

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle

December 4, 2013

Meeting Notes

Industrial Areas Tour

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Attending

Commissioners

Gordon Bradley (GB)

Tom Early (TE)

Leif Fixen (LF)

Matt Mega (MM)

Erik Rundell (ER)

Peg Staeheli (PS)

Staff

Tracy Morgenstern - OSE

Darren Morgan - SDOT

Guests

Warreb Aakervik – Freight Advisory Board

Eugene Wasserman - BMIC

Larry Ward

Absent- Excused

John Floberg (JF) - chair

John Small (JS) – vice-chair

Jeff Reibman (JR)

Public

Key comments:

- Not all industrial areas are the same: IG1; IG2, IC and ... railroad properties
- Future of industrial use in the city is at stake – BMIC/MIC watch if it has industrial maritime does and action affect access
- Drainage is a problem
 - Issues with SPU –
 - Issues with street conditions
 - Required treatment for all areas of operations (all areas of operation must be impervious) “there is no non- working area”
 - Uphill properties stormwater runoff increases Industrial costs of NPDES discharge permits
- Tree branch clearances not maintained
- Sight distance issues
- Signs blocked
- General maintenance
- Canopy calculation question

- Encroachment issue in industrial areas by retail and residential uses
- Industrial access requires 20x20 foot clearance (trees, vegetation and sidewalk space are an issue)
- Classified Truck routes are very limited (15th Ave is only complete NS street in city)
- Government activities use of industrial areas (example metro bus barn)

Next steps:

- Partnering opportunities between Freight Board and UFC :
 - Encourage funding for pruning on truck streets
 - Scoping for Freight Master Plan
 - Assistance to review niches for selected opportunities for Trees and incentives
 - UFC web site link to Freight board Website especially truck routes to inform

Freight Master Plan Thoughts Related to Understanding how Trees could be within Industrial uses

Right of Way opportunities; industrial area and truck route special (increased) setbacks for trees from intersections and signage; temporary routing – ie additional streets designated for 20x20 clearances; special trees selection such as conifers and trees with small leaves; tree removal guidance; tree incentives; partnering with CSO projects and other drainage related work; best practices – how do other industrial areas integrate trees in use areas; use of GIS data base to understand do not plant zones; channelization/optimization for uses.

Reference:

- MIC -Dave Gehring
- BNRR – Terry Flynn
- SODO
- School District – Bus Routes
- Grocery Stores