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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

Meeting notes

May 3, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Webex call and in-person at the
Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 1872 (18th floor)
700 5th Avenue, Seattle

(206) 207-1700

Meeting number: 2491 422 9957

Meeting password: 1234

Attending

Commissioners

Josh Morris – Co-Chair

Laura Keil – Co-Chair

Falisha Kurji

Stuart Niven

Hao Liang

Jessica Hernandez

Lia Hall

Staff

Patti Bakker – OSE

Guests

Toby Thaler

Absent- Excused

Becca Neumann – Co-Chair

Julia Michalak

David Baker

Jessica Jones

Public

Steve Zemke

Michael Oxman

Sandy Shettler

David Moehring

NOTE: Meeting notes are not exhaustive. For more details, listen to the digital recording of the meeting at:
<https://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocuments>

Call to order: Laura called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement.

Public comment:

Steve Zemke noted that this process is coming to a close, as the Land Use Committee will be reviewing amendments tomorrow and potentially voting on the ordinance. They produced an evaluation of some of the amendments. The 85% lot coverage issue still remains as Amendment A2 and CM Pedersen has proposed Amendment A6, which retains the floor area ratio method of evaluating projects. Another area of interest is the in-lieu fees – Amendment E6 includes the UFC’s recommendation for a \$4,000 amount, and Amendment G2 is counter to that, with lower fees, which he urges voting no on. Finally, he noted it is important to concentrate on trying to preserve trees, not look at ways to remove trees; there is still a lot more that needs to be done.

Chair, Committees, and Coordinator report:

Patti noted that there is a webinar series called Urban Forest Connections, run by the US Forest Service, that is aimed at creating “a stage for experts to share the latest science, practice, and policy on urban and community forestry. Topics include issues affecting the health of people and the health of the trees and forests that communities depend on to moderate local climate extremes, and provide food, shelter, water, wildlife habitat, environmental justice, artistic expression and spiritual healing.” It is focused primarily on the needs of local advocates and practitioners, but participants range from state and federal government to nonprofit, municipal, university, private industry and public health leaders. Patti provided a link for more information on the series.

Josh reiterated the Land Use Committee meetings will be held tomorrow, and are where the amendments will get voted out of committee, so it is one of the last chances to have an influence on what ultimately gets presented at Council. He encouraged everyone willing and able to participate in public comment to comment in the meeting in their personal capacities, taking what the UFC discusses here today to present to Council so that they hear it as they try to process all of the information coming at them.

Josh also shared that he had a meeting with one of the Co-Chairs of the Seattle Planning Commission. It’s the Planning Commission’s responsibility to steward the city’s Comprehensive Plan, which is going through the update process and is a priority on the UFC work plan. There is an opportunity to collaborate with the Planning Commission and that partnership will be explored.

Urban Forest Protection ordinance amendments and other follow-up

Josh provided background information on the amendments and the process for them. The full language for the 48 amendments was just shared yesterday afternoon, so there hasn’t been a lot of time to review and absorb the proposed changes. Josh walked through the draft recommendations he put together for the amendments, which includes a table of the amendments as provided by Council central staff and with space provided for UFC input, including opposing or supporting each amendment as well as details on UFC input.

Josh recommended trying to get through as many of the amendments as possible, focusing first on those amendments where there are conflicts between amendments. He noted that many of the amendments stem from UFC recommendations, as sponsored mainly by Councilmember Pedersen.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the amendments and edited the letter to reflect their input on them. They reviewed the three areas of conflicting amendments and as many of the additional amendments as there was time to get through. There were 13 amendments there was not time to review, and these were noted in the table of input in the letter.

Action: A motion to adopt the ordinance amendments feedback letter as amended was made, seconded and approved.

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Public comment:

Michael Oxman noted some of the ecology considerations that aren't included in the ordinance. Urban forests rely on interrupted water supply and drainage, so our water management is dependent on having a crumbling concrete that's past its service life, and the city has delayed deferred maintenance, and the longer the city waits, the more expensive it will be to complete. An example impact of this is if thousands of culverts back up during a flood event, it could cause septic conditions and kill trees. This would affect human health by losing this component of urban forest because of not appropriating funds to upgrade the health of habitats for ecological services. Urban forest assets must be optimized by protecting trees through legislation, and the funding for the Natural Capital Assessment must be included in the proposed tree ordinance.

