

Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through June 2, 2020

From: Irene Svete <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: We need to protect Seattle's trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:08 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; TreesForNeighborhoods <TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov>; Lil Neex <getthemail13@gmail.com>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>

Subject: 5038 SAND POINT PL NE introducing more noncompliant rowhouses on functionality related development

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Please keep me informed the protected Exceptional Japanese Maple as well as the neighboring property and street trees are being removed for the Application for project 3036060-LU— Address:5038 and 5040 and 5042 SAND POINT PL NE
Project includes short plat 3032151-LU:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=5467734>

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=5299018>

Area: Northeast

Notice Date:5/7/2020

Project Description Land use application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6686871-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:05/20/2020

Unit lots for Rowhouses are not allowed per SMC 23.84A.032 when two primary dwellings in a functionally related development also exist behind the rowhouses. The unit lot subdivision appears to change parking easements submitted with the short plat.

David Moehring

From: Sara Burgess <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:19 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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I am particularly concerned about the proposed Velmier development to replace City People's Garden Center in Madison Valley. It will cut down large trees, imperil drainage in a valley that has flooded before, and change the entire character of the neighborhood, especially for those who live in the valley at the bottom of the steep hill and directly across the narrow street on which the proposed development is to be built.

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From: Suzanne Rowen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:24 PM

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

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From: Jennifer Houston <janahouse@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Suzanne Grant <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:49 PM

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

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From: Kanti Selig <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Elizabeth Housley <ehousley@uw.edu>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:19 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:05 PM

To: vann@valerenw.com; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Chan, Kit <Kit.Chan@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>

Cc: bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby

<Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>

Subject: Beautiful Beech tree to be hacked down at 2638 NW 64TH ST

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Vann Lanz-

Your property at **2638 NW 64th St** is looking to be subdivided while being **cleared of it's three or four trees**, with new utility trenching right through the critical roots of the neighbor's trees. There is a better layout for this development on the 88.5 ft by 50 ft lot. And the Seattle Landuse Code requires alternative layouts of short plats (including easements) to be configured in order to maximize the retention of existing trees.

Even worse, it appears that your architect is seeking to **circumvent rowhouse development rules** (SMC 23.84A.032.R) by building a house behind three rowhouses. Don't let this happen. The **maximum number of dwellings on a lot this size with LR1(M) zoning is just 3** (4425 sq ft) and not 4 as shown. An additional market-rate house while clearing all healthy trees only helps your pocket-book, and it does not help this Ballard or this City's future.

[Site Plan](#) 169 KB 07/31/19 [004051-19PA](#) Building & Land Use Pre-Application

Any discretionary decision by the Dept of Construction and Inspections to allow this to proceed without **following this tree retention criteria** would very likely result in an appeal. Please do the right thing and work with your arborist Andrew Lyon and your architect to **retain the Beech tree**. Seattle is the **10th worst urban heat island in the nation**, and every large tree fights that impact to climate change. Your property is no exception... so look at the attached example of how other **builders provide BOTH density and retained trees**.

Alos, what happened to the huge conifer in the northwest corner of the lot at the alley? Was it already removed or did the arborist overlook it in their report?

Mr. Strauss, please move on the **tree protections requested from our prior mayor**. Strolling the neighborhood during COVID-19 while looking at rowhouse developments' decreases in the urban forest is a motivation to make something good happen.

Thank you,

David Moehring
for TreePAC
and the Baker Street Community Group
dmoehring@consultant.com

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Owner per the Permit: Vann Lanz, Mercer Island

Link to site photos was not working:

[Site Photos](#) 72 MB 08/20/19 [004051-19PA](#) Building & Land Use Pre-Application

[Arborist Report](#) 1000 KB 10/06/19 [3035108-LU-001](#) Application Intake

Removing an European Beech 21"DBH 26-Foot Dripline
(Exceptional at 2'-6") . Therefore, we need a better tree ordinance!
Andrew Lyon, ISA Certified Arborist, PN-6446A, ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

From: barr.robin@yahoo.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: diane mathers <dymathers@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:57 PM

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:34 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; info@historicseattle.org

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

Subject: Double tragedy project historic 301 BELMONT AVE E

CAUTION: External Email

Is this what Seattle needs: clearing the trees and historical architecture?

Has the Dept of Neighborhoods made an assessment?

Yes. Seattle needs more housing... and much existing is sub-par.

