

Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through 1-14-21

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Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:51 AM

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Cc: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; SeattleIT <SeattleIT@seattle.gov>; Glundberg-Prossor, Kristen <Kristen.Glundberg-Prossor@seattle.gov>; Heidi Siegelbaum (Heidi.Siegelbaum@wsu.edu) <Heidi.Siegelbaum@wsu.edu>

Subject: Example page from King County Comp Plan

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<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/king-county-comprehensive-plan.aspx>

Hi Sandra

I thought you would be interested in the layout from King County on a possible page structure for OSE/SDCI when it comes to public participation around major issues. I think your city IT people could make it possible.

About 4 years ago the City stripped away all peer to peer contacts on its websites including an understanding of which practitioners work on discrete issues, instead leaving a general number where you can never find who you need. This happened yesterday when I tried to contact the Environmental Justice and Equity folks and the program manager's contact information (like a phone number) was not on the page.

I actually contacted Mami Hara about it because I could not find stormwater peers on the SPU web site. This continues to be a problem.

Please let me know who to contact in the City of Seattle IT world because this lack of functionality is a de facto barrier to effective problem solving and seriously gets in the way of any meaningful public participation.

Many thanks,
Heidi

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

Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 8:55 AM

To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Cc: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Subject: Tree cut for development at 85th and 30th- there is STILL room for it to have stayed given the development footprint

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Hi Sandra

I had sent you this photo before about a large tree (Stuart can confirm the size but I'm going to guess **30 inches**) was taken out- FOR NO REASON- for this development. This tree was on the very edge of the property.

As this building is being built, I can see that this space is totally unoccupied by the building footprint and could have been built without removing this tree. I want to know what you and SDCI are doing to do about it and would appreciate a response telling me the steps of your investigation and the results of this investigation.

David sends you hundreds of violations. Where on the City's website are the resolution being stored? Who is getting fined and where are the funds going? Please tell me.

The property is on the north side of 85th.

All the best,
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Subject: Good model for public participation from another city- might consider adopting such a model

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<https://srcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/28198/How-to-Participate-in-Public-Meetings?bidId=>

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Subject: 6 rowhouses at 172 Galer Street and removal of 11 trees

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Seattle Public Resource Center-

Thank you for considering comments on the design of six new market-rate rowhouses on a 7,400 sq ft lot at 172 Galer Street (SDCI #3035107)

[Design Review Proposal](#)

"Administrative Design Review for a 3-story, 4-unit rowhouse building and a 3-story, 2-unit rowhouse building. Parking for 6 vehicles is proposed. Existing building to be demolished. "

In addition to an attention to the lack of an contextual aesthetic for the development, Green Canopy Homes should consider a more appropriate name: Remove-Green-Canopy Homes. It appears all 11 trees on this site will be removed, including an exceptional tree noted to be retained, but includes excavation within the inner critical root zone of the tree. Clearly about 40 percent of the exceptional tree would be limbed in order to build the three-story rowhouses.

A better effort must be made to retain two exceptional trees identified by the city arborist and missed in the Davie Tree report.