Sandy Shettler thanked the UFC for their work and noted that it would be great for Council and their staff to hear from Commissioners of all of the work being done. She urged Commissioners to reach out to them.

Steve Zemke noted the UFC should stand up for the requirement for the UFC to be included in review of policy prior to them becoming public. The ordinance creating the UFC states that one of the UFC responsibilities is to be able to review documents before they are presented to the Council, and that didn't happen here. The UFC should let them know it's not an effective use of UFC time and it needs to change.

Toby Thaler, as legislative aid to a city councilmember who is the most accommodating to the UFC goals, noted that there is a letter from the Master Builders that should induce folks to attend the meeting tomorrow and provide public comment.

David Moehring expressed appreciation for the UFC's work, especially the 15-page recommendation letter on the ordinance. He noted particular amendments that would have significant impact on tree loss.

Lia Hall noted that the most vocal commenters at the Land Use Committee meetings have been tree advocates and developers. Those who need housing have been missing, so she encouraged folks to reach out if anyone has any contacts with folks or organizations in that group.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Meeting chat:

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 3:12 PM

Want to stay up to date on our upcoming webinars? Sign up for our mailing list. If you have questions or comments about this webinar series or wish to present your science and innovative practice or policy on our stage, please email us!

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 3:12 PM

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/b9BhuOM?>

from Jim Davis to everyone: 3:13 PM

The meeting number on the agenda is different than the meeting number in the email. Some people may be in waiting room.

from Tristan Fields to everyone: 3:14 PM

I had to go to the website to find the current webex.

from Tristan Fields to everyone: 3:14 PM

On the USDA Forest Service topic -

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/products/multimedia/webinars/urbanforestconnections>

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:16 PM

Hi everyone, the meeting number in the notice isn't correct, so people have had trouble getting in. The number is correct on the agenda, but not on the meeting notice. Trying to share with others.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:16 PM

Thank you Josh!

from Jim Davis to everyone: 3:24 PM

For effective messaging to people, could the UFC pick the top five in priority at some point?

from Jessica (privately): 3:25 PM

Just joined Jessica hernandez

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 3:28 PM

Agree with Jim. Also, will this letter with UFC's recommendations for amendments be released to all of us interested in time for the LUC meeting tomorrow? It would help guide public comments. We have so little time to prepare.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:29 PM

Arborists recommended Pedersen's approach, not drip line

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:30 PM

Tree species different root systems and ages are a factor in trunk measurement

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:34 PM

If i said E2 vote no, I support E6

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:38 PM

reportable work - 2" and 15% is what SDOT does, lot of work will not be reportable then if higher level

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:39 PM

25% canopy used to be excessive pruning so will be few reports of pruning as a result

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 3:40 PM

Steve, SDOT trees are public property. We're talking about private property here.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:40 PM

hedge definition - frequently has trees, work is defined as hedges regularly pruned so as not to cut trees that are full size

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 3:43 PM

It's pretty in the weeds, but I believe that hedge maintenance only permits continuing to hedge trees that have been maintained previously has hedges. Not cutting large tree-form hedge species (which were not previously hedged) down to be hedges.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:44 PM

Without knowing where work is occurring no chance to check if excessive pruning is occurring - have instances in neighborhood where more than 25% of canopy was removed

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 3:44 PM

Notices do not effectively regulate over-pruning they just create paperwork and costs.

from Hao Liang to everyone: 3:45 PM

@Steve, to your comment on the tree protection area. I understand the Pedersen amendment may have support from the arborists. I stay skeptical of it as the proposal does not bring clarity to other disciplines and the general public. In comparison, the existing code, though it uses the drip line method, is much clear to me.

from Tristan Fields to everyone: 3:51 PM

@Hao - the ISA is clear on BMPs for tree protection area. The drip line method often is reduced for trees in tight urban spaces. If the canopy is off center, or was pruned off center in previous years you may not capture structural roots in the tree protection area.

from Tristan Fields to everyone: 3:52 PM

Did I miss your intention Hao?

from Lia Hall to everyone: 3:52 PM

or make an exception for things like western red cedar

from Hao Liang to everyone: 3:53 PM

I support referencing the ISA inch to foot method. I was just talking about the clarity

from Tristan Fields to everyone: 3:53 PM

Ahhh - apologies

from Lia Hall to everyone: 3:54 PM

and then who would fill the void...

from Hao Liang to everyone: 3:54 PM

As I mentioned, I'm not familiar with the ANSI standards and I have come across different versions. I cannot tell if we are referencing the ISA critical root zone method. I have no comment on the ANSI A300

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 3:55 PM

Contractors routinely ask arborists to prune trees to reduce their dripline area to reduce tree protection area - yuck!

