

**Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through May 6, 2020.**

**From:** rene Alcauter <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:02 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,

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**From:** Frances Merenda <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our (Seattle) Trees!

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Frances Merenda

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**From:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 12:36 AM  
**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; Conrad, Sean <Sean.Conrad@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** kajitani\_72@msn.com; mannydupper@yahoo.com; neighborhoodtreekeepersgmail.com <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** 2212 NE 125TH ST 3032669-LU

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please **provide a public meeting** for the church property at **2212 NW 125th Street** that is being proposed with drawings that show 16 homes and 11 garage spaces within SF-7200 zoning.

A significant part of this property includes Thornton Creek and it's **wetlands** buffer zone... which should reduce the land area available to build on. Yet five of the homes and several of the garage spaces are being built within the wetlands buffer.

Typically, 16 single-family properties within this zone would require 97,920 square feet (16\*7200\*85%). Yet this lot including the ECA with wetlands and **tree groves** is just 84,942 square feet according to the King County Property Records. The property is, therefore, too small for all of the proposed homes without a contract rezone.

Nine homes without encroaching within the wetland buffer and without removing a tree grove would likely work. Please have drawings the clarify the site plan proposed at the public meeting. Please answer under what conditions, also, would SDCI allow more than one single family residence on a lot as stated in the Notice?

Also, please make available the **arborist report** that documents trees to remain compared to trees to be removed.

Finally, please make available how the Seattle Municipal Code requirement to **retain or replant** at least 2-inches of tree diameter for every 1000 square foot of lot area is being satisfied.

Thank you,

David Moehring  
Board Member, TreePAC  
[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)

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Zone: SF 7200  
Date of Application: 03/31/2020

Date Application Deemed Complete: 03/31/2020  
Applicant Contact: LINDA PRUITT - (206) 852-3755  
SDCI Planner: SEAN CONRAD - (206) 733-9063

Land Use Application to allow 9, 2-story single family residences. Parking for 21 vehicles proposed. Existing building to be demolished. ECA Administrative Conditional Use to allow more than one single family residence on a lot.

SEPA Environmental Determination (This project is subject to the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355) and Early DNS Process (SMC 25.05.355). This comment period may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this proposal.

David Moehring  
312-965-0634



ST GEORGE  
CHURCH

Taxpayer name: DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA INC  
Address: 2212 NE 125TH ST 98125  
Appraised value: \$1,902,300  
Lot area: 84,942

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Your message has been received by the SDOT Urban Forestry Landscape Architect's Office.

This mailbox is set up to expedite response by the **SDOT LA** Office staff assigned to support Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI) project applicants to meet Land Use Code requirements for street trees in a manner compatible with Green Factor Ordinance requirements proposed for the ROW.

Ensure your email is formatted per the following: *resend if necessary*

Email Subject line: Project address - SDCI project number (if assigned)

Clarify request for one or more of the following:

- Pre-Design Tree Preservation or Remove & Replace existing trees in the ROW. Please send a current photo of the tree(s) to expedite review.
- Conceptual Approval - Review of project site plans for Conceptual Approval from SDOT Urban Forestry required for MUP submittal
- Protection Review - Confirm protection requirements for existing street trees in the Right of Way adjacent to the project site, including pruning requirements.
- Standards - Clarify standards for protection of undisturbed soil as a tree protection measure or to meet soil volume requirements for new trees

You will receive a response directly from staff assigned to your project.

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**From:** Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 2:13 PM  
**To:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
**Cc:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; Conrad, Sean <Sean.Conrad@seattle.gov>; kajitani\_72@msn.com; mannydupper@yahoo.com; neighborhoodtreekeepersgmail.com <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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Thank you David, I second this request. Given the current restrictions on public meetings, I request that there be no decisions made on projects such as this until the public can be involved in ensuring the City's own codes are enforced to help protect environmentally critical locations such as this very fragile wetland.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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**From:** Frances Merenda <[info@email.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@email.actionnetwork.org)>

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**To:** Finn Coven, Jessica <[Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov](mailto:Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov)>

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OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

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**From:** Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:25 AM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Conrad, Sean <Sean.Conrad@seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepersgmail.com <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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Kind Regards,  
Judy Akalaitis

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**From:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 11:18 AM  
**To:** Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** SDCI Res.31902/Our phone call of 4-15-2020

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**From:** Janetway <janetway@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 5:35 PM  
**To:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
**Cc:** Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: SDCI Res.31902/Our phone call of 4-15-2020

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Amazing letter and effort. Kudos!

Janet

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 17, 2020, at 11:52 AM, David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)> wrote:

**From Suzanne Grant** (wrote and performed "There is a Hole in the Sky") **which has had 800,000 hits on social media nationwide.**

**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 at 9:17 AM

**From:** "Suzanne Grant" <[suzanne@grantharper.net](mailto:suzanne@grantharper.net)>

**To:** [Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov](mailto:Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov)

**Cc:** [noah.an@seattle.gov](mailto:noah.an@seattle.gov), [alex.pedersen@seattle.gov](mailto:alex.pedersen@seattle.gov), [andrew.lewis@seattle.gov](mailto:andrew.lewis@seattle.gov)

**Subject:** Re: SDCI Res.31902/Our phone call of 4-15-2020

Hello Councilmember Strauss,

Thanks again for talking with me this week. I appreciate your time.

Per your request, I will restate the questions I posed during our phone call regarding the ongoing work by SDCI to pass an updated Tree Ordinance.

First, I would like to ask who is really in charge in our City – The Mayor, City Council or SDCI? I'm sure there is a working relationship, but I propose that SDCI works *for* you, not the other way around. Therefore, I think it is appropriate that you push back on their proposed schedule in enacting yet *another* tree ordinance that will protect the exceptional trees, tree groves and urban forest in our once-named Emerald City.

Referring to the PowerPoint (see photos attached) that SDCI presented on Resolution 31902 during the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council Committee meeting (during which I sang "There's a Hole in the Sky"), I have several questions:

- A. Work Completed: Who are the two arborists hired? (For the record, Art Pederson of SDCI told me personally that he is "not the City Arborist...he is an Environmental Analyst". I certainly would welcome some arborists working at SDCI!)
- B. Work Underway: What is the progress on the projects? They were scheduled to be completed in March.
  1. What are the updates to the Exceptional Tree Director's Rule?
  2. Has SDCI finished working with Seattle IT to track tree removal and planting? If so, can we find out what has happened over the last 15 years regarding replacement? (See PDF of Ballard 2019 Massacre below)

3. Have they had any working sessions with Urban Forestry Commission? If so, what has been discussed? `
- C. Proposed Schedule
  1. Why, oh why do they need 2 months (April/May) to develop outreach materials?! Comments (at least 100 per month from Don'tClearCutSeattle just this year) have come in over the past 15 years regarding the lack of enforcement of the tree protections that are already in the Code. Who do they need to ask??
  2. I support your questioning the 2-month schedule for Public Outreach. Again, this issue has been going on unresolved and unenforced since the 2008 Director's Rule. I sincerely hope you will follow up with SDCI, as they told you they would get back to you with an answer.
  3. Why is nothing happening during the months of July & August? Is SDCI is not going to work during that time? Aren't they still being paid? Aren't developments still being constructed and trees still being cut down?!
  4. Lastly, if the Mayor, City Council and SDCI cannot come together to make decisions and enforce the Code that currently exists until a *year* has gone by, I strongly call for a *moratorium* on cutting Exceptional Trees and Tree Groves!

You know that there are some in our City that don't seem to be able to understand that it is possible to increase density and save trees. They may call the issue "Density Versus Trees" and approach it the way that Trump does where there is name calling and an assumption that we cannot work together and if you are not with them, you are totally against them. However, there exists another approach where we are willing to listen to each other and come up with cooperative solutions that include density *with* trees. The question is...Are we *smart* enough to take this approach? Which path will we follow? Let's challenge ourselves to work together to find solutions that will both increase density (hopefully affordable) *and* save trees.

The second PDF below describes such a solution where trees were saved while density was increased in Ballard.

The rest of the world knows that saving trees, especially mature trees, is a valuable path to mitigate climate change. Here in Seattle, we ought to realize that too! I recommend reading "The Man Who Planted Trees" by Jim Robbins if you need some reasons to save our urban forests.

I look forward to communicating with you further to learn about the progress being made toward this crucial issue that affects livability and health in our City.

Thank you.

Suzanne Grant

2723 4th Ave W 98119

On Mar 12, 2019, at 9:33 AM, Strauss, Daniel <[Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov](mailto:Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov)> wrote:

Suzanne,

This is very helpful and I really appreciated meeting you yesterday. I will check in with SDCI and circle back to you by the end of the week. If we haven't connected by Monday, please feel free to call my desk line at 206.684.4335.