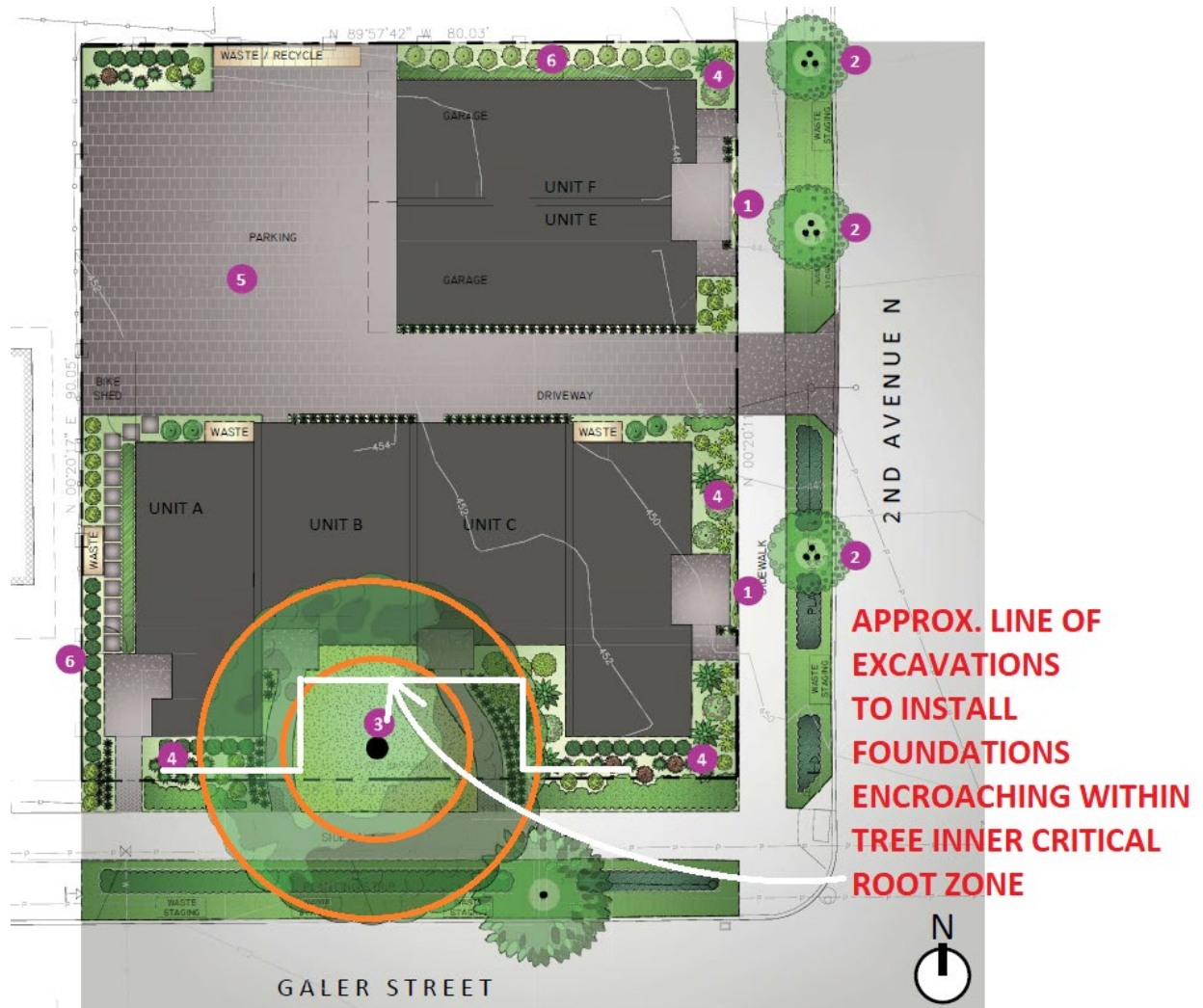
That effort must include SMC 25.11 measures to implement design departures to retain exceptional trees.

Let's maintain public involvement in the Queen Anne residential communities. It does not appear to be an effective means of reaching out to neighbors. A community meeting was held last summer on 7/23/2019 from 6:00-7:00 at the Queen Anne Branch Library. The time, date and location for the

meeting was included in both the fact sheet that the owner delivered via mail and in an online survey. Yet, there were no attendees.

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TreePAC board member





1505 2ND AVE N	ACTIVE	View Permit & Complaint Status
166 GALER ST	ACTIVE	View Permit & Complaint Status
168 GALER ST	ACTIVE	View Permit & Complaint Status
170 GALER ST	ACTIVE	View Permit & Complaint Status
172 GALER ST	ACTIVE	View Permit & Complaint Status

From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
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Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>;
LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Tree cut for development at 85th and 30th- there is STILL room for it to have stayed
given the development footprint