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 3:55 PM

Allen, excellent point!

from Lia Hall to everyone: 3:59 PM

And how would it be dealt with if it is not a legitimate company?

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:00 PM

Without knowing where pruning is occurring, its back to citizen complaints for excessive pruning which is pretty ineffectual. I know its a burden to most arborists but how do you stop bad pruning like topping if there is a lot less reporting of work.

from Jessica to everyone: 4:02 PM

@lia can you explain what you mean by "not legitimate"?

from Jessica to everyone: 4:02 PM

Like they don't have a permit to operate as a business? Want to make sure I understand your comment.

Thanks

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:02 PM

@jessica does not have a business license

from Jessica to everyone: 4:03 PM

Ok thanks for clarifying. Want to make sure I get the reference. Thanks!

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:03 PM

Need a separate Urban Forestry Division that doesn't have a conflict of interest SDCI main business is helping builders built, not protecting trees

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:04 PM

for sure thanks for the question @jessica

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 4:05 PM

The tree is always on a property. Make the property owner responsible.

from Jessica to everyone: 4:06 PM

@steve can you clarify that?

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:08 PM

There is no Urban Forestry Division in SDCI - only 2 arborists. SDCI gets most of its funding from building permits, nothing from trees except some fines.

from Jessica to everyone: 4:09 PM

Can we recommend for this to also incorporate a racial justice or environmental justice lens?

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:09 PM

Following up on Steve's explanation, many cities are setting up urban forestry divisions which are operationally independent of the building department, including Portland OR (operates out of Parks) and Boston MA

from Jessica to everyone: 4:10 PM

Public health is very general in the broad scope. Would like to see this. Re: racial and environmental justice lens as well

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:11 PM

Great way to frame it Lia

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:11 PM

Ability to enter land to enforce tree code has been an ongoing problem. Please inquire in writing to your overseeing department about this issue.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:11 PM

Urban Forestry infrastructure provides multiple services to public, eg reducing stormwater runoff, reducing air pollution, etc.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:12 PM

Morales has amendment in package deal to be voted on as whole

from Jessica to everyone: 4:12 PM

Maybe inquire if they can connect it to housing?

from Jessica to everyone: 4:13 PM

Maybe pull them

from Jessica to everyone: 4:13 PM

I'm on my phone today

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:13 PM

in group II - E10

from Jessica to everyone: 4:15 PM

So how is this "public health" recommendation different? Given that morales addresses it already here

from Jessica to everyone: 4:16 PM

Yea

from Jessica to everyone: 4:17 PM

I think it's a great start

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:20 PM

allows flexibility but removes amenities for residents so what is a good balance

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:21 PM

ok thanks

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:21 PM

I'm concerned about A5. There are ADUs already built and occupied which are 13-ft wide. Townhouses in the multifamily zone are routinely 14-ft wide. Why remove exceptional/Tier 2 trees to guarantee 15-ft wide homes?

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:22 PM

I will bring examples to the council meeting tomorrow.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:22 PM

Not per David Moehring

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:23 PM

It would reduce flexibility for saving Tier 2 trees. This removes flexibility of city to save trees mu

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:25 PM

Disappointed Tier 4 not included

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:25 PM

They are noted on site plans, but only Tiers 1-3 included for protection

from Jim Davis to everyone: 4:30 PM

Is the Master Builders letter a public document that is available?

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:30 PM

Thanks for the explanation @Toby. C3 would make a huge impact

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:32 PM

Re MBAKS letter. It's definitely a public document. I only received it about when your meeting started. I'll send to a few of the people I know who are in this meeting.

from Sandy Shettler (privately): 4:33 PM

Patti, I missed the first part of the meeting, is this comment sheet going to be available tonight after the meeting?

to Sandy Shettler (privately): 4:34 PM

Sandy, yes, I'll aim to post the letter to the website tonight.

from Sandy Shettler (privately): 4:34 PM

Thank you so much! A lot to do right now.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:35 PM

Smaller trees have better survival rate

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 4:35 PM

What happens after it is replaced? Who waters it?

to Sandy Shettler (privately): 4:35 PM

Yes, so much!