Please provide the evaluation of layouts that retain the Exceptional trees on site and relocates the historical house at 301 Belmont Ave E. Option "A" attempts to keep the white pine. No design attempts to keep the Exceptional horse chestnut tree.

At just 3952 square foot lot area... this proposed midrise would be best located on another property adequately sized for its height and number of units.

Move the building away from the north and west lot lines to retain these trees:

- 23"+ WESTERN WHITE PINE
- 15"+ WESTERN RED CEDAR
- 31" DBH HORSE CHESTNUT

[3032929-EG](#)

[6686874-CN](#)

David Moehring

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From: dmoehring@consultant.com <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:44 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: treepac_seattlelists.riseup.net <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>

Subject: saved Exceptional trees

CAUTION: External Email

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David Moehring, Rich Ellison

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From: Woody Wheeler <woody.wheeler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:55 PM
To: dmoehring@consultant.com
Cc: Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; treepac_seattlelists.riseup.net <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>
Subject: Re: saved Exceptional trees

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Good news!

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From: Joyce Erickson <joyceqe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:19 PM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; dmoehring@consultant.com
Cc: treepac_seattlelists.riseup.net <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: saved Exceptional trees

CAUTION: External Email

But I would add that there are TWO exception trees on that lot. Is only one being saved?

Joyce

On Monday, May 18, 2020, 12:45:37 PM PDT, <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

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From: Aaron Keyt <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:18 PM

To: Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>;

LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Dilley, Jana <Jana.Dilley@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Weston Brinkley <weston@streetsoundsecology.com>; Steve Zemke <stevezemke@msn.com>; Sarah Rehder <scshoup@gmail.com>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Josh Morris <Joshm@seattleaudubon.org>

Subject: Please Update the Director's Rule for Exceptional Trees ASAP

CAUTION: External Email

Good afternoon,

This morning I was contacted by concerned neighbours in Ravenna's Historic District as Ballard Tree Service arrived to remove a healthy native Douglas-fir tree at 6302 15th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115 that was at least 80ft tall. In their panic they tried calling the SDCI's Violation line but this currently there is no one answering these calls. They called the police who did actually arrive but as the removal is not criminal in the eyes of the law, they could not do anything to prevent the removal. I arrived at the point over 50% of the tree had already been removed and asked the crew of workers if I could measure the tree. To my surprise they stopped everything that they were doing and allowed me to measure it. I measured the trunk diameter at 4.5ft above grade (DBH) to be 29", one tiny inch below the current threshold for this species of tree to be considered 'exceptional'.

According to the current conversation within SDCI about updating the DR 16-2008 for Exceptional Trees, this tree would have been considered exceptional if the proposed 24" DBH was already in place as the revised threshold. This is highly frustrating as yet another healthy native conifer, which has taken approximately 60years to grow to the height and size that it was when dawn broke this morning, has been unceremoniously destroyed and turned into woodchips and firewood.

Neighbours that I spoke to claim they saw birds nests falling from the tree and attached to some of the branches. This is a federal violation of the migratory bird act and also adds credence to the notion that any tree removals should be illegal in Seattle during nesting season.

Please make updating the Director's Rule for Exceptional Trees a priority so that we can save more trees, especially native conifers like this.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

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From: Robin Maynard-Dobbs <rock.robin@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Eedann McCord <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Brenda Loew <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees growing along a street can lower the ambient temperature by an average of 2°C, but it takes a good 20 years for the trees to reach their full potential. Urban trees provide 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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Brenda Loew

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From: Joe Olson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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9. Require all new commercial construction, including residential buildings with more than 2 units, to have living (green) roofs.

Joe Olson

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:38 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: vann@valerenw.com; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Chan, Kit <Kit.Chan@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Beautiful Beech tree to be hacked down at 2638 NW 64TH ST

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David,

I fully agree with a second your comments and requests.

Losing any healthy trees at this critical point in human history with visible negative impacts to human health and the wider environment being clear to see, is nonsensical even if currently it is 'legal'. It is our duty as sentient beings to act responsibility and by removing healthy trees simply for increased profit and financial gain, we are not acting sensibly for the sustained future of humanity and other life on the planet.

It is relatively easy to design to increase density while protecting existing urban canopy and habitat, as well as increasing both through planting additional trees on new developments (instead of just 'replacing' which is in fact impossible).