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Dear Betty and Nathan,

Thank you for your response to Heidi's valid and poignant request for an answer to why a potentially 'exceptional', healthy spruce tree (based on the colour of the wood in the photos of the stump) was removed for an approved project to develop a single family lot into a five unit 'rowhouse' property. Unfortunately, your suggestion of submitting a 'complaint' through the online portal is neither helpful or useful to anyone now the tree has already been removed. By coincidence I have recently received a response to one of my many and regular complaints to SDCI about illegal tree removals and violations of the SMC 25.11 and DR 2008-16, in which the inspector Shantel McEachin claims the result of the inspection was "No Access/Unable to Observe" and that she was "Not able to access property for measurement of one tree." Please see the attached photographs which I took when I first observed the violation of SMC 25.11 which I had attached to my complaint (008549-20CP) which clearly show more than three trees greater than 6" dbh having been removed from the site, prior to the submission of a construction permit, as well as the brutalisation of an amazing 'exceptional' true cedar which has been written into history by inclusion in Aurthur Lee Jacobson's "Trees Of Seattle" book which was first published over 10 years ago, which should be a violation of the DR for Exceptional Trees as it is clearly well outside of the very basic and clear ANSI A-300 Pruning Standards. There are no access issues as the stumps are all visible from the street and there are no fences, gates or restrictions for accessing the property. If permission not been given to access the property is the issue then this adds to the fundamental problem of the complaint based system as in general, who will ever allow permission onto a property where the property owner has knowingly violated the tree protection code?! Complaining about trees being removed illegally does nothing to help protect trees and the lack of enforcement of SDCI's own regulations is not helping. Suggesting to Heidi to submit a complaint about a tree already removed is a waste of time as knowing how it goes, despite the stump being clearly visible in photographs, even if the site inspector is able to view it, they will likely claim "no access" was possible, so no measurement was possible, therefore no violation is concluded. Even if an inspector were to measure the stump, the developer would simply say the tree was preventing the development potential then the removal would be permitted, after the fact and again, no violation would be found to have taken place. Basically, trees are no protected under any circumstances in Seattle and currently I am starting to feel that if there was no SMC25.11 or DR 2008-16, there would be no noticeable difference in how many healthy trees are being removed on a daily basis in the city, which quite frankly is both abhorrent and embarrassing for a city which is viewed by the rest of the country as a forward thinking, progressive city.

Returning to this property, I have looked into the development documents and there is no evidence of an arborist report or tree inventory for the property which is a violation of SDCI's building code is it not(?), and suspiciously the surveyor's plans show the tree but do not document its size (DBH), yet they have plotted other trees on the property which are smaller and do have DBH information. Having seen the same land surveyor remove 'exceptional' trees from surveys to aid their removal by developers, it is highly likely they have neglected to add the measurement of this tree to avoid highlighting its size and possible 'exceptional' status. However, as you both know, 'exceptional' trees can and continue to be removed by developers both before and during the construction process as technically, as the current SMC 25.11 Tree 'Protection' and DR 2008-16 for 'Exceptional' trees is being used in such a way as to allow the removal of any and all 'exceptional' trees on any property undergoing development, with little or no push back on developers by SDCI, despite the wording of the code to allow "the Director" the ability to enforce tree protection during construction. It seems some developers do not realise this so they continue to remove trees illegally before applying for construction permits, or they sneak around the weak and poorly enforced codes to work the system to help them build as much as they want, without resistance from SDCI, when in reality they do not need to employ such devious tactics as all they need to do is claim the trees are preventing their 'development potential' and they will be approved to remove as many trees as they need to, regardless of the trees' size, condition and species.

As far as I am observing and experiencing, SDCI has no interest in applying any of their own tree 'protection' codes as they relate to development or even on 'regular' property, not undergoing 'development' The only violation I have heard of that was filed against the property owner and tree removal service was following the removal of a healthy, exceptional honey locust tree in Maple Leaf by Ballard Tree Service earlier this year and the only reason the violation was found was because I had been invited to perform an assessment on the tree by the homeowner and so had evidence of its size and condition, but I had to produce a 'sworn affidavit / statement' to legally claim that I had visited the site to take measurements and assess the tree, otherwise the violation would not have been found as the tree company ground the stump and the property owner refused to allow the inspector access to the property! This is no way to 'protect' trees as in most cases, an arborist with my knowledge, experience and credentials will not be invited to assess a tree a property owner wants to remove, so the removal companies and unethical arborists will continue to do what they have been doing for many years now and simply manipulate the already broken system within SDCI and remove whatever trees they want to, knowing they are immune from punishment.

Please respect Heidi's request for an inquest into this situation and remember your own department has codes in place to protect trees like this one, with the buck stopping at 'the Director' who according to my interpretation of SMC 25.11 can do a significantly better job of enforcing the code to actually protect trees in Seattle, not just those considered 'exceptional' but actually all trees over 6" DBH.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

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[Arborist on Seattle Audubon Society Conservation Committee](#)

[Arborist on Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission](#)

[Board Member of TreePAC](#)

[WA Lic# PANORL*852P1](#) (Click to link to WA L&I's Verify a Contractor Page)



From: Clark Wiegman <dadaville@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 11:18 AM

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

Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant

Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and short platting process
- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of Transportation already requires
- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the grove
- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

The following changes to the draft Director's Rule are needed:

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns." Include street trees in groves.
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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

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Subject: Design Review recommends remove exceptional tree at 3417 Harbor Ave SW

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Looking at Page 5 of 18 Design Review Report for 3417 Harbor Ave SW

It states:

*"The Board was inclined to support **removal of the Exceptional tree to accommodate the project's new landscaping** and courtyard but before recommending approval of this design, they would like to hear a summary of the SDCI tree reviewer's feedback regarding the health of the existing tree. (DC2-A-1. Site Characteristics and Uses, CS1-C Topography)"*

I am just not sure if the DRB consulted with an arborist to have a subjective building design alternative trump retention of exceptional trees?