Many thanks for bringing me out to see the site.

Best,

Dan

**From:** Suzanne Grant <[suzanne@grantharper.net](mailto:suzanne@grantharper.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** Strauss, Daniel <[Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov](mailto:Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Exceptional Tulip Tree on QA

Hello Dan,

Thank you for coming out to the exceptional Tulip Tree yesterday to meet with us. You asked me to send a couple of items.

Here is the link to the Streamline Design Review:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3562067>

Here is the proposed plan by our architect that allows the developer to attain his maximum Floor Area Ratio:

We believe the developer did not consider enough alternatives before deciding to use the loophole/exception in the Code to cut down the tree.

Also, I would like to let you know that I was interviewed last week by The Seattle Times about our efforts to save the Tree. This was before you notified me about your intention to meet with me.

We certainly appreciate your time yesterday to discuss the situation and look forward to hearing more about your efforts to save the trees in our Emerald City.

Suzanne Grant

On Mar 7, 2019, at 5:32 PM, Strauss, Daniel <[Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov](mailto:Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov)> wrote:

Suzanne,

Yes - let's plan to meet Monday at 10:00 am.

Thank you!

Dan

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**From:** Alex Wipf <[info@email.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@email.actionnetwork.org)>

**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 8:44 AM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>

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**From:** Jacob Masen-Smith <[smith.jacob@gmail.com](mailto:smith.jacob@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** PRC <[PRC@seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@seattle.gov)>; Conrad, Sean <[Sean.Conrad@seattle.gov](mailto:Sean.Conrad@seattle.gov)>; Thaler, Toby <[Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov](mailto:Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov)>; Pedersen, Alex <[Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov](mailto:Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov)>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>  
**Subject:** Tree removals without comment!?

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Sincerely,  
Jacob Masen-Smith

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**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** PRC <[PRC@seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@seattle.gov)>; DOT\_LA <[DOT\\_LA@seattle.gov](mailto:DOT_LA@seattle.gov)>  
**Cc:** [seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net](mailto:seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net) <[seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net](mailto:seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net)>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>; Strauss, Dan <[Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov](mailto:Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov)>; An, Noah <[Noah.An@seattle.gov](mailto:Noah.An@seattle.gov)>; Pedersen, Alex <[Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov](mailto:Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov)>; Thaler, Toby <[Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov](mailto:Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov)>; Lewis, Andrew



<Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Triple loser at 1713 and 1717 14TH AVE

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NOTE: 3 Exceptional trees to be removed and street tree harmed for 1713 1717 14TH AVE

Thank you for allowing amended comment on **1713 and 1717 14TH AVE...**

and please do also clarify how is a building permit issued for this eleven-dwelling development under a different address of **1715 14th Avenue** in Capital Hill?

The building permit (without public notice [6703105-CN](#)) has been issued on March 20, 2020 before this public notice was issued. Should not the building permit follow other land-use applications that may involve public comment?

Specifically, which person at SDCI is responsible to review the building permit for Exceptional Trees and possible street tree loss? Why has this LR3-zoning not been enforced for the code-required protections of the one of more protected trees?

This is LR3 zoning which may be built up vertically rather than horizontally. Three-story rowhouses and townhouses (restricted together by SMC 23.84a.032.R.21) are an inefficient use of land within this zoning... and as a result the Exceptional trees have been needlessly removed... further impacting this area's urban heat island impacts. None of these dwellings are being offered as affordable units.

- wrong housing type for LR3
- Exceptional trees not retained with design options
- no affordable units

This is a triple loser...

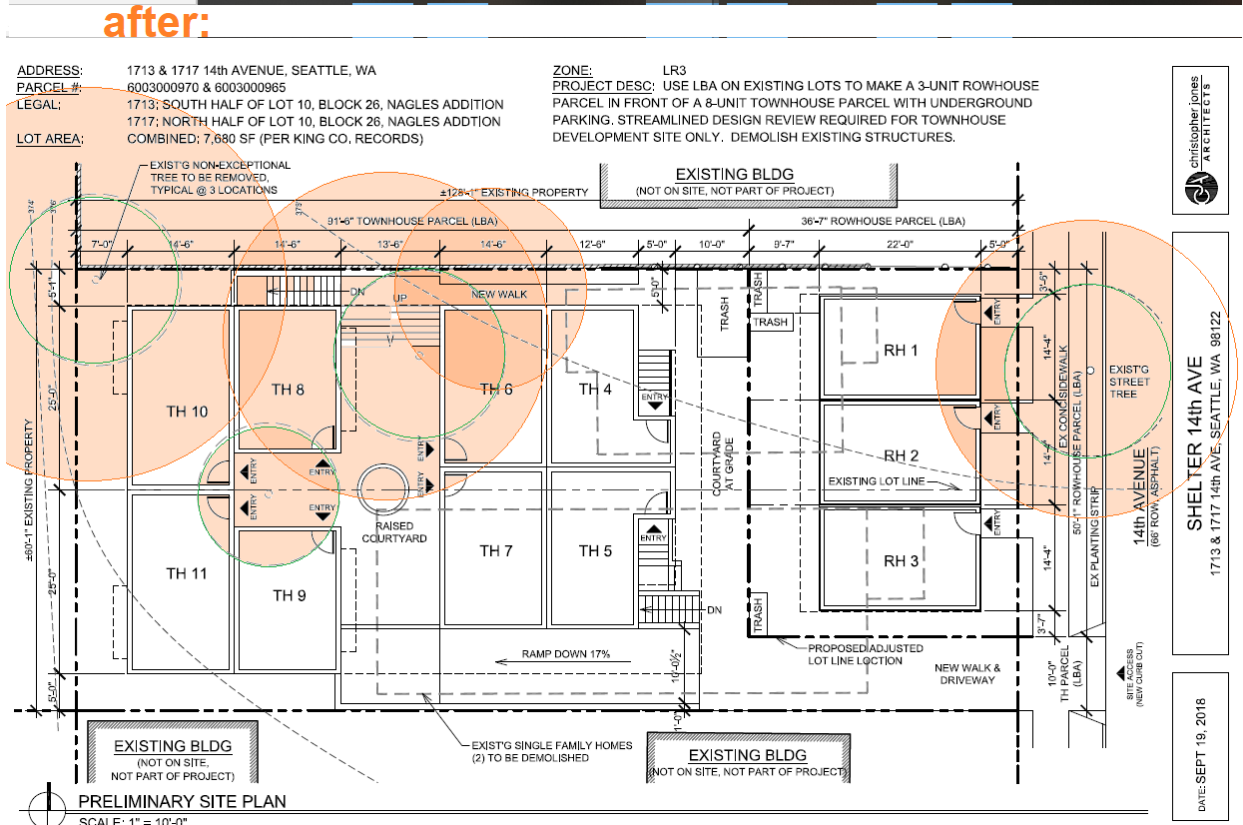
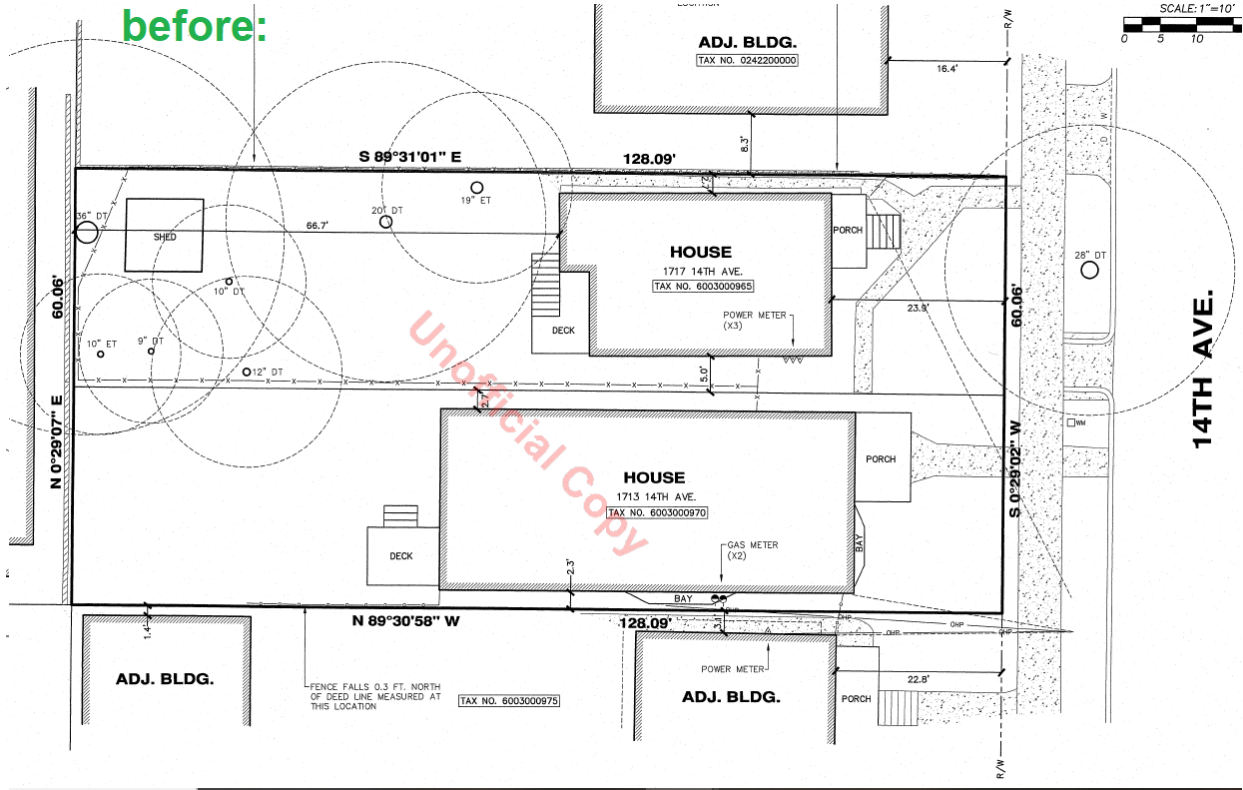
(repeated comments below the annotated image)

