

SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Weston Brinkley (Position #3 – University), Chair • Sarah Rehder (Position #4 – Hydrologist), Vice-chair
Julia Michalak (Position #1 – Wildlife Biologist) • Elby Jones (Position #2 – Urban Ecologist - ISA)
Stuart Niven (Position #5 – Arborist – ISA) • Michael Walton (Position #6 – Landscape Architect – ISA)
Joshua Morris (Position #7 – NGO) • David Moehring (Position # 8 – Development) • Blake Voorhees (Position # 9 – Realtor)
Elena Arakaki (Position #10 – Get Engaged) • Whit Bouton (Position #11 – Environmental Justice - ISA)
Jessica Jones (Position # 12 – Public Health) • Shari Selch (Position # 13 – Community/Neighborhood)

MATERIAL PREPARED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION. THIS DELIBERATIVE DOCUMENT DOES NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION AND MAY OR MAY NOT MOVE FORWARD TO VOTE.

Date

RE: [Urban Forestry Commission](#) 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Plan (as required by [Ordinance 123052](#))

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

The UFC thanks the Mayor's and City Council's for their ongoing support for their work to advise them concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle and supporting the City in increasing Seattle's tree canopy cover.

Enclosed is the 2020 annual report which provides a summary of the UFC's activities. The UFC had numerous successes this past year, advancing policy and partnerships for Seattle's urban forest, again setting a new standard for the volume of recommendations, presentations, and meetings held. However, Seattle still continues a streak of now 11 years without an adequate tree protection ordinance. And as Commissioners we represent a City still imbedded with institutional racism. In 2021 the UFC will resume efforts on both these fronts.

For 2021, the UFC looks forward to continuing to support the City in passing a revised Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance, as well as working on implementation of the 2020 Urban Forest Management Plan. The UFC will continue to incorporate the City's [Race and Social Justice Initiative](#) principles to its work.

Lastly, the UFC would like to thank the [Office of Sustainability & Environment](#), once again, for their continued support by providing staff time to assist the UFC in carrying out its important work.