

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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Jessica Jones (Position # 12 – Public Health) • Shari Selch (Position # 13 – Community/Neighborhood)

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

October 9, 2019

Meeting Notes

Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 2750 (27th floor)
700 5th Avenue, Seattle

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair
Steve Zemke – Vice-chair
Steven Fry
Neeyati Johnson (non-voting)
Jessica Jones
Stuart Niven
Sarah Rehder
Shari Selch
Blake Voorhees (non-voting)
Michael Walton

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

Public

Nancy Penrose

Absent- Excused

Whit Bouton
Josh Morris

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>

Call to order

Weston called the meeting to order

Public comment

None

Executive Order 2017-11 implementation briefing

Chanda Emery from SDCI provided an update on implementation of the Executive Order 2017-11 Tree Protection

SDCI has a UW grad student who is working on her professional project based on fee-in -lieu for tree planting. She will be looking at planting potential as well. She will have GIS analysis by January 2020 which

will include equity analysis. In June she will have literature review and summary and findings and recommendations for the City.

The UFC asked questions and Chanda responded. For details of the conversation please go to the [meeting documents](#) section of the UFC website.

Tree tracking in Accela and the fee-in-lieu are items that are still being worked on to close out the Executive Order.

It would be important to check the accuracy of data captured in the site plans and then captured in Accela and that would require SDCI staff to perform random checks.

SDCI is looking at what Portland is doing.

Would like to talk about the Resolution 31902.

SDCI is currently working on the first four items of the Resolution.

- A. Retaining protection for exceptional trees and expanding the definition of exceptional trees
- B. Adopting a definition for significant trees as trees at least 6 inches in diameter and creating a permitting process for the removal of these trees.
- C. Adding replacement requirements for significant tree removal
- D. Simplifying planting and replacement requirements, including consideration of mitigation strategies that allow for infill development while balancing tree planting and replacement goals.

Tree regs one pager – discussion continues

The UFC reviewed and discussed the revised version of the one pager.

ACTION: A motion to approve the amended one-pager to help promote the tree regulation update effort was made, seconded, and approved.

Funding levels for Green Seattle Partnership

Commissioners discussed the Mayor’s proposed budget as it related to the Green Seattle Partnership. They noticed what appeared to be a substantial reduction (\$880,000) in GSP funding for both 2019 and 2020. They requested a briefing from SPR to get clarity on this issue but decided to put together a letter for Council today due to the fast pace of the budget deliberations.

ACTION: A motion to approve a letter pointing to a GSP reduction in funding was made, seconded, and approved.

Resolution 31902 letter and Hazardous tree definition – moved to next meeting.

Public comment

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

Public input:

(see posted notes)

From: Rebecca Sayre <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:56 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: Irene Holroyd <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2019 7:40 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Annie Thoe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, October 04, 2019 10:59 AM

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

Subject: Stronger Tree Protection is Needed Now - Update Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

We continue to see more and more clear-cutting of mature trees in our neighborhoods, trees that take generations to grow. This can't be legal or with any foresight of our future. The city is failing to preserve and protect not only our natural resources from poor development design and practices, but is causing problems for air pollution and asthma, water runoff and pollution, healthy soil, shade from heat, diversity and habitat for wildlife and birds, and beauty for all.

The Neighborhood Treekeepers have adopted the following resolution and urge the city to do so immediately.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and
WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all "exceptional" trees and trees over 24" DBH (diameter at 54" high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and
WHEREAS Seattle, unlike Portland and other major cities, has not instituted a permit system to govern tree removal on developed property or property being developed, but relies instead on a complaint-based system that is applicable only to already-developed property and does not protect trees even there; and
WHEREAS the Seattle City Council voted in 2009, and again by Resolution 31870 in March 2019, to support an updating of its Tree Protection Ordinance; and
WHEREAS the City concluded, in its 2017 Tree Regulations Research Report, that "Current code is not supporting tree protection" and that "we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general"; and
WHEREAS Seattle's trees and urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure that (a) reduces air pollution, stormwater runoff, and climate change impacts like heat-island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and (b) is important for the physical and mental health of Seattle residents: and
WHEREAS the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has drafted, at the suggestion of several City Council members, an updated Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance consistent with the eight recommendations specified by the Council in Section 6 of its Resolution 31870,

which would:

- a. increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring, in each land-use zone in the city, a permit for removal and replacement of any tree over 6" DBH, whether on developed property or property being developed;
- b. require two-week on-site posting of tree removal and replacement applications (as SDOT already requires);
- c. require on-site tree replacement equivalent, in 25 years, to the tree canopy volume removed, or payment of a fee into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund for planting and 5-year maintenance of trees elsewhere in the city;
- d. retain current protections for exceptional trees and reduce the definitional upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH;
- e. allow no more than two significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;
- f. require registration of all tree services providers with the city;
- g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and
- h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by Neighborhood Treekeepers, Annie Thoe, Chair

Annie Thoe

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From: Linda Sewell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's rapid growth and outdated tree ordinance are reducing the beneficial effects from trees that are removed and not replaced. I've learned from personal experience the value of large, mature trees. We installed solar 6 years ago, removing four large trees that cast shade on the panels. We've replaced them with dwarf trees that won't reach the roofline, but now sorely miss the large trees that kept our house cool in the summer. Seattle's Urban Heat Island is only getting worse with the continued loss of tree canopy.

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From: Jacob Gunden <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Updating the tree ordinance is a no brainer. Investing in trees and our green infrastructure will save money in the long run and keep Seattle an amazing place to live. We can't afford to lose out on these resources.

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From: Daniel Statt <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2019 7:23 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Mona Lee <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, October 04, 2019 7:34 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: Naomi Zurcher <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 05, 2019 6:40 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As an Urban Forester and a Consulting Arborist, I am concerned with the well-being of the public's trees, regardless of where they are - all trees matter.

It has come to my attention that although Seattle has a Tree Protection Ordinance in place, the public's urban trees are being decimated through a lack of enforcement combined with inadequate Best Management Practices and development that does not respect the existing tree resource.

None of this is acceptable and all of it is avoidable and preventable.

Seattle's Urban Forest is comprised of trees and all their associates including human residents, living together in the built environment. Seattle's trees 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.

BUT, trees can only provide these critical services IF their needs are respected and accommodated.

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From: Barbara Phinney <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees! Trees Help People, Protect Them!

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

It seems every day we lose more mature healthy trees in NW Seattle.

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From: Barbara Gregory <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2019 4:26 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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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: Wendy Oberlin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Rusty West <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 07, 2019 5:05 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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Thanks very much

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From: Carlen Luke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 07, 2019 5:10 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: kevin orme <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, October 07, 2019 9:40 PM

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

Subject: Do NOT **GUT** SEPA?!?!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Today, the Seattle City Council has yet again, Sold. Us. Out. Mike "i'm about to get a job working in development" O'Brien and "Ready, Willing and Abel to sell us out" Pacheco leading the charge.

Apparently the "Green New Deal" they support is Greenbacks for New Development. Only the catch they purposely ignore is these will be either luxury condos or oversized, ridiculous McMansions - neither of which will be 'affordable'. Those Seattle 'residents' will still be located in Everett, Snohomish, Federal Way and beyond, and they will still be commuting to their service jobs just like before via I-5 and connectors.

AOC proved just last year that politicians can stand up to Big Business (a Seattle one you already caved to, no less) in a much bigger city, with much bigger businesses/warchests to buy politicians, than this one.

But actions speak louder than words, and when you are living in concrete boxes with no wildlife, habitat, trees or greenspace left in the city, don't say we didn't warn you.

Thankfully many of you will be gone soon, and we can start over, yet again, with some who may actually listen this time around. The proof is all around you, but you still refuse to listen....!

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From: seattleposa@googlegroups.com <seattleposa@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** Ruth Alice Williams
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2019 10:17 PM
To: Ruth Alice Williams <ruthalice@comcast.net>
Subject: [SeattlePOSA] Thornton Creek Alliance Meeting, Oct 17th, New Greenspace for Lake City!