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:37 PM

MBAKS letter sent, including to Patty Bakker who may distribute it to all UFC.

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 4:37 PM

Yes, I will distribute.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:38 PM

Harrell's Executive order is planting 3 trees for each healthy one removed. Definitely need more than 1:1 replacement.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:41 PM

E-3 gives authority to create a director's rule for exceptional - opportunity for ufc input on this issue. is in group II amendments

from Toby Thaler (privately): 4:42 PM

Thanks. This process is way too rushed...

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:42 PM

E3 Authority to create Director's Rule for Replacement Trees

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:42 PM

Lou Stubecki at Trees For Neighborhoods has lots of experience with this. They eventually settled on 1-inch caliper replacement trees as the best compromise for the ROW.--too big to get overlooked but still young and adaptable

to Toby Thaler (privately): 4:42 PM

Yes, so much to process very fast...

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 4:43 PM

I also think there should be some requirement for eventual size of the replacement species. Otherwise everyone plants vine maple to replace douglas for (cough Mercer Island, cough).

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 4:43 PM

*Douglas fir

from Jim Davis to everyone: 4:47 PM

At first glance, MBAKS opposed to A6, B3, C2, C3, C4, E4, E6, E8, E9, G1, G2 and G3.

from Jim Davis to everyone: 4:50 PM

Top priorities in last few minutes?

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:53 PM

D% strange - allows dead tree to be removed but no replacement, hazard trees however elsewhere require replacement

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:53 PM

sorry D5

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:54 PM

H4 involves economic hardship v

from Jim Davis to everyone: 4:55 PM

Top 5 priorities from UFC would be helpful for messaging to tree advocates.

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 4:56 PM

I strongly suggest the UFC demands more time to review the amendments and that LUC does not vote on this until we have been able to do this, otherwise we are not providing the best advise possible to Council.

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 4:57 PM

I still would like to know whether we all will have access to UFC's recommendations by tomorrow morning to inform public comment at LUC meeting. Thank you for all your great work to improve this flawed ordinance.

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 4:58 PM

Yes, I will post the final letter to the UFC website tonight.

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 4:58 PM

Thank you, Patty.

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:59 PM

MBAKS also asked for more time (before opposing all the amendments you support).

from Jim Davis to everyone: 5:00 PM

The most important thing is top 5 priorities, please. We don't have much time to contact tree advocates in a concise manner.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 5:00 PM

D6 nuisance trees

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 5:02 PM

Also climate and culture are mutually exclusive--PNW trees are less adapted to climate impacts so the thinking is use more trees from California--not historic PNW culture. Agree with Allen!!

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 5:02 PM

Great points Allen!

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 5:02 PM

Maybe the comment on D6 needs to be clearer - support not using KC nuisance tree list but using Seattle-specific nuisance tree list

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 5:02 PM

<https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/animals-and-plants/noxious-weeds/laws/list.aspx>

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 5:03 PM

black locust Robinia pseudoacacia Yes

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 5:03 PM

Birch trees have an epidemic of disease that citizens should be made aware of, and should not be planted.

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 5:04 PM

I believe the ordinance establishing the UFC says that any legislation affecting urban forestry needs to be reviewed by UFC BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL. I'll check that and it would be good to bring up in comments at LUC

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 5:05 PM

(European mountain ash trees are believed to ward off evil spirits in Celtic lore - perhaps this is cultural significance?)

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 5:05 PM

Robinia is on the King County list, but not the list I put together.

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 5:05 PM

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CHU5Ni-DyXvenbwjp1WgiTZ-qifn6UjJ1_CUI6RqP5w/edit?usp=sharing

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 5:05 PM

A.

The responsibilities of the Urban Forestry Commission include:

1.

To provide recommendations on any Urban Forestry Management Plan, or any similar document, designed to provide policy direction to the Mayor and City Council on preserving and protecting the City's urban forest habitat and its trees and understory vegetation in the City, whether on public or private property;

2.

To provide recommendations concerning City plans, major or significant policy recommendations, policy and any City department's recommendations related to urban forestry, arboriculture and horticulture;

3.

To provide recommendations on legislation concerning urban forestry management, sustainability and protection of associated trees and understory vegetation and related habitat on public or private property prior to its introduction and referral to any Council committee;

4.

To review and comment on any proposal to inventory trees within the City of Seattle;

5.