Thank you and kind regards,

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From: Capri Jensen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Nicholas Finnerty <nickyfinn@msn.com>

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:39 PM

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

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From: Gretchen Kurtenacker <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 10:32 AM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am horrified by the beautiful trees schedule for destruction in my neighborhood (First Hill). In a world threatened with the 6th mass extinction event due to global warming wherein adding 1.2 trillion trees would absorb a decade of carbon emissions, why are we removing big gorgeous trees in the city of Seattle? It is emotionally traumatic for people who have lived with neighborhood trees to see them destroyed, especially for the elderly who have admired the same trees for decades. If these architects and developers are so eager to build, then force them to create buildings that co-exist with existing trees. Trees are lives too.

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From: Matthew Domarotsky <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Anthony Arendy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 2:33 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Jamil Shoot <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 11:24 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Lee Swedin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Kim Hollins <TRAININGASSESSMENTS@OUTLOOK.COM>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:51 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; SDOTAssets <SDOTAssets@seattle.gov>; Johnson, Greg <Greg.Johnson@seattle.gov>

Cc: Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; magnolia news - Joe Viera (qamagnewsnwlink.com) <qamagnews@nwlink.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; tcnorlen@spu.edu; president@spu.edu; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; queenannecc@gmail.com

Subject: Narrow Barrett road to support multiple-family development on SPU land

CAUTION: External Email

SUBJECT:

SDOT Road Improvements?

Narrow Queen Anne West Barrett road should be widened with sidewalk and made safe to support market-rate multiple-family development on SPU land including over 100 trees and environmentally critical area.

Please Note this Inquiry to be addressed to all SDCI Projects:

- [3036095-LU SPU and developer multi-lot boundary adjustment](#)
- [3035990-EG](#)
- [3032263-LU](#)
- [6696698-CN](#)
- [6655438-CN](#)

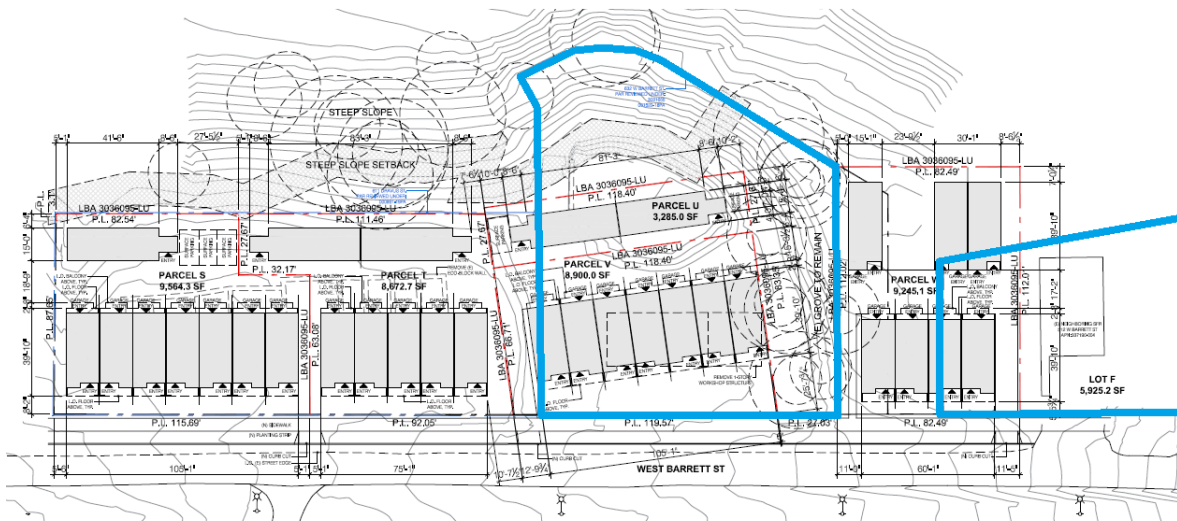
Dear SDOT,

Please advise what the street improvement plans are being considered (including status of about 13 street ROW trees) to widen and add sidewalks along **W BARRETT ST BETWEEN 5TH N AVE W AND**

8TH E AVE W (refer to an inquiry made to PRC in July 2018.) Or, if a [public records request](#) is needed, just let me know.