[3033530-LU \(1717\)](#)

[3035346-LU \(1717\)](#)

[3033530-LU \(1713\)](#)

Orange tone = tree removed for horizontal verses vertical development in LR3 zone



Seattle needs a better enforced tree ordinance.

David Moehring

From: PRC <[PRC@seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@seattle.gov)>

Date: April 14, 2020

To: "[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)" <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>

Cc:

Subject: RE: RE: Please provide the public site plans and reports for 1717 14TH AVE

David,

The Land Use division (PRC) does not oversee any Construction permits (6 -series project numbers with -CN suffix). This is managed by the **Engineering Services Division**. If you have questions or concerns with Construction Permits or Demolition Permits **you need to contact Engineering Services**, not Land Use (PRC).

### Engineering Services

[Sci\\_plans\\_routing@seattle.gov](mailto:Sci_plans_routing@seattle.gov)

Additionally, it is a Department of Homeland Security regulation that prohibits us from posting Construction Plan Sets on the website, not a SDCI decision. However, you can always email [sci\\_microfilm@seattle.gov](mailto:sci_microfilm@seattle.gov) to get all public documents. We are consistent with the regulations we must follow, so please stop assuming we are withholding information.



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Land Use Division

City of Seattle [Department of Construction and Inspections](#)

**From:** [dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com) <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 8:14 PM

**To:** PRC <[PRC@seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@seattle.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: RE: Please provide the public site plans and reports for 1717 14TH AVE

**CAUTION: External Email**

Thank you,

It is Understood that the arborist report may be filed within a different permit application (6-series) than the master use permit (3-series). The department has only recently refrained from making links available to arborist reports and to approved plans. This address is no exception. Specifically, searching this development addresses for all permits (#3 series and #6 series) on The electronic data management system or the cossacella system, the Arborists reports are not available to view. I know the report exists as it is referenced to in a listing of 'snapshot' documents.

Without consistency, one can only assume information is being withheld from equitable access.

Why would some #6 series documents be available and others are not available without a public records request?

Kind regards

David

Sent using the mail.com mail app

Forwarded email

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From: PRC <[PRC@seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@seattle.gov)>  
Date: April 13, 2020  
To: "David Moehring" <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: Please provide the public site plans and reports for 1717 14TH AVE

Hello David,

We do not “withhold information.” All documents are listed in the project’s portal, under ‘Attachments,’ in the links below. There would not be Arborists Reports for Master Use Permits **because Master Use Permits do not permit tree removal.**

**3033530-LU**

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=DPDPermits&TabName=DPDPermits&capID1=18DPD&capID2=00000&capID3=95268&agencyCode=SEATTLE>

**3035347-LU**

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**From:** David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 11:36 PM  
**To:** PRC <[PRC@seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@seattle.gov)>  
**Cc:** DOT\_LA <[DOT\\_LA@seattle.gov](mailto:DOT_LA@seattle.gov)>; Burdette, Branin <[Branin.Burdette@seattle.gov](mailto:Branin.Burdette@seattle.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please provide the public site plans and reports for 1717 14TH AVE

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear PRC -

Please keep me and others more informed about **1713 and 1717 14TH AVE** (SDCI Project: 3033530-LU and 3035347-LU), Owner: AUSTIN ON CAPITOL HILL LLC.

[comment on document availability removed]

It appears that a lot boundary adjustment (LBA) was issued July 2019 to convert two adjacent lots of approximately 3,850 sq ft each into two significantly different shaped lots: (1) a small street facing lot of 1,832 and (2) a rear lot of 5,862 square feet. There exists at least one large street tree; and the rear lot includes large trees, so please post to the publish the **arborist report** dated 05/17/19 so it may be reviewed for tree species, size and condition.

Please also post the site plan and plan set both dated May 17, 2019 so that anyone is able to make an intelligent comment. It appears that the small front lot is proposed to be subdivided into three unit lots (see also 6715875-CN). That equates to just 1 dwelling to just 610 square foot of land area. Despite land use code that prohibits other dwellings to be located behind row-houses in the front lot, the rear lot includes 8 townhouse dwellings that equates to just 1 dwelling for every 732 square feet of land area.

The smallest lot on this block is 915 square feet, quite larger than what is being proposed here.

Thank you,

David Moehring

Member, TreePAC

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NOTE: PERMIT HAS BEEN SUPMITTED UNDER A DIFFERENT ADDRESS 1715 14TH AVE RATHER THAN 1713 OR 1717

<a href="#">Approved Cover Sheet</a>	93 KB	03/06/20	<a href="#">6703105-CN</a>	Construction Permit
<a href="#">Permit</a>	95 KB	03/06/20	<a href="#">6703105-CN</a>	Construction Permit
<a href="#">Record Snapshot</a>	228 KB	03/06/20	<a href="#">6703105-CN</a>	Construction Permit
<a href="#">Correction Letter-Ordinance-Cycle4</a>	248 KB	01/17/20	<a href="#">6703105-CN</a>	Construction Permit

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BRAZIUNAS THOMAS+JANE 1731 14TH AVE 98122

MA WILSON 1708 14TH AVE



PARK INBAE C+CHIWOO 1706 14TH AVE

This is an **LR3 (M)** zone.

LR3 (M) is a Multifamily Residential zone where residential development such as townhouses, rowhouses, and apartments are allowed.

For more information about applicable development standards in this zone, review [Chapter 23.45](#) of the Land Use Code.

**Does MHA apply here?** Yes. Mandatory Housing Affordability requirements apply to development in this zone. For more information, review [SDCI's TIP sheet on MHA requirements](#).

**Zoning history** This zoning took effect in April 2019. It was established in Ordinance [125791](#). This is a change in zoning from **LR3**.

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**From:** Deanne Marie <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:03 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:** Cherylann Brown <LeoladyCA@Gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:40 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have been horrified to drive by patches of trees to see so many of them decapitated -- climate change means we must plant three when we do this to one. 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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**From:** Nathan Seaman <nseaman@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 1:39 AM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**From:** Jaclyn Smith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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**From:** MaryJean Mariano <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Long live the trees

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**From:** Shanail Snopov <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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**From:** Jamie Arnold <jamie.265@live.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:33 AM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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

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**From:** Akiva Gebler <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:35 AM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** We Need to Protect Seattle's Trees

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**From:** Leila El-Wakil <[info@email.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@email.actionnetwork.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>  
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And, consider increasing setbacks on all new multi unit housing construction in residential zones, to improve tree retention and preservation of green space.

Leila El-Wakil

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**From:** Sherry Narens <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:01 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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The earth does not have time to wait for new trees to mature. Please. Preserve the treasure we are blessed with.