To educate the public on urban forests

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 5:05 PM

in lieu fee

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 5:05 PM

My list: Leyland Cypress

Cherry laurel

English holly

Tree of Heaven

European mountain ash

Portugal laurel

Arborvitae

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 5:06 PM
Great info Toby!

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 5:06 PM
Thank you, Toby.

from Tristan Fields to everyone: 5:06 PM
Thank you for all your work!

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 5:06 PM
Repeat -- SMC 3.72.050:

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 5:06 PM
Thank you!

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 5:07 PM
To provide recommendations on legislation concerning urban forestry management, sustainability and protection of associated trees and understory vegetation and related habitat on public or private property prior to its introduction and referral to any Council committee;

from Francisca to everyone: 5:07 PM
Thank you for all your attention!

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 5:07 PM
Thank you Josh!

from Dinushi to everyone: 5:07 PM
Thank you for all your work!!!

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 5:07 PM
You all have done fantastic work under ridiculous conditions.

from Allen Taylor to everyone: 5:07 PM
And all the other commissioners!

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 5:07 PM
Excellent work Josh!!!!

from Bridget M., FAIA to everyone: 5:07 PM
Thank you Josh

from Lia Hall to everyone: 5:07 PM
Thanks for the public's participation in the chat here too.

from Jim Davis to everyone: 5:08 PM
Thank you Commissioners!

from Francisca to everyone: 5:08 PM
No comment from Francisca Thank you

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 5:08 PM
Michael Oxman

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 5:10 PM
Video of a 3-part panel discussion at Seattle Neighborhood Coalition (SNC).
Part 1 Toby Thaler <https://youtu.be/aQaTZzPuluw?t=217>
Part 2 Michael Oxman <https://youtu.be/6I5CKw62Wgl>
Part 3 Steve Zemke <https://youtu.be/aFS3B4vIR30>

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 5:13 PM
Where might we find the MBAKS letter?

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 5:14 PM
June, I'm emailing it to you.

from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 5:14 PM
Thanks, Toby.

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 5:14 PM
Whoop whoop David M - UFC legend and sorely missed. Your comments are always welcome as your information is always so in tune and correct.

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 5:16 PM
Well said Lia!

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 5:16 PM

Excellent point. Lia
from June BlueSpruce to everyone: 5:16 PM
Lia, thank you. We need more community folks included in this discussion

Public input (additional comments received):

From: Stacya Silverman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 6:32 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Amendments for 2023 draft Tree Protection Ordinance, nix the 85%

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city livable and healthy. 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. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and environmental equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and increased density combined with an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed without serious consideration of ways to incorporate more of them in the development. With middle-housing zoning updates, neighborhood residential (34% tree canopy) will change to multi-family (23% tree canopy) and Seattle tree canopy will plummet unless strong and effective efforts are made to preserve trees.

We urge you to adopt these amendments to the 2023 draft Tree Protection Ordinance.

TOP PRIORITY -- We need trees where we live!

1. Require 20% lot allowance for "tree preservation and tree planting areas" in multifamily areas and 40% lot allowance for 1-4 units in the neighborhood residential zone as Portland Oregon does in their family residential zone. Portland passed legislation in 2020 to allow up to 4plexes in their neighborhoods after the state mandated zoning updates. Portland responded in Nov 2022 to update their tree protection legislation. <https://www.portland.gov/code/11/50/050>
2. Remove the guaranteed "85% lot development area" provision. If the current middle housing legislation passes in Olympia, almost all of Seattle would be affected by this change, with a significant loss of tree canopy city wide. The city needs flexibility to evaluate development and protecting trees lot by lot, not one size fits all circumstances.

3. Require a Tree Inventory of all trees 6" DSH and larger and a Tree Landscaping Plan be submitted by developers, as Portland Oregon does, prior to any building permits being approved. This information fits with collecting in lieu fees prior to issuing building permits and facilitates reporting and tracking of tree loss and replacement, rather than city workers having to pull this information from site plans. Mayor

Harrell's Executive Order asked for data on trees removed and replaced. Getting this information up front from developers is the best way to do this.