In addition to a request made through PRC, please keep us informed about the public right-of-way at **500 to 632 / 650 W. Barrett St.** (and associated addresses of this development.) Development website: <https://lily-kangaroo-9n3j.squarespace.com/>

In addition to the street improvements, we are especially interested in the **site trees and street tree assessment** and the misaligned use of lot boundary adjustments to convert 3 lots into 5 lots. LBA may not be used to increase the number of lots.



ADDRESS APN:	512 W BARRETT ST APN:337190-0004 611 W, DRAVUS ST. APN: 337190-0005 632 W BARRETT ST APN: 361360-0000 700 W BARRETT ST APN: 337190-0006 PIN OF THE SW 1/4, OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC. 13, TWP. 25 N., RGE 3 EAST, W.M. CITY OF SEATTLE, KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	
OWNER:	G PROJECTS GRAHAM BLACK
ZONING:	MIC-65-LR2 (M)
PROJECT SCOPE:	PARCEL S: CONSTRUCTION OF (8) TOWNHOUSES WITH PARKING FOR (10) STALLS. PARCEL T: CONSTRUCTION OF (7) TOWNHOUSES WITH PARKING FOR (8) STALLS ON SITE LOT, (2) PARKING STALLS LOCATED ON PARCEL S WITH SHARED ACCESS EASEMENT. TOTAL OF (7) PARKING STALLS PROVIDED. PARCEL U: CONSTRUCTION OF (2) TOWNHOUSES WITH PARKING FOR (2) STALLS. PARCEL V: CONSTRUCTION OF (7) TOWNHOUSES WITH PARKING FOR (7) STALLS. PARCEL W: CONSTRUCTION OF (7) TOWNHOUSES WITH PARKING FOR (7) STALLS. TOTAL: 31 UNITS ON (6) PARCELS

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN
1/32" = 1' = 1/4"



Hopefully former Seattle Pioneer and departed Minister Daniel Bagley will not roll over in his grave as the earth begins to move north of the Mt Pleasant Cemetery.

WELCOMING RESIDENTIAL USES ?

A 31 townhouse development proposed at [632 W Barrett \(and additional lots\)](#) is being planned within a LR2(M) zone north of the cemetery and south of Seattle Pacific University SPU. Reference the attached pdf file called 'Barrett_3032263-LU' This number of housing units - each with 2 to 3 bedrooms - will result in significantly more vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic given the residential use.

NARROW AND BLIND ROAD

Barrett - between 5th and 8th - is a very **narrow street with blind-spot** hills and no sidewalks (see the attached photos). It is currently and has always been dangerous to drive - and that danger will be compounded by adding multi-family uses along this semi-improved road. For this area, the [Seattle Department of Transportation](#) website does not seem to show any <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/current-projects>

This will also be important if ythe development relies on some degree of on-street parking capacity.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

By the Seattle Municipal Code, the development is a "Functionally-related" site... sharing vehicle access and perhaps utilities. In addition to tree canopy, this development includes significant amount of grade alterations with existing Environmental Critical Areas. ECA.

QUESTION LOT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS from MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS AND KING COUNTY PARCELS ?

Lot Boundary Adjustments are not permitted to be used to create new lots. Instead, LBA are intended for minor adjustments that do not involve discretionary decisions by the Department Director. LBA 3036095-LU should not apply in this case as it involves three King County address of 512, 632 and 650 Barrett. Moreover, the development is composed of an assembly of the lots with ownership shared between SPU and Developer Mr. Graham Black (Friday Harbor) are significant transformations of lot boundaries transitioning about 7,000 square feet of land area back from SPU to Mr. Graham's interests as QA2 LLC.

The existing three (3) lot areas for these parcels totalling **30,007 square feet** lot area are:

- 512 W. Barrett = 8,560 SF
- 632 W. Barrett = 16,167 SF
- 650 W. Barrett = 5,280 SF

The proposed five (5) lots totalling **~37,606 square feet** are now shown as:

- Parcel A (or S) = ~9,564 SF
- Parcel B (or T) = ~6,644 SF
- parcel C (or U) = ~3,275 SF
- Parcel D (or V) = ~8,883 SF
- Parcel E (or W) = ~9,240 SF

Needless to indicate... the before and after lot areas does not add up. SPU dorm land is being used in some way. This is not a minor lot boundary adjustment. It is more of a private development land grab from the institution that requires more multi-department review than usual. The development should certainly be considered for the institutional land use, accordingly.