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**From:** aphdx1@gmail.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:43 AM

**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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**From:** Laura Drake <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:23 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,

Developers must work around older, outstanding trees. There must be proper designation and EVERYONE needs to follow it. Developers have been given so much of this city. Much of our architectural history is gone, let's save our tree history. 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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**From:** jesse moore <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:26 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Just on my block I have seen much of the mature tree canopy removed, mostly by developers who completely scrape residential lots clean, and remove all vegetation. Trees of significance are not being declared by developers on their permits and there is no visible steps the public can take to protect important trees from developers in the permit and inspection process. I have learned from neighbors how developers are making "deals" with the people selling their homes to them, getting the seller to remove the trees prior to sale, so they can get around the rules. The birds, opossums, raccoons, and rabbits and rodents that used to inhabit the forested yards have been displaced. I seem more now than in the last 15 years - roaming streets and yards looking for somewhere else to live. Some commercial businesses are not keeping their trees and landscaping alive, not watering to establish new landscaping, or replacing when plants get damaged or die. Seattle's building department is not always

enforcing basic landscaping requirements in Georgetown, allowing retail parking lots to go in across from residential dwellings without installing required landscaping buffer. I expect better from my Emerald City in the Evergreen State! More action is needed like ENFORCING and STRENGTHENING our city ordinances to protect a resource that makes Seattle a city worth living in - Trees!

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**From:** Noelle Lindenmann <tallgirl@uw.edu>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 2:07 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Trees make Seattle the Emerald City!

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**From:** cassiewelliver@gmail.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**From:** Mary Traverse <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 2:19 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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Thank you!

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**From:** Herb Bowie <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Barbara Hill <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Sabina Look <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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**From:** Linda Wheeler <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:39 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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

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**From:** Valerie Lonneman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Danielle Beck <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:22 PM

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**From:** Rebecca Harris <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:23 PM  
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**From:** Patty Foley <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:28 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Patricia Scott <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:38 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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Protect our trees. Leave something for future generations!

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**From:** peter chapman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:45 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**From:** Ximenna Hofsetz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Jourdan Keith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:34 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**From:** Catherine Adams <catharren@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 5:56 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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Finally, I am tired of your idea of asphalt parks and roadways. Trees are needed, this is an old rainforest and we as human beings need those trees.

Catherine Adams

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**From:** Kanti Selig <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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Kanti Selig

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 8:21 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:** Vivian Steffey <ty42@comcast.net>

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Elizabeth Martof <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 4:11 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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

**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:02 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>

**Subject:** 2857 23rd Avenue West Seattle- yet another violation

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello all,

I wanted to bring to your attention yet **ANOTHER illegal large tree removal with no documentation.** I want to know what you are going to do about it, how you will bring legal action against this person and also address the ongoing paucity of supporting documentation for tree removals in ECAs. This lack of documentation was amply illustrated in our public records request.

I have raised this with the Dept of Commerce, recognizing the top down nature of the Growth Management Act which forces citizens to become (in their words, “citizen AGs”).

I want a response via email. We are out of patience with all the niceties and public comments and 2 minute pleas during 9:30am Tuesday meetings that no one who is working can attend. Don't assume because people don't show up at this time that they don't care- they are just making a living at work.

I am on the verge of reporting parts of the City to the AG's environmental crimes unit. Also Bob Ferguson just assembled a new environmental justice unit so I'm sure that our colleagues on the South End of the city (which is also being laid to waste) will be eager to utilize this new section's resources. Developers in their avarice are ready to pounce on the Brick Pit, the only natural parcel which separates Beacon Hill from a full range of industrial sites, airports and highways.

And where is OPCD in “planning” the city?

I already contacted the City Auditor's office who is ready for our documentation of the city's malfeasance with respect to tree “protection.” I also want to reinforce that everyone we work with recognizes and appreciates the historical wrongs exacted on people of color and lower incomes in redlining throughout Seattle. We are in support of everyone in this city who deserves a resilient, biophilically rich and healthy place to live. Mature trees are a civil right because of what they do for people's health and safety. Don't ever accuse people who support tree retention of being anti- citizen. That is an outrage, unfair and really clever messaging.

I also referred this story to Reveal in California and hope that some good investigative reporting will hasten the work you have been promising- empty- for years on end.

## 2857 23RD AVE W

This is your Record Number:

[003060-20CP](https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/welcome.aspx)

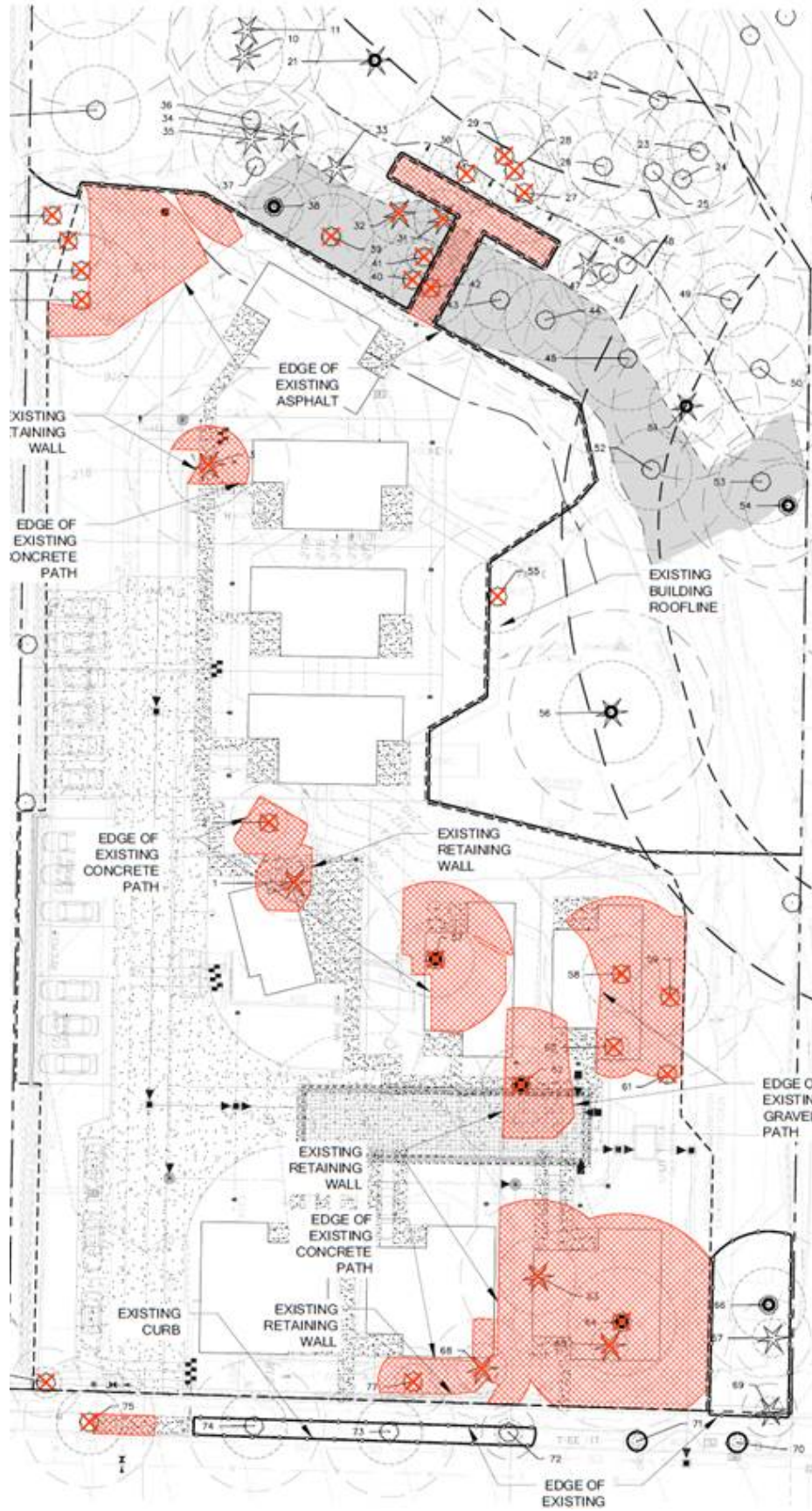
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Report stated:

*"A tall and very large exceptional tree has been removed the afternoon of April 15, 2020 in the Seattle ECA Right of Way between 2847 23rd Ave W and 3001 23rd Ave W. I called to complain at 2:45pm and it was confirmed that neither address had a permit for this tree removal. The work appeared to be complete by 4pm, with a healthy looking stump about 2 feet high and about 48-inches or more in diameter. Could not get close without entering private property."*









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**From:** Sara Burgess <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:20 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Marilyn Scott-Knutson <masque@comcast.net>

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Camille Sheppard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:58 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle has a unique collection of particularly large trees scattered throughout the older neighborhoods and urban areas of the city that provide habitat for animals, sanctuary for humans and the opportunity for all of us to learn to live in harmony with the earth and her non-human creatures.

These trees and the urban forests are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forests 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.

