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2021 Priority Actions:

1. Council’s urban forestry management consolidation SLI	4. Outreach and Engagement
2. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies	5. Funding for Urban Forestry
3. Urban Forest Management Plan	6. Internal Operations

Topic Area / Action	UFC lead	Parties involved	Start date	Agenda date	Outcome /deliverable
1. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies					
1.1 Urban Forestry Consolidation Statement of Legislative Intent					
1.1.1 Participate in deliberative sessions with City staff and Council around SLI response	Weston/Sandra	Council, MO, Core Team	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
1.2. Advise the City on its tree and urban forest protection ordinance update					
1.2.1 Participate in deliberative sessions on Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance update	Weston, Stuart, Josh, Sarah, Elby	SDCI/OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Updated ordinance Recommendation
1.2.2 SDCI payment in lieu as mitigation	David, Blake	SDCI	TBD	TBD	Deliberative session/recommendation
1.2.3 SDCI Hazardous tree definition	Michael, Stuart, Whit	SDCI	TBD	TBD	Deliberative session/recommendation
1.2.4 Develop recommendations for revising Director’s Rules and TIPs relevant to clarify the interpretation of the tree protection ordinance 1.2.4.1 Exceptional Tree Director’s Rule - Participate in deliberative sessions with staff	Josh, Sarah, Stuart, Weston, Whit	SDCI	Ongoing	March	Ongoing input via deliberative sessions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update recommendations to reflect Law Department, and other considerations - Produce document with recommendation on development activity and trees 					
1.2.5 Explore opportunity to change setbacks for residential zones in the land use code	Weston, Blake, Elby, David	SDCI	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
1.2.6 Understand the City's Design Review Guidelines and opportunities for tree preservation. Actual design impacts for tree preservation. Tree preservation actual impact on housing capacity and affordability.	Weston, Julia	SDCI	May	May	Received briefing
1.2.7 Legislation dealing with zoning that can affect urban forestry	Josh, Julia, Blake, David	State	TBD	TBD	Monitor
1.3 Advise the City on urban forestry policies					
1.3.1 SPR tree policies/programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supplemental Use Guidelines for Natural Areas/Greenbelts - Cheasty Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot - Tree maintenance program - Viewpoints policy - Colman Park follow-up - Green Seattle Partnership 	Whit, Julia, Sarah	Parks	Dec briefing	Dec briefing	Monitor progress
1.3.2 Explore opportunities for tree planting in industrial areas: Port of Seattle, Freight Advisory Board; SDOT	Whit, Michael	Port of Seattle	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
1.3.3 Follow up on recommendation for increased coordination between SDOT and SCL on tree maintenance and pruning cycles.	Whit, Sandra	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	TBD
1.3.4 Seattle tree list update (OPCD, SDCI, and SDOT) including what not to plant (Holly, English ivy, etc.)	Whit, Michael, Sarah, Elby	OPCD, SDCI, SDOT	TBD	TBD	Recommendation
1.3.5 Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green New Deal - Climate Action Plan - Carbon accounting/credits 	Julia	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
2. Urban Forest Management Plan					
2.1 Support UFMP update					
2.1.1 Provide review and input to draft plan as part of City Council's public comment process	Weston, Jessica, Sarah	Core Team	Mar/June	TBD	Letter of recommendation