EXCEPTIONAL TREES AND TREE GROVES

Apply Seattle Municipal Code requirements on tree projections. Of approximately 117 trees on or adjacent to a Queen Anne development at 632 W. Barrett St, there are at least **36 trees which are either deemed Exceptional** or exist as part of a protected tree grove. SMC requires maximum retention of existing trees in short plat subdivisions, which is actually what is required here as this proposes significant lot boundary adjustments and change in the number of lots. (LBA to historical lots simply adjust the boundaries of the historical reference parcels used in lot platting descriptions.):

ROW TREES
Trees on SPU property

Tree #	Species	DBH inches	Drip Line Radius feet	Health 1,2,3	Structure 1,2,3	Category or other
6	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	50"	30'	2	3	Exceptional
54	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	39	25	1	2	Exceptional
68	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	39	16 - S	2	2	Exceptional
100	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	33	24	2	2	Exceptional
C	Populus nigra 'Italica' Lombardy poplar	43"	10' N	1	2	Exceptional
D	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	40"	11' N	1-2	2	Exceptional
E	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	40"	18' N	2	2	Exceptional
22	Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca' Blue atlas cedar	17"	16'	1	1-2	Grove
23	Populus trichocarpa Black cottonwood	19" *	35' N	1	2	Grove

24	Populus trichocarpa Black cottonwood	9.5"	14' W	1	2	Grove
25	Populus trichocarpa Black cottonwood	19" *	25' E	1	2	Grove
26	Populus trichocarpa Black cottonwood	29.748	20'	1	1	Grove
27	Populus trichocarpa Black cottonwood	9" *	18'	1	2	Grove
28	Populus trichocarpa Black cottonwood	9" *	6'	2	2	Grove
29	Populus trichocarpa Black cottonwood	24" *	20'	1	2	Grove
55	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	20	18	1	2	Grove
56	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	19.5	17	1	2	Grove
57	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	12.5	13	1	2	Grove
58	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	22.5	13	1	1	Grove
59	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	13	16	2	2	Grove
79	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	18	16	1	2	Grove
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82	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	16	13	1	2	Grove
83	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	15	18	1	2	Grove
86	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	12	15	1	2	Grove
90	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	12.5	21	2	2	Grove
92	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	12.5	12	1	2	Grove

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95	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	15.5	17	1	2	Grove
96	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	14.5	21	1	2	Grove
97	Acer macrophyllum Big-leaf maple	12	15	1	2	Grove
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Regards,

David Moehring
TreePAC Member

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KING COUNTY PARCEL INFORMATION :

Taxpayer name: BLACK GRAHAM P

Address: 632 W BARRETT ST 98119

Lot area: 16,197

Address: 650 W DRAVUS ST 98119

Lot area: 5,280

Taxpayer name: SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Address: 512 W BARRETT ST 98119

Lot area: 8,560

Taxpayer name: SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Address: 500 W BARRETT ST 98119

Lot area: 5,778

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Property name: SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY DORMS

Jurisdiction: SEATTLE

Taxpayer name: SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Address: 611 W DRAVUS ST 98119

Lot area: 269,636

SEATTLE DEPT OF CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION INFORMATION

project 3035990-EG

3032263-LU

6696698-CN

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Addresses: 632 W Barrett Street / 611 West Dravus

Contacts Greg Johnson, SDCI; Malli Anderson, SDCI; Jackson Koch-Keenan, SDOT, Ray Ramos, City Light; Angela Wallis, SPU; Steve Bull, Graham Black (architect and developer)

The proposed work includes 5 separate lots to be established through an LBA and associated design review, MUP, and construction permits for 31 dwelling units. Work anticipates 5 separate construction permits and three separate design review documents due to functionally related lots. Design review to include both SDR and ADR. Existing Zoning MIO 65 (for SPU) / LR2 (M) lowrise multi-family.

ARE THE SPU TRUSTEES IN THE KNOW?:

- Gary Ames
- Dr. Tina Chang, Vice Chair
- Cedric Davis, Chair
- Becky Gilliam, Secretary
- Kevin Johnson
- Dean Kato
- Dr. Daniel Martin, President
- Mark Mason
- Dr. Pete Menjares
- Dr. Denise Martinez
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- Daryl Miller, Treasurer
- Dr. George Parker
- Mike Quinn
- Leslie Vander Griend
- Dennis Weibling
- Dr. Matthew Whitehead
- Dr. Deborah Wilds

JULY 2018 INQUIRY (DRAWING PLANS SINCE REVISED)

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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 8:49 PM

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Cc: "Sharon LeVine" <slevineusc@yahoo.com>, "DOT_SeattleTrees" <seattle.trees@seattle.gov>

Subject: Narrow Barrett road supporting multiple family development?