Camille Sheppard

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Seattle, Washington 98118

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

**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:50 PM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** sfayette@gmail.com; robertmrosenberger@hotmail.com; Cedar Mannan

<cedarandlia@gmail.com>; caseythebates@gmail.com; aaronpetryscott@gmail.com; Esonu, Onum

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<Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Even more CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE East

Dear PRC -

Urgently rescue Seattle's remaining urban forests.

Please conduct the previously requested "**public meeting**" (prior to COVID-19) that was received from over 50 households relative to the functionally-related developments including **9714 Lindsay Place S**. Given this month's limitations of COVID-19, it is now necessary to implement online meetings as currently implemented by the Seattle City Council.

The concerns include two different applications:

- (1) Short Plat Subdivision, and
- (2) SEPA Determination (buried under another address not yet created by the King County property records.)

Lot subdivision criteria include the (1) maximum retention of existing trees, (2) consideration for environmentally critical areas; and (3) emergency vehicle access; and (4) egress requirements.

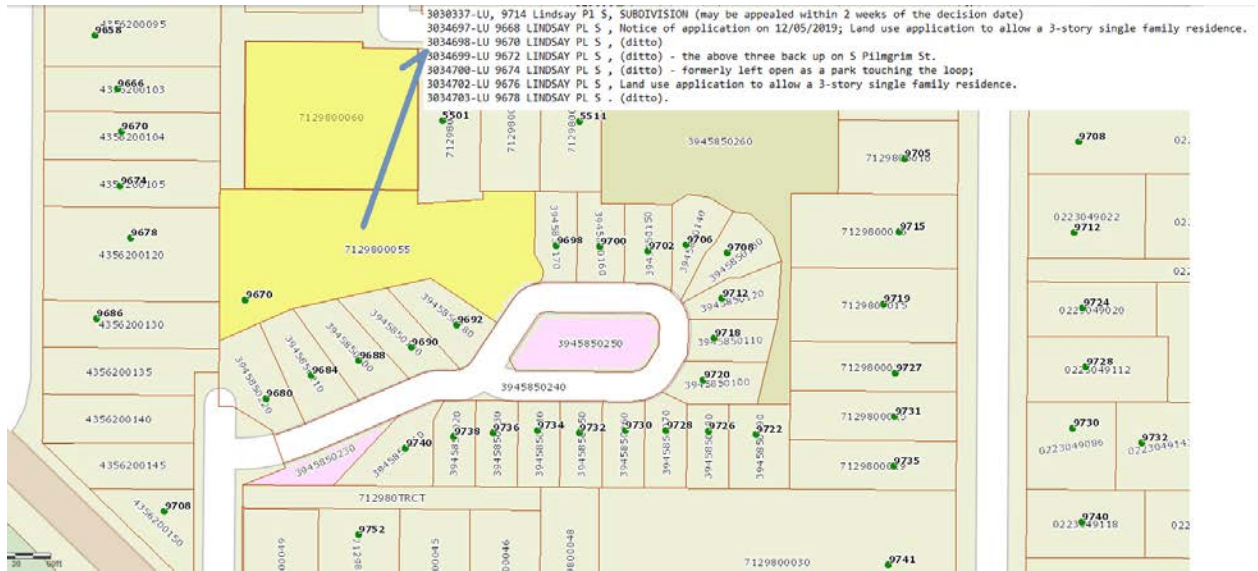
Now at risk are a number of protected tree groves as well as Exceptional trees that remain after clear-cutting several hundreds of trees (including Exceptional Trees and about 7 tree groves of at least 8-trees each) from the parcel immediately adjacent to this parcel. Please be sure to restrict in all ways as identified within the requirements of the code Titles 23 and 25 so that the deforestation of 100' tall trees within groves are not needlessly removed to build 6 or 7 houses on under-sized lots at Kubota Village East.

Land Use Application 3030337-LU is to subdivide two parcels into six parcels of land and one tract. It is described as 6 Lot Short Plat of 2 lots from related LBA #9804401 and LBA #8900415 with portions amended under Subdivision #3006789; and #6726524-EX

[FOR REFERENCE ONLY - LBA #9804401 - Rec #9904269013 - Parcel A](#)

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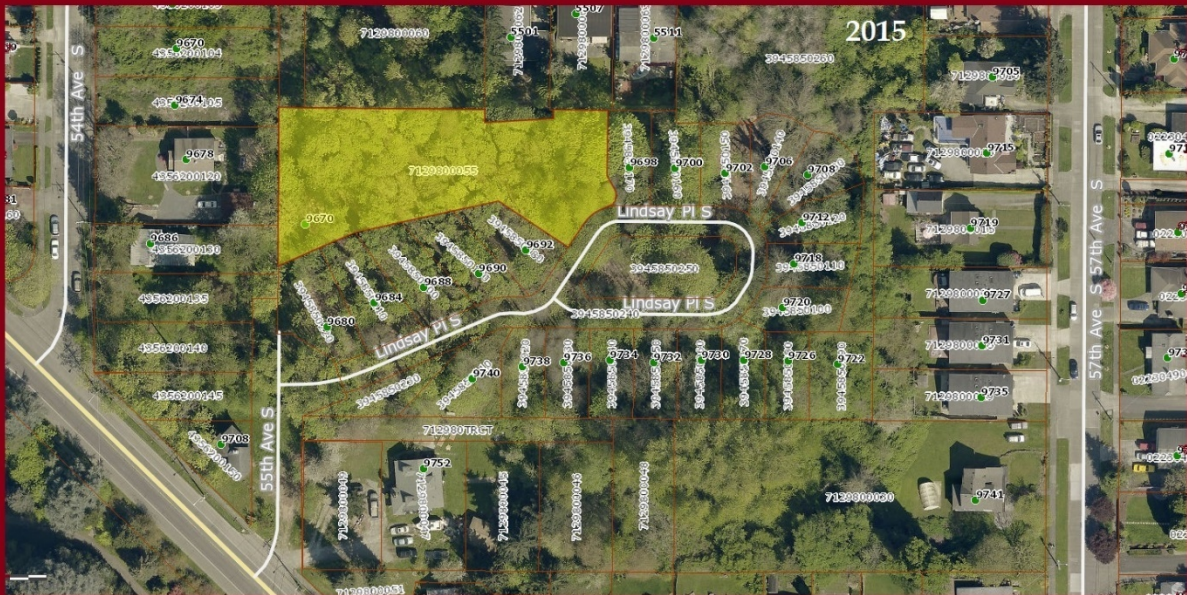
David Moehring  
312-965-0634





# CLEARCUT SEATTLE:

9670 LINDSAY PL S being DIVIDED INTO 4 MORE LOTS...



Seattle clearcutting at Kabota Village from 2015 (above) to 2017 (below)



Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 at 4:27 PM

From: "William Millhollin" <[william@nwpermit.com](mailto:william@nwpermit.com)>

To: "michaeloxman" <[michaeloxman@comcast.net](mailto:michaeloxman@comcast.net)>

Cc: "Stuart Niven" <[panorarbor@gmail.com](mailto:panorarbor@gmail.com)>, [tammy.morales@seattle.gov](mailto:tammy.morales@seattle.gov), "David Moehring" <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>, "Vasquez, Colin" <[Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov](mailto:Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov)>, "Tage Nickerson" <[tage@platsplus.com](mailto:tage@platsplus.com)>

Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Hello Michael & All,

Thank you very much for including us here. Please let me know if you have a date and time in mind to visit the property and construction site area so that we can make sure that either Tage or myself are available to walk everyone through the site. Please keep in mind that these are active construction areas so we want everyone to be safe. We would love to take part in your meeting and discussion, if you are interested then please let us know, Tage or I can answer any questions you have while on site.

The K2 Short Plat for 6 new lots that is currently in review and adjacent to the Kubota East Village Subdivision where you have pictures shown. As we are still in design for preliminary platting, not all elements are exact or solid just yet but we are hoping this next round of correction responses will address the concerns raised so far by the public and by reviewers.

Please let me know if there anything I can send over at this time. We are striving to reply to all public comments, so certainly submit any questions you have and I will get them answered.

Have a great day and weekend

On Fri, Feb 21, 2020 at 9:49 AM michaeloxman <[michaeloxman@comcast.net](mailto:michaeloxman@comcast.net)> wrote:

Howdy Councilmember Tammy Morales,

Thanks for tackling some of the environmental urban forestry issues in southeast Seattle.

There is a spot across the street from Kubota Garden we would like you to tour with us this weekend.

It is a proposed subdivision that would require bulldozing dozens of mature trees.

Today I received the attached email from the city planning official that says the arborist report is unavailable, even though the permit application is several years old, and even though public comment period closed on January 1st, 2020.

