, as noted in Champion Trees of Washington State by Robert Van Pelt". (DPD 2)

**Tree Grove**

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I then documented the diameter and species of each significant tree on site or close border tree. Border trees and trees on adjacent property's from the work site were estimated. **Previous tree measurements and ID from the surveyor were ignored, locations were used.**  
I measured the drip lines of all Exceptional trees and most border trees. All tree diameter measurement in inches.

**What I did not do**

Shrubs defined in the book Trees and Shrubs by Philip Edinger and published by Sunset Books, were not measured because they are not considered trees.  
I did not use GPS or GIS.  
I did not trespass.  
I did not assess any tree for risk.

**Assumptions and Limiting Conditions**

1. A Field examination of the site was made 12/19/2018. My observations and conclusions are as of that date.

2. Any legal description provided to the consultant is assumed to be correct. It is assumed that this property is not in violation of any codes, statutes, ordinances, or other governmental regulations. No responsibility is assumed for legal matters.
3. Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. However, the consultant can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.
4. The consultant shall not be required to give testimony or attend court by reason of this report unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made, including additional fees.
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6. All trees possess the risk of failure. Trees can fail at any time, with or without obvious defects, and with or without applied stress.
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10. The consultant's role is only to make recommendations; actions or inaction's on the part of the client are not the responsibility of the consultant.
11. Loss or alteration of any part of this report invalidates the entire report.

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

**Sent:** Sunday, November 29, 2020 1:53 PM

**To:** SCI\_Code\_Compliance <SCI\_Code\_Compliance@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; mattloharris@gmail.com; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; bakerstreetcommunitygroup@gmail.com

**Subject:** 1140 and 1142 NW 59TH ST

**CAUTION: External Email**

That's not the Seattle building code prohibit the removal of exceptional trees without a permit?

If so, it does not appear to be enforced for the address listed in the subject line within Ballard. Notices of Applications - 4 unit lots on parent lot of with 2 of 3 trees removed just before permit application.

Address:1140 NW 59TH ST

Project:3037308-LU

Area: North/Northwest

Notice Date:11/23/2020

Project Description Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into two unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6790325-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:12/07/2020

with

Application for project 3037309-LU(Click for complete notice information)

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The submitted site plan fail to show the existence of the tree that may have been a city of Seattle exceptional tree. By the look at the stump and it's crown from aerial Imaging, it appears of the large removed tree was indeed exceptional and possibly removed as a condition of the sale of the property.

Also note that the criteria for subdivisions require the owner to consider the maximum retention of existingTrees.

I guess they won't have to worry about that if they have the trees removed before hand.

Please investigate if this warrants a fee per the directors role.

David Moehring

TreePAC 🌲

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Information icons: 'i', location arrow, and '2D'.



1140 NW 59th St

NW 59th St

Weather icon: cloud with rain, 46°, and AQI 56.

Marked Location  
2.4 mi

From: Barbara Downward <lavender@mindspring.com>  
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 3:16 PM  
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>  
Subject: tree legislation

CAUTION: External Email

thank you for the notice about new tree legislation. It is a lengthy document.

As a Seattle homeowner and former Seattle Park volunteer, I am acquainted with City of Seattle bureaucracy. I do not want to be subject to complaint driven regulation. If the City isn't able to adequately enforce a new regulation, I don't want that regulation.

We have 34 trees on our small City lot. Some are larger than 6" dbh. I hope for more carrots than sticks in new rules, like property tax reduction for a percentage of canopy cover over a lot. I think King County has rules like that.

good luck Sandra,

Barbara Downward

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**From:** Forest Brooks <forest\_74@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Seattle's Tree's

CAUTION: External Email

As a twenty plus year resident of Fremont. living in Rich Beyers development he and Margaret built in 1978. He would be sick with the amount of urban canopy being downed for population density and profit. If he were with us he'd want to find a compromise that would retain the livability of the trees and that of our city.

But alas he's dead.

Forest Brooks

Sent from iPony

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**From:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 11:13 PM  
**To:** SCI\_Code\_Compliance <SCI\_Code\_Compliance@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** seattletreelossgooglegroups.com <seattletreeloss@googlegroups.com>  
**Subject:** Photos of exceptional tree removed on Oct 1 2019 in order to provide 2 of 5 parking spaces for an ADU and DADU  
**Importance:** High

CAUTION: External Email

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536 N 67th St







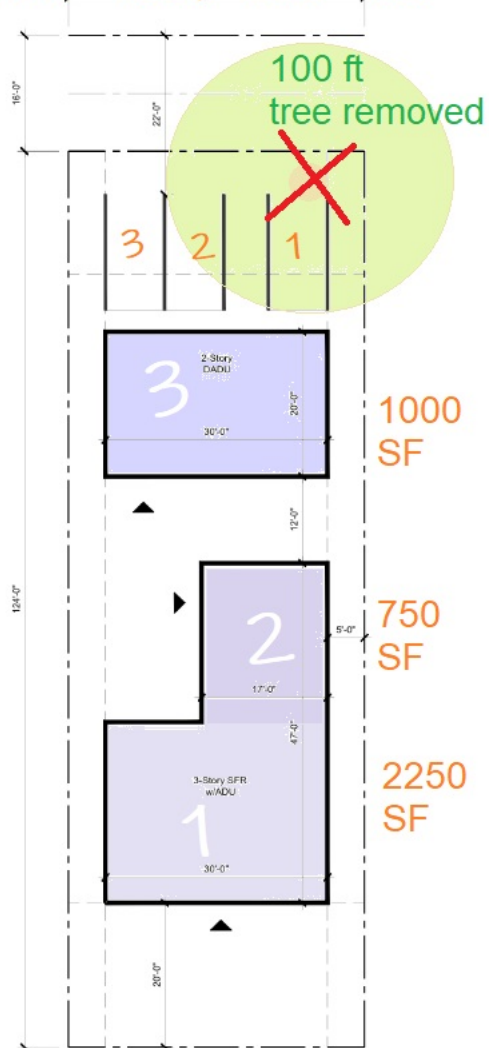








Lot area = 4960; FAR = 0.8



536 N 67TH ST N 67th St SEATTLE

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**From:** Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 8:32 AM

