

## SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Peg Staeheli, Chair • Tom Early, Vice-Chair

Gordon Bradley • Leif Fixen • Donna Kostka • Joanna Nelson de Flores • Jeff Reibman • Erik Rundell • Steve Zemke

*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 3, 2014**

### Meeting Notes

SMT 2750

700 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Attending

##### Commissioners

Peg Staeheli - chair

Tom Early – vice chair

Gordon Bradley

Donna Kostka

Joanna Nelson de Flores

Jeff Reibman

Steve Zemke

##### Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

##### Public

Cass Turnbull

#### Absent- Excused

Leif Fixen

Erik Rundell

**NOTE: Meeting notes are not exhaustive. For more details listen to the digital recording of the meeting at: <http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocs.htm>**

**Please note: we had some technical difficulties with the digital recorder. The first part of the meeting is not complete in the Part 1 file.**

#### Call to Order

The vice-chair called the meeting to order and read the Commission's mission statement and the agenda.

#### Public comment

Cass Turnbull – Has been busy trying to save trees in substations. She is working on a Plant Amnesty grant proposal to the Washington State Department of Ecology about remediation options for contaminated soils at SCL surplus substations. She is requesting support from UFC for the proposal. She just learned that SCL is already moving forward with remediation on the substation included in the proposal.

City Council approved a Statement of Legislative intent to create an open space opportunity fund to buy surplus land for community parks. The document calls for City departments to look at ways to find funding to save these properties. The community would like to have a similar study done independently.

NOTE: Sandra will send information on the SLI to the Commission.

### **Adoption of November 5 and November 12 meeting notes**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the November 5 meeting notes as written was made, seconded and approved.**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the November 12 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded and approved.**

### **Chair and vice-chair elections**

Chair – Leif Fixen

Vice-chair – Tom Early

### **Carbon and UF letter – discussion and vote**

There is an opportunity to look at California market. Would like to make the letter broad and encourage the City to participate.

**ACTION: A motion to approve the letter of recommendation as amended was made, seconded and approved.**

### **Park's Open Space Policy letter – discussion and vote**

Peg spoke with Parks and they are not moving too fast and are hoping to come up with a draft in the first quarter of 2015. UFC would like to be involved in the process.

Commissioners expressed two points of view:

- Include language referring to Cheasty in this letter, and
- Keep the letter broad and focus on UFC being at the table during the policy development.

The Commission agreed to follow up on Cheasty in early 2015.

**ACTION: A motion to approve the letter of recommendation as amended was made, seconded and approved.**

### **Queen Anne's Children's Home letter – discussion and vote**

Commissioners discussed the letter and provided amendments.

**ACTION: A motion to approve the letter of recommendation as amended was made, seconded and approved.**

### **Plant Amnesty letter – discussion and vote**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the letter of recommendation as amended was made, seconded and approved.**

**List of 2014 letters** – Peg will put together a letter for all 2014 letter recipients with the table as attachment.

Peg to write letter to CM Bagsahw to help engage with school district

**2015 work plan – initial discussion**

The Commission will continue reviewing the 2015 work plan at the next meeting.

**2014 Annual Report – initial discussion**

Peg is currently reviewing the text. Sandra will send out to the group for review and possible vote at next week's meeting.

**New business and announcements**

**Adjourn**

**Public input**