My concern is that the requirement hasn't been fulfilled that the permit application must answer the question: "Does the project maximize the retention of existing trees?".

Please see that the planning department releases the arborist report in time for our tour this weekend.

Please see the attached 3 photos of the 90' tall forest proposed for removal.

Thanks !

Michael Oxman  
ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0756A  
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(206) 949-8733

----- Original message -----

From: William Millhollin <[william@nwpermit.com](mailto:william@nwpermit.com)>

Date: 2/20/20 4:25 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Stuart Niven <[panorarbor@gmail.com](mailto:panorarbor@gmail.com)>

Cc: David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>, "Vasquez, Colin" <[Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov](mailto:Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov)> ,

Michael Oxman <[michaeloxman@comcast.net](mailto:michaeloxman@comcast.net)>, Tage Nickerson <[tage@platsplus.com](mailto:tage@platsplus.com)>

Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Hello David,

I hope all is going well.

I wanted to follow up on our response email here to see if you had any comments or questions regarding these responses?

Have a great day

On Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 6:44 PM William Millhollin <[william@nwpermit.com](mailto:william@nwpermit.com)> wrote:  
Hello David,

Thank you for your patience as we work through our response here. I want to clarify a couple statements here but I also have your questions answered in blue below each listed item.

- 3/14/2013 Greenwater sold to Van Veeny and Le Phong  
7/14/2016 Van Veeny sold to Kubota Village 28 LLC (Us)
- I am still unclear about what you mean here by Greenbelt, I understand the term but we have not seen a state or municipal zoning designation for this area as Greenbelt or Wildlife Habitat, can you send over any info you have on this?

**Simple questions are good to set the framework relative to a Kubota Village discussion:**

a) how large was this land and who owned it before being subdivided?

- The land has changed in shape and size over time through land division and change in ownership through sales of those portions of land at various points in time. Greenwater Construction is the previous owner who you might be referring to. The development known as the Kubota East Village which completed initial platting in 2016 "originally" consisted of land totaling approximately 2.8ac.

b) why was it first developed a few years ago compared to other parcels around it?

- The permitting and development process for this site has been done in "phases" in order to most effectively expedite portions of development ahead of other portions so things like utilities, grading and roadways could be under construction as we wait for other larger permitting reviews to take their time.

c) was a tree inventory prepared including species, size, height, photos, and condition of the trees?

- Yes

d) if so, was it prepared by a certified arborist?

- Yes

e) how many trees were within a protected tree grove, and how many tree groves?

- I am getting confirmation on the final arborist report to send over to you as some documents date back prior to my involvement. I should be able to send this over on Wednesday.



f) how many significant trees were Exceptional trees? ... Hazardous trees?

- The arborist report will contain all of this information for you.

g) why were all the trees cleared and lots subdivided regardless of categorically protected trees?

- All trees that were allowed to be cleared were done according to the Zoning at the time and per any other land use conditions of the plat.

h) did the Department ask to see a site plan with all the protected trees identified?

- Yes, all trees are identified within the plat plans to match the Arborist Report.

i) if so, did the Department ask to see alternative lot division options to identify the maximum retention of existing significant trees?

- Kubota East Village is a very old subdivision that went through council review so I believe multiple renditions of the plan were conceived but were also limited to review under the 2005 Zoning ordinance which had more lenient restrictions here. This subdivision was not subject to the same restrictions that a new subdivision would be today due to its vesting period.

j) why were some of the subdivided lots less than 4,000 sq ft in size within a SF-5000 zone?

- The 2005 Zoning had different allowances at that time but also credits and exceptions can apply when public and open spaces are included as part of a plat or subdivision.

k) with the SMC requiring at least 2-inches of tree caliper for every 1000 sq ft of land area, where are these new trees on the lots being prepared for sale?

- New trees for each homes if required or desired for each lot would be located under each individual Building Permit for each lot.

l) with this large site being cleared of trees, how many of the properties are being sold as affordable units verses market-rate units? Or in other more direct words, what commitments or promises were made prior to the development applications to the community members and to the City Council or mayor that this development would achieve in terms of providing affordable housing for Seattle?

- No affordable housing requirements exist for this subdivision due to its vested 2005 Zoning.

As a general statement I understand your questions here related to the Kubota East Village and am happy to discuss further, but the permits here for comment are for a separate short plat unrelated to the Kubota East Village in terms of Land Use or Zoning conditions. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this (K2) Short Plat and we would be happy to answer them also. As a side note, we are still working through our current correction cycle responses but intend on including tree plantings for this short plat as well :)

Have a great day

On Mon, Jan 20, 2020 at 10:09 AM William Millhollin <[william@nwpermit.com](mailto:william@nwpermit.com)> wrote:  
Hello Stuart & All,

I apologize for the delay but I do still have this on my list to complete. I have most of the email queued up here but need to complete it and will try to send a reply by the end of today.

Have a great day

On Sun, Jan 19, 2020 at 1:11 PM Stuart Niven <[panorarbor@gmail.com](mailto:panorarbor@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Did I miss the response to David's email?

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)  
*PanorArborist*

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On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 2:13 PM William Millhollin <[william@nwpermit.com](mailto:william@nwpermit.com)> wrote:  
Hello David,

Thank you very much for your comments and questions. I am working through this email, generating a response to each item and should have something to send by tomorrow.

Have a great day

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 12:26 AM David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)> wrote:  
Thank you Mr. Millhollin for your replies and offering to answer questions.

I have much respect for the one-on-one response approach; although some of those who inquired have been told that this development is not eligible as a Type II discretionary land-use decision or a public meeting. We know there are considerable discretionary choices being made during the short platting of this large lot. These choices include **tree retention and required tree replanting** (SMC 23 and SMC 25.11). As such, I believe folks like Stuart, Michael and I within the urban forest community as well as those witnessing the **urban forest's incremental devastation** still desire a local discussion in to glean a better understanding how clear-cutting Seattle's green spaces like this so happens to takes place at Kubota Village 28.

Yes, the larger area around Kubota Village East may have started under development some time ago. But it's only been 7 years since this completely wooded remaining site exceeding 100,000 square feet was sold to the **Greenwater Partnership** / Greenwater Construction / et. al. It seems that green space and green belts are being sought out as relatively inexpensive land. Yet these developments proceed despite the expense and toll to the natural habitats and the resulting impacts from urban heat islands. Seattle is not only interested in protecting limited "wildlife habitats" areas, it also protects heritage and Exceptional trees and wetlands... and many other features.

**Simple questions are good to set the framework relative to a Kubota Village discussion:**

- a) how large was this land and who owned it before being subdivided?
- b) why was it first developed a few years ago compared to other parcels around it?
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Other neighbors have specific questions why access routes proposed were not better placed to avoid removing trees along shared property lines... or where are the buffers between adjacent properties... or is Tract 999 also being sold for a house... or will it be kept as open space?

Without getting a good understanding of what is happening here, these related land-use actions should come to a halt. The builders can take their \$20-million, re-forest what they took away, and cease further impacts to Seattle's dwindling tree canopy.

Yes, many of us are familiar with the Seattle Dept of Construction & Inspections EDMS system. You will likely know that "record snapshots" often post a listing of documents that are not accessible to the public digitally. For this and these many reasons, the folks in the area and TreePAC respectfully **desired a meeting in order to address many questions**. Everyone has property rights... but a century has passed... and Washington has evolved to understand that our resources are limited... including existing trees being removed without the space being available to replenish this valuable sustaining resource. Property rights are not a license to environmental derogation.

We can do better.