Please explain at what point does the Design Review Board have the authority to recommend deviations from the Seattle tree protection code? Would it then not make sense for the public to be allowed to comment on code-related concerns during these design reviews?

(Hint: I already did but it appears the comment was not recorded:

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following public comments were offered at this meeting:

- *Would like to see more information on the lot line condition along the north edge.*
- *Concerned with disturbing the steep slope.*
- *Some concern with the vehicle access located along Harbor Avenue.*
- *Concerned with the blank wall condition along Harbor Avenue.)*

Sincerely,

David Moehring
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Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM

From: "Campaz, Brinn" <Brinn.Campaz@Seattle.Gov>

To: No recipient address

Subject: Meeting Report for Project No. 3035986-LU located at 3417 Harbor Ave SW

Hello,

Please find the attached report summarizing the most recent meeting for the proposed development located at 3417 Harbor Ave SW. You are receiving this message because you have been listed as a Party of Record for this project, due to previous meeting attendance or public comment.

If you are unable to open the meeting report attachment, please visit the Design Review website link here and enter the project number or address:

<http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/aboutus/news/events/DesignReview/SearchPastReviews/default.aspx>.

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The project plans and application materials (including the attached meeting report) can also be found by typing in the project address in the Seattle Services Portal:

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/Cap/CapHome.aspx?module=DPDPermits&TabName=DPDPermits>

Please note that project plans and application materials submitted prior to April 30, 2018 can be viewed in our electronic library:

[http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/.](http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/)

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If you have further questions or concerns related to the project, please contact the Public Resource Center at prc@seattle.gov, or the planner, Crystal Torres, at Crystal.Torres@Seattle.gov.



Brinn Campaz

Administrative Specialist, Design Review Program

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

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Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Design Review recommends remove exceptional tree at 3417 Harbor Ave SW

CAUTION: External Email

How the Hell does Design Review have any authority on whether to destroy an exceptional tree? It makes zero sense.

I get it that Design is important to working around existing trees, but this is just wrong! 🙄

Janet

Sent from my iPad

From: Jessica Souyoutzis <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 7:04 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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.

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:

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

Jessica Souyoutzis

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From: Merrilie Gunnier <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, December 25, 2020 7:44 PM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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Merrilie Gunnier

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1628 sunset Ave sw

Seattle , Oregon 97116

From: Helen Winkler <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 27, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. 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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Helen Winkler

helenjean43@hotmail.com

1742A NW 59th St
Seattle, Washington 98107

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 10:06 PM
To: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>
Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Queen Anne Historic Architecture Preservation Association <QAHAPA_all+noreply@googlegroups.com>; queenannecc@gmail.com; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; 3terrell@gmail.com
Subject: Why chainsaw a 150 year old Healthy Sycamore tree in Uptown street
Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Trees.

Help avoid climate change and retain the street trees at 400 and 412 QUEEN ANNE AVE N.

SDCI Project:3033479-LU and (3033395-EG)
Project Description: Land Use Application to allow a 7-story, 110-unit apartment building with retail. Parking for 98 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished.

Please provide a copy of the arborist report on the street trees and why three (3) trees are marked to be removed. Photos have been attached.

Unless we are missing it, there does not appear to be any **arborist report** on the Electronic Document Management System of SDCI. Nor is there any mention of existing tree removal in the April 2020 design packet or the issued design report dated December 21, 2020.

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Kind regards,

David Moehring AIA NCARB

TreePAC Board Member
312-965-0634

From: Kevin Murphy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
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From: Timothy Humes <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 5:02 PM

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Timothy Humes

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5105 1st Ave NW

Seattle, Washington 98107

From: Nikoli Stevens <nikoli99@uw.edu>

Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 10:04 AM

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

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Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 5:23 PM

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

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Snohomish, Washington 98290

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 1:35 PM

To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; alex.petersen@seattle.gov;

zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>

Subject: Public meeting needed for 49 trees 11350, 11344 and 11342 23rd Ave NE (3036857 et. Al)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle authorities having jurisdiction to clear-cutting trees from properties,

Please address with a public meeting 49 trees at risk for new houses at 11340, 11342, 11344 and 11350+ 23rd Ave NE. Included to be removed is an Exceptional **71-inch diameter (DBH) Western Red Cedar** because the arborist stated the tree was in the way of a new access road and the arborist could not find any other way to keep the tree. In a large area of land of nearly 45,000 sq feet, is the City is accepting there is no other way to provide access or to configure the boundaries within?