Dear PRC,

Please keep me and others informed on the applications for #3032263 or similar interdependent development associated with this address of 632 W BARRETT ST (Queen Anne) which includes the Construction of (11) eleven townhouses off an alley-type road.

The application says no work in the street is required. Yet this road which runs along the north side of the cemetery is not passable by two cars in opposite directions. The site is also heavily wooded around an existing building.

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/cap/CapDetail.aspx?type=1000&fromACA=Y&agencyCode=SEATTLE&Module=DPDPermits&capID1=18DPD&capID2=00000&capID3=14442>

Please identify what work will be done to the STREET ROW in order to adequately support the proposed multiple family development.

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Document	Size	Date	Record #	Record Type
Pre-Submittal-Approved Notes/Minutes	41 KB	04/06/20	3035990-EG	Early Design Guidance
Record Snapshot	80 KB	03/23/20	001175-20PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Preliminary Assessment Report	99 KB	03/20/20	001175-20PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Site Photos	48 MB	03/10/20	001175-20PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
PASV Authorization Letter	18 KB	03/04/20	001175-20PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
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Site Plan	516 KB	02/25/20	001175-20PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Statement of Financial Responsibility/Agent Authorization	148 KB	02/25/20	001175-20PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
EDG Presub Coversheet	217 KB	01/24/20	3035990-EG	Early Design Guidance
FEASIBILITY UPDATE	352 KB	01/24/20	3035990-EG	Early Design Guidance

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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:04 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: aazathome@outlook.com; kris.ilgenfritz@gmail.com; v.schmitz@comcast.net; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>

Subject: Disappearing Urban Trees - 5009 and 5011 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW

CAUTION: External Email

Dear PRC:

Thank you for taking comments regarding the proposed non-compliant developments in Fauntleroy.

(RE: Non-compliant 5009 and 5011 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW / refer to bulletin description below for 5009 and 5011 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW)

Rowhouse Rules ***

Land use non-compliance was prevalent at 5015 - 5017 Fauntleroy, one lot south of this proposed repeat of market-rate dwellings being built behind row houses in Seattle. This development by Habernet Homes is also seeking to circumvention of density limits within LR1 lowrise multifamily.

(Proposal and Built projects conflict with SMC 23.84A.032.R.21.f)

Exceptional Tree Removal

Unfortunately, the large and Exceptional trees near the street right-of-way were taken out at 5017 Fauntleroy next door. Per the attached, Chris Selle (a Certified Arborist) did a very very brief 1.5 page tree assessment - but incorrectly stated that in the apparent "\$20 report" that the two massive White Oaks at about 28" DBH each were 'not Exceptional'. Seattle Director's Rule indicates these trees were indeed Exceptional - and they were Exceptional at 6-inch diameter some 20 to 25 years ago. Since, no trees have been replanted. Accordingly, the removed Exceptional trees need to be replaced by equitable tree canopy per Seattle code... at 5009 and 5011 if needed.



Per the Director's Rule, to the contrary, states that White Oak are Exceptional at just 6 inches DBH.

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

Oregon White or Garry OAK – Quercus garryana 6 in

Tree #1: 27.2" DBH White Oak tree

Tree#2: 28.6" DBH White Oak tree

Seattle needs a **stronger tree ordinance** (including scrutiny of arborist reports, and mandatory reports when significant trees are present). Seattle needs **enforcement of rowhouse development** rules on functionally-related lots.

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Dear Councilmember Strauss, these practices need your attention as the chair of the land use committee. If needed, ... please send me the documents for the forthcoming clarifications to the land use code. I understand that process has begun to make corrections to the code.