CAUTION: External Email

Please post and share! Poster is attached in JPG and PDF for your convenience.

Greetings, friends!

New one-acre park coming to Lake City!

Come to our public meeting and hear the story of how our community and public agencies worked together to purchase this key property in the Thornton Creek floodplain along NE 125th St. in Lake City. You'll also learn how this park will benefit creek restoration and serve the public. This accomplishment was the result of many hands pulling together, among them TCA's. (Please see attached flyer for more details.)

In addition, we'll have representatives from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) on hand to discuss their policies and programs for private side sewers.

Time: 6:30 social hour; 7:00 presentation begins

Date: Thursday, Oct 17th

Where: Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, 10005 32nd Ave. NE, Seattle, 98125

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thornton Creek Alliance (TCA) is an all-volunteer grassroots, nonprofit organization of 140 members dedicated to preserving and restoring an ecological balance throughout the Thornton Creek watershed. Our goal is to benefit the watershed by encouraging individuals, groups, schools, businesses, and government to work together in addressing the environmental restoration of the creek system including: water quality, stabilization of water flow, flood prevention, and habitat improvement through education, collaboration, and community involvement.

New members are always welcome! Please use the TCA web site or respond to this email if you'd like to help support our work.

www.thornton-creek-alliance.org

www.facebook.com/Thornton.Creek.Alliance

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From: Emily Knudsen <emily.pco1944@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 8:33 AM

To: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Cc: stevezemke@treepac.org

Subject: Resolution in Support of Tree Protection Ordinance

Resolution in Support of Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Tree Protection Ordinance

Trees are necessary to protect in urban areas as they filter pollutants, reduce stormwater runoff, supply shade, mitigate heat island effect, provide wildlife habitat, deliver improved physical and mental health outcomes, and increase quality of life.

This ordinance is just one step that needs to be taken for Seattle to reach its goal of reaching at least 30% tree canopy by 2037.

Therefore, we are in support of the Urban Forest Protection Ordinance^[1] that was drafted by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, which is consistent with the eight recommendations the Council adopted in Section 6 of Resolution 31870 in April 2019.

The draft ordinance would:

- a. Increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring tree removal and replacement permits for all significant trees (over 6" DBH) removed on both developed property and property being developed on all land use zones in the city;
- b. Require 2 week posting of tree removal and replacement applications on site as SDOT does;
- c. Require tree replacement on site, which in 25 years, is equivalent to the tree canopy volume removed or require a fee paid into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund to plant and maintain for 5 years the trees elsewhere in the city;
- d. Retain current protections for exceptional trees and reduce upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH;
- e. Allow no more than 2 significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;
- f. Require registration of all tree services providers with the city;
- g. Track all significant tree loss and replacement; and
- h. Provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

We urge the Seattle City Council to pass the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

^[1]<https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/2019/2019docs/OutlineandDraftUFCTreeProtectionRegs070219FullDoc.pdf>

Signed,

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Emily Knudsen

[37th LD Environment and Climate Caucus](#)

From: william Waldman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 8:57 AM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Madhulata Hanumantha <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 7:01 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 8:08 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 9:08 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Katherine Dietz <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2019 9:11 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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From: Mary Sullivan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2019 10:37 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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In addition to the above suggestions let's please look at what is actually on the City of Seattle website this is our city's policy why are we in the pocket of the developers and not trying to grow this city wisely. This includes saving it for the future generations.

This is taken directly off on the city's website

"Trees add much more to an urban landscape than a spot of green on the horizon. Healthy, mature tree canopy positively affects issues ranging from human health to economic development and sense of community. Urban trees have equally important impacts on the environment. They break up heat islands, decrease flooding from stormwater runoff, absorb carbon dioxide, and shade buildings leading to a reduction in energy use."

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From: Ann Boyce <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2019 11:05 AM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have lived my entire life in the Greater Seattle area, and I have found that 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. Trees make living in Seattle magical!

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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.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns and issues. It is my hope that we will retain and maybe even increase the number of trees in our community, maintaining a living and healthy place to play, work and live.

Sincerely,

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