4. Require developers throughout the total development process to maximize the retention of existing trees 6" DSH and larger with adequate space for trees to grow and survive. The current draft removes consideration of protecting 6"-12" DSH trees and also removes them from site plans. Keep them on the site plans and protect them during development. Trees 6" DSH and larger represent 45% of trees in the NR zone according to Seattle's Ecosystem Values Report. Most of these trees are established potential replacement trees for existing large trees that die. Trees 12" DSH and larger only represent 18% of the trees in the NR zone. A diversity of ages and species for trees is essential for a healthy urban forest.

5. Retain definitions and use of exceptional and significant trees. Remove the confusing and biased proposed new classification of trees as Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4. The use and understanding of trees as exceptional has been in the Tree Protection Ordinance since 2001 and described in more detail in the 2008 Director's Rule. 16-2008. Significant trees are understood to be those 6" DSH and larger that are not exceptional. Many other cities, including in this region, use these definitions.

6. Require for replacement 2 trees for 12-24" DSH trees removed, 3 trees for 24 – 36" DSH and 4 trees for above 36" DSH for more equivalency of the increasing value of services trees provide as they increase in size. One for one replacement is no equivalency for what is lost as trees increase in size. Require that tree replacement numbers increase with the size and canopy volume of the removed tree. such that in 25 years or less they will reach equivalent canopy volume lost. Waiting 80 years to replace an 80-year-old tree is too long.

7. Increase in lieu fee schedule to require the \$17.87/square inch of trunk in-lieu fees to start with 12" DSH trees rather than 24" DSH trees. In-Lieu fees need to adequately cover the city's additional cost of planting and maintaining the trees for 5 years.

8. All replacement in lieu fees and fines should go into a One Seattle Tree Fund as stated in Mayor Harrell's 's Executive Order. It should be a dedicated Tree Planting and Preservation Fund like Portland, Oregon has (not into SDCI's budget). The Fund should be added to this draft. The Fund should report yearly on its budget to the City Council and Mayor. The One Seattle Tree Fund should be overseen by the City Urban Forester located in OSE because the distribution of funds would be interdepartmental. Allow the One Seattle Tree Fund (Tree Planting and Preservation Fund) to also accept fines, donations, grants, purchase land, set up covenants and for educational purposes as Portland, Oregon does.

9. The role of the new City Forester position created by the Seattle City Council in OSE should be defined in this ordinance.

10. Create an Urban Forestry Division within SDCI with additional staff as recommended in a separate budget provision or expand the Urban Forestry staff and responsibility in the Office of sustainability and

Environment for independent oversight of trees.

11. Expand the existing Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program using the Accela database system to include SDCI to cover all significant trees 6" DSH and larger, and all exceptional trees, on private property in all land use zones, removed both during development and outside development. The proposed ordinance remains a complaint-based system relying on citizens which has been proven to not be effective in code compliance. SDCI only has 2 arborists who are mostly deskbound to check site plans and in the field.
12. Require SDCI to submit quarterly reports to the Office of Sustainability and Environment on tree removal and replacement as currently required by other City Departments and yearly as required yearly by Mayor Harrell's Executive Order.
13. Extend ordinance to cover all land use zones, including Highrise, Industrial, Downtown and Institutions.
14. Allow city certified inspectors to enter property if necessary to ascertain any illegal tree activity.
15. Expand the required tree protection covenant to include a replacement requirement for a tree that dies. Make it a permanent "protected tree planting site" for the life of the building.
16. Remove or clarify language of tree drip line "may be irregular in shape to reflect variation in branch outer limits" Dripline is used to determine tree protection area and branches shortened in some areas may not reflect root structure or may have been removed in certain areas if tree has been limbed up.
17. Require that maintenance of relocated and replacement trees include "watering as needed".
18. Require street trees be planted if ADU's are added to a lot. ADU's reduce space for trees on site and increase tree removal. They are currently exempt from original lot coverage limits in the NR zone.
19. Remove the 1000 square feet addition to an existing structure exemption requiring planting street trees. Additions increasing the building footprint are removing existing or potential tree planting and preservation space.
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CAUTION: External Email

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From: Richard Ellison, MS Botany, 8003 28th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98115
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Subject: Proposed Tree Protection Code

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Land Use Committee,

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Thank you, Councilmembers Pedersen and Strauss, for Amendment C1. "Add a new section to request that SDCI modify its practices to consider trees at the beginning of the permit review process." Having developers and arborists work out plans from the beginning, with a goal of saving trees, will save more of them and help smooth the permit process. Building around mature trees will also create more interesting and welcoming neighborhoods.