The address to mail: 3444B 23rd Ave W Seattle 98199

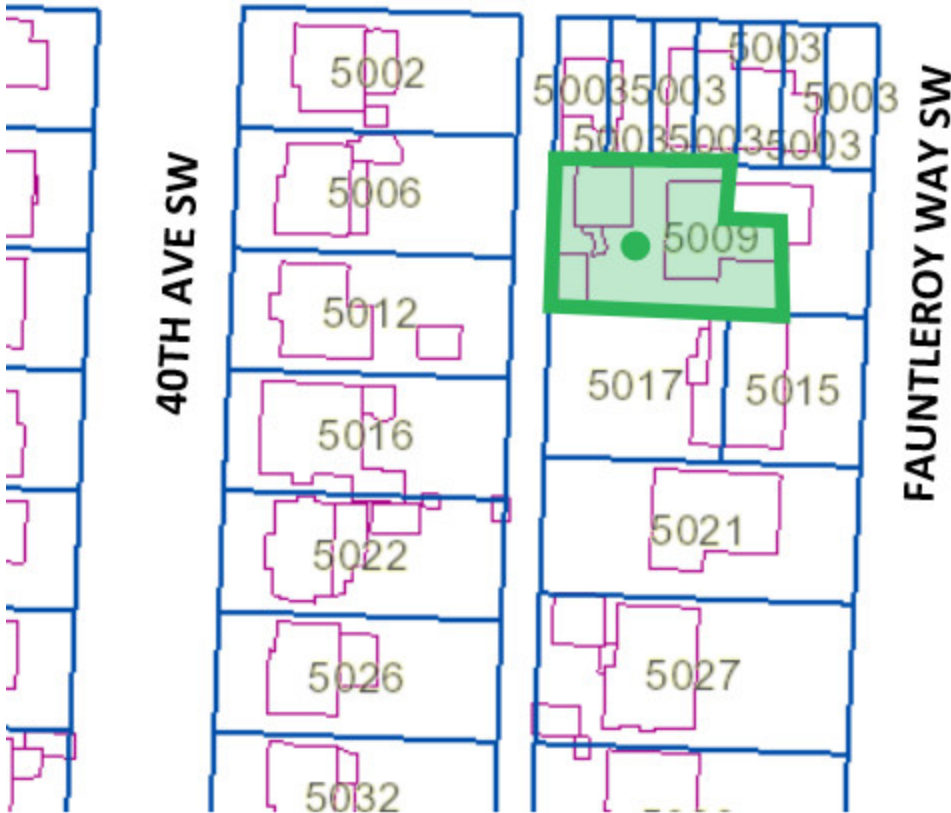
Thank you,
David Moehring

Image attached is from today's bulletin: Total 7 dwellings on one lot with Lowrise 1. 4-unit rowhouse buildings in front of single family residence and a 2-unit townhouse (all 3 -stories)

Comments may be submitted through: 06/10/2020



SW HUDSON ST



Application for project 3035699-LU

Address: **5009 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW**

Project: 3035699-LU

Area: West Seattle

Notice Date: 5/28/2020

Project Description: Land Use Application to allow a 3-story single family residence and a 3-story, 2-unit townhouse building. Parking for 3 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished. To be considered with 3035700-LU for shared access. Administrative Design Review conducted under 3033415-EG.

and same development lot:

Application for project 3035700-LU

Address: **5011 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW**

Project: 3035700-LU

Project Description:

Land Use Application to allow a 3-story, 4-unit rowhouse building. Parking for 4 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished. To be considered with 3035699-LU for shared access. Administrative Design Review conducted under 3034179-EG.

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Past land use abuse: Address:5251 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW Project:3034211-LU

WHAT DOES THE CODE SAY:

21. "Rowhouse development" means a multifamily residential use in which all principal dwelling units on the lot meet the following conditions:

- a. Each dwelling unit occupies the space from the ground to the roof of the structure in which it is located;
- b. No portion of a dwelling unit, except for an accessory dwelling unit or shared parking garage, occupies space above or below another dwelling unit;
- c. Each dwelling unit is attached along at least one common wall to at least one other dwelling unit, with habitable interior space on both sides of the common wall, or abuts another dwelling unit on a common lot line;
- d. The front of each dwelling unit faces a street lot line;
- e. Each dwelling unit provides pedestrian access directly to the street that it faces; and
- f. No portion of any other dwelling unit, except for an attached accessory dwelling unit, is located between any dwelling unit and the street faced by the front of that unit.**

https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT23LAUSCO_SUBTITLE_IV_AD_CH23.84ADE_23.84A.032R



From: Caitlin Wigre <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 12:19 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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5. Establish one citywide database for applying for Tree Removal and Replacement Permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
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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.