The Department, the city's arborist, the owner, the owner's architect, and the owner's arborist has not demonstrated what lot boundary configurations along with proposed access would meet the criteria to maximize the retention of existing trees. A public meeting is therefore necessary... some three years after the initial request has been made.

With prior requests from 2017 and 2018, please do not delay any further and provide a virtual public meeting regarding the use of a Lot Boundary Adjustment converting 5 lots created by short plot #8806691 (March 1990) into 6 lots... and totally ignoring the criteria per SMC 23.24.

At a very minimum, in addition to the public meeting, tree protection and signage including penalties should be set in place around all trees (if any) that are currently assumed to remain through demolition and forthcoming construction permits. An assessment of natural habitats has been offered in public comments. Wildlife habitats are at risk.



Lot Boundary Adjustment risks 49 trees 11350, 11344, 11342, and 11340 23rd Ave NE

6808941-DM	Demolish rear existing single family residence, subject to field inspection, STFI.,	Demolition	11/4/2020	\$0	SEATTLE
6777162-DM	Demolish existing structures, subject to field inspection (STFI).,	Demolition	11/2/2020	\$0	SEATTLE

David Moehring
 TreePAC Board Member
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 312-965-0634

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 December 28, 2020

JULIE LEDOUX
 SEATTLE PERMITS & PLANNING LLC
 21004 44TH DR NE
 ARLINGTON, WA 98223

Re: SDCI #3036857-LU – 11350 23RD AVE NE

Dear JULIE LEDOUX,

Your Lot Boundary Adjustment (LBA) has been examined for consistency with all applicable criteria and is approved. This approval is a final land use decision under the Land Use Petition Act and expires 3 years from the date of this letter. Final LBA recording documents must reflect any issues the Department identified during its review of the application. After submitting the final recording documents to the Department for its review, you will be notified by a Routing Coordinator of any

project fees that remain owing and must be paid before the LBA is recorded with King County Recorder.

Instructions are attached for preparing and submitting final recording documents, paying any outstanding project fees, recording the final documents, and securing issuance of your LBA permit. The LBA permit will be issued after the final recording documents have been submitted for Department review, any outstanding project fees have been paid, and the final documents have been recorded.

Thank you,
 Jamie Carlson
 Email: Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov
 Phone: 206-684-8850
 Land Use Planner

Document	Size	Date	Record #	Record Type
Plan Set - Land Use	956 KB	12/30/20	3036857-LU	Master Use Permit
LBA Determination Letter	139 KB	12/28/20	3036857-LU	Master Use Permit
Correction Response Cycle3	396 KB	12/21/20	3036857-LU-003	Upload Documents
Correction Response Cycle3	404 KB	12/21/20	3036857-LU-003	Upload Documents
Plan Set - Land Use Cycle3	1338 KB	12/21/20	3036857-LU-003	Upload Documents
Correction Letter-Land Use-Cycle2	360 KB	11/25/20	3036857-LU	Master Use Permit
Correction Response Cycle2	367 KB	11/03/20	3036857-LU-002	Upload Documents
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Correction Letter-Addressing-Cycle1	180 KB	09/30/20	3036857-LU	Master Use Permit
Correction Letter-Land Use-Cycle1	360 KB	08/20/20	3036857-LU	Master Use Permit
Correction Letter-Zoning-Cycle1	168 KB	08/20/20	3036857-LU	Master Use Permit
Record Snapshot	213 KB	07/31/20	3036857-LU	Master Use Permit
Arborist Report	3 MB	07/29/20	3036857-LU-001	Application Intake

50+ Public meeting requests from 2017 and 2018:

Public Comment: Songer 09/06/2018	47 KB	09/07/18	3028516-LU	Master Use Permit
Preliminary Assessment Report	70 KB	04/28/18	3026308-LU	Master Use Permit
Public Comment	53 KB	09/26/17	3028516-LU	Master Use Permit
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From: Bernice Maslan <bmaslan08@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 11:58 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; alex.petersen@seattle.gov; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>

Subject: Pease hold public meeting for 49 trees 11350, 11344 and 11342 23rd Ave NE (3036857 et. Al)

CAUTION: External Email

THello,

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Thank you to David for this research.