David Moehing  
Board Member, TreePAC

Sent using the [mail.com](https://mail.com) mail app

On 1/6/20 at 6:39 PM, William Millhollin wrote:

> Hello Again David,  
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> I am trying to discern the comment or question in this email chain. The  
> only question I can see is "What may Seattle leaders do to halt the  
> needless clearcutting of forested areas with natural habitats?". I think  
> this is a much broader question best suited for city council, urban  
> forestry and for the ordinance process. Although all "natural habitats" are  
> something to take note of, this project site is not designated as a  
> Wildlife Habitat, which you may be referring to.  
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> I will have to defer to Colin and the PRC as to whether or not they have a  
> process to notify you directly of any permits related to ours, outside of  
> normal noticing, but resources do exist to allow individuals to locate any  
> and all active permits.  
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> Let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.  
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> Have a great day  
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> On Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 8:22 AM Vasquez, Colin <[Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov](mailto:Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov)>  
> wrote:  
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> > William, Please see Dave's email below. Please copy me on your email to  
> > Dave.  
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> > \*From:\* Michael Oxman <[michaeloxman@comcast.net](mailto:michaeloxman@comcast.net)>  
> > \*Sent:\* Sunday, December 29, 2019 2:44 PM  
> > \*To:\* David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>; PRC <[PRC@seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@seattle.gov)>  
> > \*Cc:\* [seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net](mailto:seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net) <  
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> > Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>  
> > \*Subject:\* Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE  
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> > Howdy Dave,  
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> > I received this message at: 1:39 PM  
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> > Cutting it kinda close, doncha think ?  
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> > Hello Michael, I'm right across the street from Kubota (actually I believe  
> > you picked up some trees from us once). As you're probably aware, we have a  
> > large subdivision being developed right behind our property called, "Kubota  
> > Village". Some other neighbors and I would like to know if you could refer  
> > us to an environmental expert who is familiar with waterways, wetlands and  
> > riparian corridors in our area. We are collectively trying to compromise  
> > with the developers regarding the next phase of development which would  
> > clear what is left of the trees. The City is giving us until 1/1/20 to  
> > comment. Thank you in advance for any referral you may be able to provide.  
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> > On December 5, 2019 at 9:34 PM David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>  
> > wrote:  
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> > What may Seattle leaders do to halt the needless clearcutting of forested  
> > areas with natural habitats?  
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> > Please inform me for the following functionally-related 'Kubota Village'  
> > development numbers 3034697 -LU, 3034698 -LU, 3034699 -LU, 3034700 -LU,  
> > and 3034702 -LU; and all permits involving the addresses related to these  
> > five site. KUBOTA VILLAGE 28 LLC  
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> > 9676 9678 + LINDSAY PL S subdivision #3034702, 3034703 -LU, 3034699 -LU,  
> > 3034700 -LU, and 3034703 -LU  
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> > " Land use application to allow a 3 -story single family residences.  
> > Parking for vehicles proposed. To be considered with 3034697 -LU, 3034698 -LU,  
> > for shared access."  
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> > We should also have a public meeting to discuss what is going on here.  
> > Comments may be submitted through: 12/18/2019  
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> > David Moehring

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> > Member of TreePAC  
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> > Two years: 2015 to 2017. The remaining grove just to the north may since  
> > have been cleared.  
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**From:** Kay Taylor <[info@email.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@email.actionnetwork.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 2:34 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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Kay Taylor

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**From:** Thomas Turner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 8:56 AM  
**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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**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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I've lived in Seattle for 35 years and seen the wholesale stripping of our beautiful city of multitudes of trees with no accountability to the detriment of our our quality of life and the battle over climate change. My neighbor down the street had their oldest and largest elm tree cut down without permits. This tree was a designated hHeritage tree, one of the only old growth elms in the city of Seattle. The tree service told me the tree was sick and needed to be removed. It was "sucking oxygen out of the environment". I spoke with Emerald City Tree Service about the health of the tree. As a certified arborist I was assured the tree was in good health. I complained about this slaughter and the City sent our an inspector but it was too

late. This story is documented by Lynda Mapes in the Seattle Times. There was no consequences for this illegal action. No fines to either the tree company or the home owner for no permits. The wet land property south of me was illegally clear cut on a weekend when there is no one of authority to report to. This clear cutting caused a neighbors property to flood. Again no consequences to the illegal clearcutting. The neighbor next door cut a mature Alder without permits and lied to me about it. This tree was in a slide zone protected area. This neighbor also wanted to cut down the largest Copper Beech tree in the city again in a slide zone imperiling my property, thankfully I was able to stop this. We need stronger regulation, accountability, and a department that cares about the environment to over see our precious trees.

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**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Barbara Bernard <barbara\_bernard@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 11:37 AM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Land Use Application 3030337-LU

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear PRC and City Officials -

As stewards of our city, we must protect the last of Seattle's remaining urban forests.

We are a tech forward city and there are ways to conduct public meeting virtually. Please conduct the previously requested "public meeting" (prior to COVID-19) that was received from over 50 households relative to the functionally-related developments including 9714 Lindsay Place S. Given this month's limitations of COVID-19, it is now necessary to implement online meetings as currently implemented by the Seattle City Council.

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-Barbara Bernard

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**From:** June BlueSpruce <jbluespruce@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 2:04 PM

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

**Cc:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; sfayette@gmail.com; robertmrosenberger@hotmail.com; Cedar Mannan <cedarandlia@gmail.com>; caseythebates@gmail.com; aaron scott <aaronpetryscott@gmail.com>; Esonu, Onum <Onum.Esonu@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Even more CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE East

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear PRC:

I am a resident of SE Seattle, in District 2. I am appalled by the clearcut that has taken place in building Kubota Village and the continuing endangerment of trees in the adjacent plots of land, as David Moehring describes below. I have seen photographs of the site before it was clearcut, and have toured the current development. Southeast Seattle has lost a precious resource, one that the Board of Kubota Gardens had advocated the City purchase and preserve as a green space for the residents, wildlife, and climate of SE Seattle. Unfortunately, the City passed on this opportunity. Now the forest is almost all gone. Tiny replacement trees that the



developer planted are dead or dying. There are no guarantees that any meaningful replacement will be done, as the law requires. The whole area becomes a heat island.

It is critical that the City hold a public meeting to address the requests of neighborhood residents. Their lives have been dramatically altered by the clearcut. This can be accomplished virtually during the shutdown required by the epidemic.

The Kubota Village development does nothing to address some of Seattle's most urgent needs: the need for affordable housing, the need to mitigate climate change, and the need to preserve the many physical, health, and environmental benefits of an extensive urban tree canopy. The need it fills is for developers to make a profit off their land. That individual and business need must be balanced against the collective needs of the neighborhood as a whole. Cutting down hundreds of trees and replacing them with expensive housing also contributes to displacement of existing residents and gentrification of the area.

The City must do all it can to preserve the remaining tree groves and exceptional trees, and wetland habitat that is currently threatened. Please schedule the public meeting as soon as possible, and make sure to facilitate notice of and access to the meeting for all residents of the neighborhood who requested it.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

June BlueSpruce  
5008 44th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118  
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On Thu, Apr 23, 2020 at 10:50 PM David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)> wrote:

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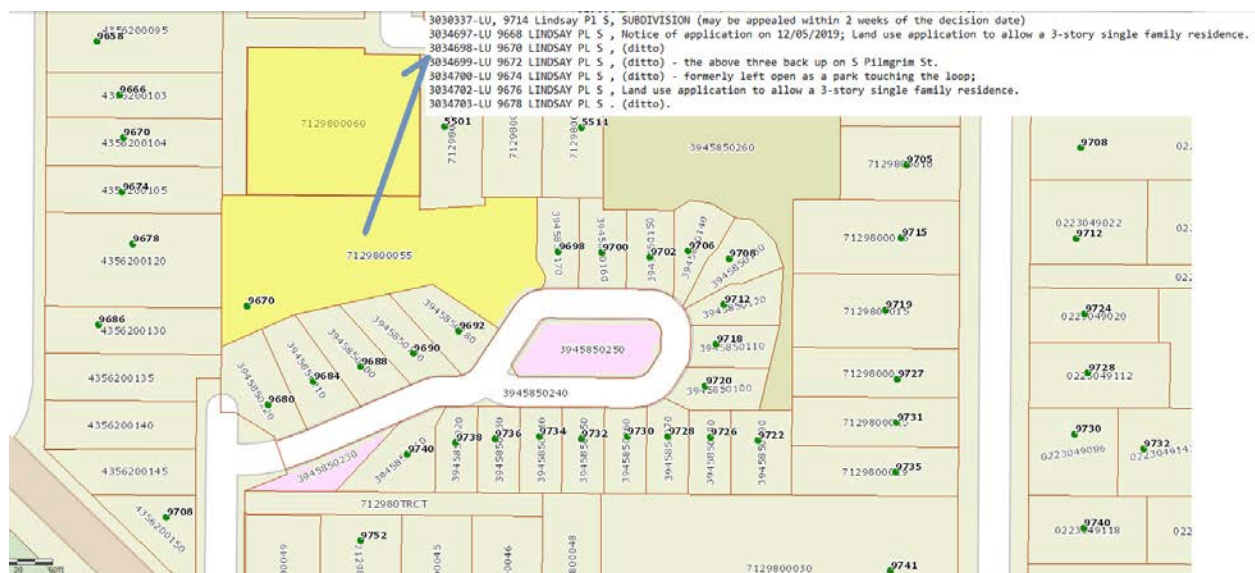
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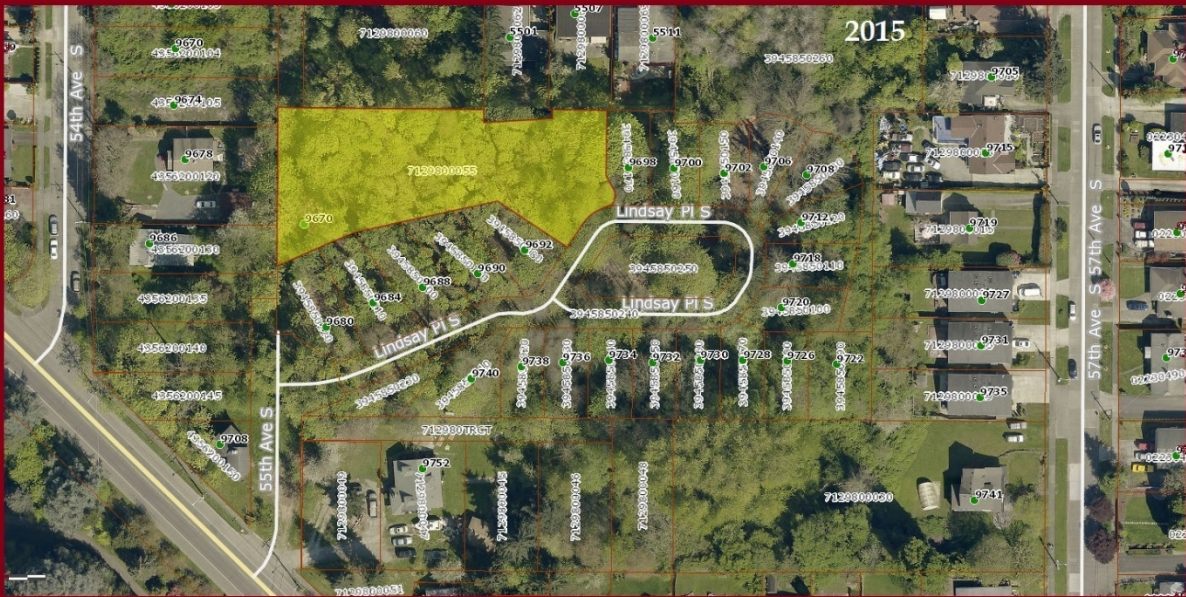
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# CLEARCUT SEATTLE:

9670 LINDSAY PL S being DIVIDED INTO 4 MORE LOTS...



Seattle clearcutting at Kabota Village from 2015 (above) to 2017 (below)



**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2020 at 4:27 PM

**From:** "William Millhollin" <[william@nwpermit.com](mailto:william@nwpermit.com)>

**To:** "michaeloxman" <[michaeloxman@comcast.net](mailto:michaeloxman@comcast.net)>

**Cc:** "Stuart Niven" <[panorarbor@gmail.com](mailto:panorarbor@gmail.com)>, [tammy.morales@seattle.gov](mailto:tammy.morales@seattle.gov), "David Moehring" <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>, "Vasquez, Colin" <[Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov](mailto:Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov)>, "Tage Nickerson" <[tage@platsplus.com](mailto:tage@platsplus.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Hello Michael & All,

Thank you very much for including us here. Please let me know if you have a date and time in mind to visit the property and construction site area so that we can make sure that either Tage or myself are available to walk everyone through the site. Please keep in mind that these are active construction areas so we want everyone to be safe. We would love to take part in your meeting and discussion, if you are interested then please let us know, Tage or I can answer any questions you have while on site.

The K2 Short Plat for 6 new lots that is currently in review and adjacent to the Kubota East Village Subdivision where you have pictures shown. As we are still in design for preliminary platting, not all elements are exact or solid just yet but we are hoping this next round of correction responses will address the concerns raised so far by the public and by reviewers.

Please let me know if there anything I can send over at this time. We are striving to reply to all public comments, so certainly submit any questions you have and I will get them answered.

Have a great day and weekend

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

**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:42 PM

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

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**Subject:** Re: Significant tree loss at sold church property of 2212 NE 125th St

**CAUTION: External Email**

As always David, I second your comments and hope as much can be done as possible to protect as much of the pre-existing canopy and associated ecology on this site. The green spaces in Seattle are rapidly disappearing, especially on projects such as this so we need to work hard to retain them, as per City Code.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 11:17 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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**From:** Kristin Jue <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 6:37 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**From:** Hannah Poirier <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:13 AM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Keep forests alive!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Hello, I live across the water in Chimacum where the clear-cutting is extensive and devastating. There is so much greenwashing and misinformation about the "sustainability" of conventional forestry. Deforestation is devastating in every way, to the wildlife, waterways, and to people. The choices Seattle makes as a city effects every other place which can look to areas who are choosing to do something different, and follow models of selective thinning and responsible managements of forests. Please be informed with the scientific facts about the importance of old growth forests and the reduction of global consumption of industrial forestry products. Please keep forests alive!

Here is a poem I wrote this week of the clear-cutting happening directly adjacent to my home:

<https://sauerkrautsoul.blogspot.com/2020/04/singing-to-our-food-haiku.html>

Seattle's food forest public park project is an example of sustainable forestry. The Jefferson County Land Trust is an example of sustainable forestry. Aprovecho in Oregon is an example of sustainable forestry. Please be educated and informed, and set an example for the rest of the state and the nation in adopting practices that strengthen our society rather than rape it of its most precious resources.

Here is the general e-mail this message was original sent with.

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**From:** Valerie Romero <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 1:55 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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

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**From:** DANIEL ERICKSON <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 4:59 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Please help to keep Seattle healthy and green by saving the Victory Heights Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I want to bring your attention to a group of 49 large trees at risk in the Victory Heights Neighborhood at 11340 to 11344 23rd Ave NE. (Lot Boundary Adjustment #3030102-LU, Parcel B permit 6761539) The 3 lots are being divided into five 7000+ sq. ft lots, with five 3000+ sq. ft homes. There are 49 significant trees; 10 of those are exceptional with the largest being 71" DBH.

Unfortunately, the arborist report for this development is incomplete and contradictory. There is no indication as to which trees are being preserved.

The site-plan for Parcel B 6761539-cn is not available on the website (although the website says it was uploaded on 1/9/2020) and yet our window for comment is gone without the relevant information ever being made public! The Victory Heights neighborhood is fearing yet another clear-cut to build mini-mansion housing. We have seen how ineffective our current tree ordinance is.

This situation raises the following questions:

- What is the city going to do to save our neighborhood trees? And when? We have already waited 11 years. What can be done now? An updated tree ordinance is delayed until December 2020 or later.
- Why has the city not updated the Tree Protection Ordinance using the Urban Forestry Commission's draft? The UFC draft has been available since June 2019.

A major problem is that DCI's priority is to facilitate construction, not to protect trees. There is no Urban Forestry division within DCI to oversee tree protection. Tree protection responsibilities are spread throughout DCI, but no one seems to be specifically tasked with tree protection as a priority. We urge that you create an Urban Forestry division within DCI or move tree oversight to the Office of Sustainability and Environment. Based on DCI's past failures to protect our tree canopy, tree oversight needs to be handled by an entity that is adequately staffed and funded and that has the sole accountability for tree protection.

Please take the following actions NOW for this case in Victory Heights:

1. Make available the site plan that shows the trees to be saved, removed or replaced.

Reopen the comment period so that neighbors have an opportunity to comment with the relevant information.

2. Work with the developer to develop alternative designs to maximize tree retention.

Please help save these trees. Once they are gone, they are gone forever. Let's work together to ensure housing and trees are compatible.

Thank you,

DANIEL ERICKSON

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**From:** cormiermaryliz@gmail.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:46 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**From:** Gaetan Lemoine <Gaetan\_8989@hotmail.fr>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:10 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:12 AM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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

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**From:** Anne Wardell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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**From:** Julia Bos <juliabos@msn.com>

**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:21 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**From:** Richard Lilly <outbacktraveler@msn.com>

**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:30 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Green and Healthy!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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Thank you for your consideration; if we all work together on this, Seattle will continue to be a very special place to live.

Sincerely,

Rich Lilly

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**From:** Anne Siems <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 7:00 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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**From:** Anita Shelton <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 7:26 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Sharon Heiber <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Stop letting developers kill trees

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

My husband and I recently watched in horror as a heritage redwood was destroyed in our neighborhood (Maple Leaf, 100th Street) to make room for a brand new house or two. Yes, the developer told the old man selling it that the sale was contingent upon removal of the tree.

I am all for urban density. It has to happen. Seattle of old will not remain. But these changes cannot happen at the expense of our canopy and the animals who call it home.

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**From:** Brendan Luecke <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 2, 2020 8:56 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**From:** Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:25 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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