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3. Outreach and Engagement					
3.1 City council and Mayor's Office interaction					
3.1.1 Present 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Plan to Council and the Mayor	Weston, Sandra	CC, OSE	April	April	Transmittal letter
3.1.2 Hold meetings with Council and Mayor's Office	Weston	CC, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Build relationships
3.2 Community Engagement/Education					
3.2.1 Develop info sheet to respond to community inquiries/communications 3.2.1.1 Break down the conversation of trees vs. X (gentrification, development vs. trees, affordable housing vs. trees, etc.)	Whit, Elena, Sandra, Julia, Sarah	UFC/Community	Q1	March	One-pager
3.2.2 Intentionally expand the diversity of voices the UFC engages with. Expressly seek out underrepresented communities that have not been historically at the table	Whit, Sarah, Elby, Elena	UFC/Community	Ongoing	Ongoing	TBD
3.2.3 Support City departments on promoting the "What not to Plant" list	Weston, Michael, Elby, Elena	Core Team	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.2.4 Meet with community groups to engage in dialogue about the importance of trees, the UFC role, and community interests/priorities 3.2.4.1 Key Arena redevelopment 3.2.4.2 Tree protection ordinance update 3.2.4.3 Development and real estate community	Weston, Jessica, Sarah, Elena	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build relationship
3.2.5 Plan urban forestry outreach and engagement and attend events such as Arbor Day, Green Seattle Day, and Trees for Seattle events	Sandra, Blake, Elena	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	Participation
3.2.6 City of Seattle applications and engagement programs	Sandra, Blake, Elena	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	Participation
3.3 Internal Engagement					
3.3.1 Develop annual calendar to invite City Departments to brief the UFC	Weston, All	UF IDT	January	Ongoing	Discussion
3.3.2 Introduce the UFC at commission meetings (Planning, Pedestrian, Bike, Parks, MPD Oversight Committee); Neighborhood Council meetings; and	Weston, David	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	UFC promotion and coordination

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public meetings					
3.3.3 Align UF IDT and UFC's work plan 3.3.3.1 Hold annual joint UFC/IDT meeting	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Coordination
3.4 Engagement with Community Organizations and Urban Forestry Partners					
3.4.1. Integrated perspective (including public health) - King County Public Health - King County Authority on Homelessness	Weston, Shari, Julia, Jessica	SSD, DON, OSE, Assoc's	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.2 Engagement with landowners - Seattle School District - WA State Department of Transportation - Port of Seattle	Weston, Sandra, Julia	TBD	TBD	TBD	Briefing on Pest Resilience
3.4.3 Engagement with urban forestry organizations including: UW and community colleges with horticulture programs and landscape architecture; Tilth Alliance; Seattle Green Ways; Native Plant Society; Citizen Science – SnoKing Watershed Council; Washington State Urban and Community Forestry	Michael, Whit, Elby, Shari, Julia	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.4 Engagement with tree care professionals - Understanding tree code - Working with homeowners - Jobs pipeline (including increasing diversity)	Weston, Sandra	SDOT, Parks	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.5 The last 6,000 majestic trees (civic campaign)	Weston, David	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.5 Race and Social Justice Initiative					
3.5.1 Incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work	Whit, Sandra, Julia	OSE	January	Ongoing	New language
3.6 State legislation					
3.6.1 Track legislation being considered in Olympia affecting Seattle's urban forest	Josh, Elena	OSE, OIR	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendations to CoS?
4. Funding for Urban Forestry					
4.1 City budget tracking	Sandra	UF Core Team	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
4.2 Encourage City to allocate necessary budget to implement new tree ordinance	Steve, Sandra	SDCI, MO, CC	Ongoing	Ongoing	Letter of recommendation

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4.3 Green Seattle Partnership ongoing briefings on use of funds and reimagining process	Weston, Sandra	OSE, SPR (GSP)	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
4.4 Transfer of development rights for protection of tree groves (Seattle Times building example)	Weston, Michael, Julia, David	SDCI	TBD	TBD	TBD
4.5 Trees for Seattle program update	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Q2	Q2	Ongoing support
4.6 Carbon Economy (State, County, City levels)	Weston, Sandra, Julia	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
5. Internal Operations					
5.3 Issue 2020 Annual Report	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual report
5.2 Create 2021 work plan	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual work plan
5.3 Participate in interviews for UFC members recruitment	All, Sandra	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Appointment recommendations
5.4 Hold Chair and Vice-chair elections	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec	Nov/Dec	New leadership