Please, responsible people, hold a public hearing. The trees cannot advocate for themselves.

Sincerely,

Bernice Maslan
Seattle resident since 1972

From: Cynthia ROSE <crose1453@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>
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Sincerely yours,

Cynthia Rose
11557 23rd Ave. NE
Seattle, Wa. 98125

From: Brandon Baugh <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:02 PM

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

Subject: PLEASE! Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Brandon Baugh

seashellpipes@yahoo.com

1138 6th Ave S

Edmonds , Washington 98020

From: Jane Kortz <kortzj@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:04 AM

To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>

Subject: Trees on 23rd Ave NE: Virtual Public Meeting needed regarding clear cutting

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A public meeting on a these properties has been requested since 2017 with no response. Please hold a virtual [ublic meeting as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Jane Kortz
2304 NE 115th Street
Seattle, WA 98125
(206)378-1644
kortzj@msn.com

From: DS Fisher <simfish46@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:20 AM

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

Subject: urgent action regarding tree loss

CAUTION: External Email

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I am not an unreasonable person. Urban development is a part of life. But contractors and builders must be encouraged (with some real “teeth”) to find ways to compromise in the pursuit of maintaining our vibrant urban canopy.

Sincerely yours,
Douglass S. Fisher
2205 NE 117th St
Seattle, WA 98125-5226

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 5:39 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Queen Anne Historic Architecture Preservation Association <QAHAPA_all+noreply@googlegroups.com>; queenannecc@gmail.com; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; 3terrell@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Why chainsaw a 150 year old Healthy Sycamore tree in Uptown street

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David, I second your request.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

www.panorarbor.com

From: Mary Schlater <mschlater7108@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:08 PM

To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Regarding 49 trees in Victory Heights

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This isn't the first time I have written to you with concerns about tree removal. This is yet another project in Victory Heights removing a substantial amount of trees! This neighborhood has seen an alarming number of trees removed in the last 2 years and many of them have been exceptional trees. This has to stop! Please why have you continued to delay any real action to save our trees? When will you add funding and some accountability measures to the tree ordinance so that SDCI and builders have to create designs that preserve our exceptional trees ? I appreciate that you included in the recent budget more intent to study the tree situation in Seattle but the city has done nothing but study the situation in various ways for 12 years now and meanwhile so many trees are already gone. Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,
Mary Schlater

Mary E Schlater
12003 23rd Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98125

From: Catherine Ruha <ruhac@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>
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There are better ways to deal with these lots so that trees live and continue to clean our air and water and heal our souls with their beauty.

Sincerely,

Catherine Ruha

1541 NE 91st Street, Seattle, WA 98115

From: B. Bordas <bebordas@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:10 AM

To: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com <zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>

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Seattle, WA 98125
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Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

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Wendy Oberlin

Wendy Oberlin

wendy.oberlin@gmail.com

4015 Wallingford Ave N

Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Suzanne Grant <suzgrant206@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:03 PM

Cc: Carlson, Jamie <Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Huey, Betty <Betty.Huey@seattle.gov>; Pinto Urrutia, Sandra <Sandra.PintoUrrutia@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; alex.petersen@seattle.gov; zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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December 28, 2020

JULIE LEDOUX
SEATTLE PERMITS & PLANNING LLC
21004 44TH DR NE
ARLINGTON, WA 98223

Re: SDCI #3036857-LU – 11350 23RD AVE NE

Dear JULIE LEDOUX,

Your Lot Boundary Adjustment (LBA) has been examined for consistency with all applicable criteria and is approved. This approval is a final land use decision under the Land Use Petition Act and expires 3 years from the date of this letter.

Final LBA recording documents must reflect any issues the Department identified during its review of the application. After submitting the final recording documents to the Department for its review, you will be notified by a Routing Coordinator of any project fees that remain owing and must be paid before the LBA is recorded with King County Recorder.

Instructions are attached for preparing and submitting final recording documents, paying any outstanding project fees, recording the final documents, and securing issuance of your LBA permit. The LBA permit will be issued after the final recording documents have been submitted for Department review, any outstanding project fees have been paid, and the final documents have been recorded.

Thank you,
 Jamie Carlson
[Email: Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov](mailto:Jamie.Carlson@seattle.gov)
 Phone: 206-684-8850
 Land Use Planner

Document	Size	Date	Record #	Record Type
Plan Set - Land Use	956 KB	12/30/20	3036857-LU	Master Use Permit
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Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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