**To:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

**Cc:** SCI\_Code\_Compliance <SCI\_Code\_Compliance@seattle.gov>; seattletreelossgooglegroups.com <seattletreeloss@googlegroups.com>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Martha Baskin <mobaskin@earthlink.net>; Josh Morris <Joshm@seattleaudubon.org>; Maria Batayola <mbjumpstart@msn.com>; Suzanne Grant <suzgrant206@gmail.com>; info@DontClearcutSeattle.org; Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Re: [TREE LOSS] Photos of exceptional tree removed on Oct 1 2019 in order to provide 2 of 5 parking spaces for an ADU and DADU

Thank you David,

Despite seeing this before, it is still incredibly shocking to see such a healthy, large, native Western red cedar being removed for nothing more than a measly parking space, not to mention how neither SDCI or a consulting arborist could find evidence of its existence, despite there being evidence in numerous photographs and on Google Maps.

Looking at the base of the tree, there is absolutely no indication of any internal problems with the tree which would suggest any future decline was imminent, meaning this was a fully functioning and beneficial organism, likely home to a myriad of lifeforms.

What is more disturbing, as SDCI continues to discuss options of the update to the Director's Rule for Exceptional Trees, is the clear L&I infractions being committed by the tree removal crew, which if this had been observed and reported in time, would have resulted in L&I site safety inspectors shutting down the operation. This crew is most likely an 'out of town' operation with potentially the incorrect level of insurance and L&I coverage to be working on trees. It is unlikely they have an ISA Certified Arborist on site or even in the 'company', which are all items which could be put into place by SDCI to ensure trees are only being pruned and removed by registered, licensed and insured companies, which can therefore be held accountable for their illegal actions.

As this situation clearly demonstrates, the healthy, exceptional cedar tree was not permitted for removal in relation to this development and so both the tree removal service and the property owner are in violation of SMC25.11 and DR 2008-16, so should be found in violation of this crime and fined accordingly. Evidence is evidence, whether or not it comes from an SDCI site inspector, who may or may not understand how to look for evidence of the existence of large and 'protected' trees.

Large, healthy trees, including native conifers are being removed on a daily basis, many of them without permits and it is not a surprise why, as tree removal companies know they can come into Seattle and remove a tree in a matter of hours and even if they leave a huge stump as evidence, they are not being found in violation.

I recently read an article (<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2020/nov/30/international-lawyers-draft-plan-to-criminalise-ecosystem-destruction>) about a group of international lawyers who are seeking to start taking companies to international courts for 'ecocide' if and when they destroy the environment for profit and selfish gain, which gives me hope that in time this will expand to taking countries, states, counties and even municipalities to the same courts for wanton destruction of the environment.

Seattle can and must do better. There are only so many of these amazing trees left in the City and how embarrassing it will be when our leaders are the ones having to defend their (in)actions in an international tribunal because the last 'exceptional' tree in Seattle has declined because it finally succumbed to the stresses of climate change which could have been prevented if only one action had been carried out; place an immediate moratorium on all tree removals until a comprehensive and practical tree protection ordinance can be implemented and enforced?

Step One; development must adhere to the same rules as 'regular' property owners. The fact this is not the case is the biggest, single reason we are losing trees by the thousands annually. Profit for the few, to the detriment of all does not make sense and it is not sustainable.

Children understand the need for trees, so why cannot our decision making adults. It truly is embarrassing.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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Help support TreePAC's efforts to create a stronger tree ordinance, more informed residents, and more informed City Officials.

Guide to save trees before it is too late:

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**From:** Maria Batayola <mbjumpstart@msn.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 2:31 PM

**To:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Aguirre, Jesús <Jesus.Aguirre@seattle.gov>; Andrea Akita <aakita2seattle@gmail.com>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; SARAH WELCH <sarahwelch@comcast.net>; Kathy Colombo <kckcolombo@gmail.com>; Beacon Hill Council (Group Email) <bhc-directors@googlegroups.com>

**Subject:** RESENT Preserving the Sensitive Area Heartland of Cheasty Greenspace in Beacon Hill

**CAUTION: External Email**

*Attached and noted below is the letter for your convenience.*

December 4, 2020

Mayor Jenny Durkan

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Re: Preserving the Sensitive Area Heartland of Cheasty Greenspace

Honorable Mayor Durkan, Ms. Finn-Coven, Mr. Aguirre, Ms. Akita and Ms. Pinto-Urrutia,

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of all parties, and preserves the Heartland. Please feel free to contact me at 206 293 2951. Stay safe/healthy. Salamat po in advance.

Sincerely,

**Maria Batayola**, Chair

c: Beacon Hill City CM Hon. Lorena Gonzalez, Tammy Morales and Teresa Mosqueda  
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**From:** Kathy Capalener <capalener@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 3:07 PM

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

**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees



Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Kathy Capalener

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**From:** Peyton Mays <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020 10:54 AM

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

**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Daley, president and CEO of American Forests, "A map of tree cover in virtually any city in America is also effectively a map of income and race."

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