Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2014 Work Plan (Adopted 3-5-14. Updated 7-9-14)

2014 Priority Actions:

- 1. DPD's Tree Protection Ordinance
- 2. Advising on City Decisions that Impact the 30% Canopy Goal
- 3. Internal Engagement of City Departments on Canopy Goals
- 4. Improving Transparency of Process / Operations of UFC
- 5. Outreach and Engagement

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable			
Urban Forest Stewardship Plan								
Participate in and support work to advance plan implementation								
Review UFSP implementation strategy presented by UF IDT to Council	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	April	Recom./support ltr.			
Review 2014 UF IDT work plan and provide feedback to departments	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	March	Recommendation			
Review 2013 UFMP Progress Report and provide feedback to departments	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	March	Recommendation			
Tree-related City Regulations/Policies								
Advise the City on its urban forestry policies								
Follow-up on SDOT sidewalks operations plan	Leif/Tom	SDOT	August	August	Recom./support ltr.			
Subcommittee to participate in Comp Plan update work	Leif,Eric,Steve	DPD	July	December				
Explore advisory on ways to allow the ROW to accommodate larger plantable areas and expanded root zones	Tom/Leif	SDOT, CC, MO	October	October	Position Paper			
Explore advisory on constraints imposed by schools and urban villages on tree capacity	Jeff/Steve	DPD	July	August	Comments			
 Review draft stormwater code regarding trees as GSI to the maximum extent feasible 	Jeff	SPU	TBD	TBD				
Seattle School District	Peg/Sandra	TBD	TBD	TBD	Meeting			
Advise DPD on proposed tree regulations								
 Develop recommendations for revising Director's rules (including 20- 2005, 11-2007, 16-2008 and other as applicable) to be consistent with a strong tree protection ordinance (Driven by DPD's ordinance timeline). 	Jeff	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	TBD	TBD	Position Paper			
 Formalize recommendations for existing and future DPD code enforcement. 	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	Recommendation			
Obtain the draft 2012 work on tree ordinance.	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD				

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Develop UFC principles and priorities for future, revised tree ordinance.	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	Position Paper			
Outreach and Engagement								
City Council and Mayor's Office interaction								
Hold quarterly meetings with Council and Mayor's Office	Peg/Sandra Others	CC, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Speaking points			
Present 2013 Annual Report and 2014 work plan to Council and Mayor	Peg/Sandra	CC, OSE	Q1	February	Presentation			
 Plan urban forestry outreach and engagement events such as Arbor Day, Green Seattle Day, reLeaf events, SDOT tree-sidewalk conflicts public engagement, etc. 	All	UF IDT	January	Ongoing	Commissioners' presence at events			
Conduct Internal Engagement								
 Develop annual calendar for invited speakers, guests and topics (to include inviting industrial groups to visit with UFC) 	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Calendar			
 Attend 4 Commission meetings (Planning, Design, Bike, Ped); 2 Neighborhood Council meetings; 3 public meetings on upcoming plans and policies 								
 Review outreach efforts and create strategy (including using new stadium as catalyst to explore tree planting in industrial areas) 	Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	Memo			
Align Urban Forest IDT and Urban Forestry Commission's work plan								
Hold annual joint UFC/UF IDT meeting	Peg/Sandra	OSE	October	October	Workshop			
Race and Social Justice Initiative								
Continue exploring ways to incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD			
 Amend Ordinance 123052 to include an 'Get Engaged' member in order to facilitate increased membership diversity 	Peg/Sandra	OSE	July	December	Legislation			
Funding for Urban Forestry								
Parks District Levy	Tom/Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD			
Bridging the Gap Levy	Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD			
SCL Urban Forestry Program	Tom	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD			
• SPU	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD			
Internal Operations								
Issue 2014 Annual Report	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual report			
Review 2014 and create 2015 work plan	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual work plan			
Hold Chair and co-chair elections	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec	Nov/Dec	New leadership			