Caitlin Wigre

avarose6@gmail.com

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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 1:41 PM

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

Cc: treepac_seattlelists.riseup.net <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>

Subject: Providing comments to the City on Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Seattle PRC sent some guidance on when and what comments may be made for any given project. Interestingly, they indicate that **design reviews are not the time to reference protection of Exceptional trees!** From the message from PRC (of SDCI), they indicate that each comment period has points of relevance. Although the attitude is not to allow mentioning trees during Design Review... the Seattle Design Guidelines mention trees several times within the checklist. (Please refer to Tree Note at bottom of this message.)

We need a better tree ordinance, and compliance reviews which does not attempt to **enforce tree protections only after the design is complete**. In order to comment, proposed tree removals should also be indicated on the development (MUP) Notice Signs.

Design Review	SEPA Determination
ECA Variance	Variance (other)

TIPS TO COMMENT ON PROJECTS:

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- highly recommend you familiarize yourself with the different types of reviews required for development projects.

How to Comment on a Project

<https://www.seattle.gov/sdci/permits/comment-on-a-project>

Thank you,



Public Resource Center

Land Use Division

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

Footnote from D. Moehring (May 31, 2020)

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 11:52 PM

To: Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; Leman, Chris <cleman@oo.net>

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

Subject: Support the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan tree protection amendments

CAUTION: External Email

Please convey your continued support for **stronger tree retention policies** within the Seattle Comprehensive Plan.

Refer to the link below for the [11th of the proposed amendments](#).

Chris Leman has also issued the 5th amendment titled [Yards and Trees](#).

Support for these amendments may be asked from the City Council.

Thank you,

David Moehring

dmoehring@consultant.com

TreePAC

Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 at 10:12 AM

From: "McConaghy, Eric" <Eric.McConaghy@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: 2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan amendment application placed in Clerk File 321701

Hello:

I am writing to acknowledge that your 2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan amendment application was received and that your proposal is collected together with other amendment proposals in [Clerk File 321701](#). The Clerk File is accessible online at:

<http://clerk.seattle.gov/search/clerk-files/321701>

[Online Information Resources - CityClerk | seattle.gov](#)

The Office of the City Clerk keeps the records of the City Council and makes them available to the public. We also receive and maintain many different types of documents that must, by law or as a result of legislation, be filed with us. The databases contain full text or scanned copies of many of these documents, and descriptions of others along with information about how to get copies.

clerk.seattle.gov

Under the usual annual Comprehensive Plan amendment process, the Council reviews the amendment applications and considers recommendations from the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) and the Seattle Planning Commission in the summer. The Council then establishes by resolution a docket of the amendments the City will consider. This is often referred to as the “docket setting” resolution.

The COVID-19 emergency has affected the timing of all Council meetings and may impact the timeline of events in the annual amendment process. Please, revisit the [Land Use and Neighborhoods web page](#) in the coming weeks for updates.

Please, feel free to send me questions.

Best regards,

Eric McConaghy

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:21 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Design Review comments to the City on Trees 3032858-LU

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you for allowing comment following the notices of Administrative Design Review for project 3032858-LU

located at 7903 GREENWOOD AVE N. Notice Date: 6/1/2020.

Project Description: Land Use Application to allow a 6-story, 72-unit apartment building with retail. Parking for 8 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished.

Comments may be submitted through: 06/15/2020

In consideration of the Seattle Design Guidelines, these concerns intend to reflect those guidelines (see below***) that address retention of trees (where possible), issues of vehicular access and connections, and height, bulk and scale as it pertains to the immediate surrounding lesser-intense single-family zoning.

Provide a complete assessment of the site - including an assessment of the existing trees - so that comments driven from the Seattle Design Guidelines are well measured and may be stated with relevance.

Lot-line to lot-line development does not work - in any city. Why justify the greed when being green has so many more benefits. <https://www.greenwoodexceptionalcedar.com/>

Is this application ready for review as there is Financial Commitments made by only one of the two owners on three lots:

Missing: MICHAEL J+SUZANNE WHALEN

7911 GREENWOOD AVE N 98103

3,520 SF

WOODLAND LIV LLC

7907 GREENWOOD AVE N 98103

4,000 SF

and

WOODLAND LIV LLC

7903 GREENWOOD AVE N 98103

4,800 SF



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***** DESIGN GUIDELINES:**

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From: Bruce Dear <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:38 AM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Thank you for your time in reading this letter. With so much going on in the world, helping to keep our Tree residents of Seattle safe, seems more important than ever to know they will be here for our future generations.

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