I would also like to voice my support for Amendments A6 "Remove 85 percent lot coverage standard in LR, MR, commercial and SM zones and continue use of current FAR standard," and A7 "Require (1) a 20 percent allowance for a tree preservation and planting area in LR, MR, SM, and commercial zones and (2) a 40 percent allowance for a tree preservation and planting area in NR zones," both proposed by Councilmember Pedersen. These will ensure that enough space remains on a lot for trees to grow and thrive.

It is worth noting that it will not be possible to accommodate the building trades to the extent they would like. They are intervening in several cities telling governments how best to smooth processes for them and keep tree preservation minimal, but let's not forget their strong opposition to HB 1078. That was the bill that would have allowed them to clear all trees from residential lots in exchange for paying into a tree bank. Builders and their lobbyists unanimously testified against this bill because they were concerned that buildable land might be given over to tree banks. Business interests should not control over such a crucial asset as our mature trees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: EIS Required for reduced protection in Tree Ordinance (CB 120534 Amendments)

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Respectfully,
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Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:55 AM

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Subject: PLEASE necessary changes for tree ordinance

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CM Strauss, we are still waiting since June 2022 for an equitable opportunity to share our thoughts in how this tree ordinance may provide mutual benefits of both density and 30% citywide canopy cover. All city council members have heard the cliché from the Master Builders Association but without a formula to provide both density AND 30% canopy in a city which needs 80,000 trees and 250,000 homes added by 2037 and 2044, respectively.

Ignoring tree canopy within private land will mathematically not result in that solution, but instead will result in a Seattle of the future generations with a canopy less than 20%.



Here's a solution for Seattle:

*** Canopies of Green Urban Density
November 17, 2022

https://treepac.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/canopies_of_green_urban_density-720p.mp4

Cinematography by Brady Lawrence / Script and Development by Martha Baskin (7.5 min)



Bottom line: '**Tree and density**' advocates have not been invited to the table with Councilmember Strauss and SDCI and the mayor's office. We need to hear from the City Council that we need both "**more housing WITH more urban trees**"... and "this is the means of how we are going to make it happen on both public and private residential land." The data of the 2022 tree canopy assessment shows the decline of canopy within developed sites exceeds tree canopy loss on non-developed sites (45% decline compared to 2% decline of canopy cover per lot).

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Subject: 2023 Draft Tree Protection Ordinance Comments Update

CAUTION: External Email

Hello I am Richard Ellison, and as a biologist and founder of Save Seattle's Trees, in 1996 I appealed a development to protect 24 big University District trees, which eventually reached the 1997 Seattle City Council. As a result, the Council protected the tallest Chinese Tree Privet in Washington State with a \$2500 bond, the first tree bond ever in Seattle. I was also a member of Councilmember Jan Drago's Urban Forest Task Force from 1997-2000.

It's 25 years later. Please support the recommendations of the current Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission.

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3. **Amendment C1 – So SDCI must consider trees at the beginning of the permit process.**
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“Invasive species are damaging Seattle's urban forest by smothering trees and taking away growing space for native understory plants. By nature, invasive plants are aggressive and take over landscapes and smother native and non-invasive ornamental plants.” <https://www.seattle.gov/trees/restoration>

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According to surveys by NW Progressive Institute, Seattle residents overwhelmingly want laws that preserve large trees. Our Climate crisis is real, and it was brutal in summer 2021, when it was 108 F degrees, and the WA state Health Depart reported 129 people died from the heat. <https://www.kuow.org/stories/heat-wave-likely-killed-far-more-people-in-washington-state-than-reported>

Big trees are sorely needed to mitigate the dangers of extreme heat. Trees can save lives, and everyone’s life matters.

We want a tree code with the muscle and backbone needed to meet our current climate crisis. We want the 9 departments that regulate trees to cooperate around the goal of preserving healthy trees and creating enough space for planting new ones to survive.

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Why Seattle neighborhoods under intense development to be stuck with narrow planting strips—that can only hold tiny trees? Is this equitable? Small trees are rightly cherished but don’t provide enough leaf volume in their canopy to cool the air beyond their own shade. Their air-cleaning and storm-water mitigation capacities also are more limited than those of large-form trees. Everyone needs the additional health and environmental benefits provided by large-form trees.

HOTTEST DAYS IN SEATTLE

95 July 31, 2022 +

108 June 28, 2021

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Subject: Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Hello Councilmembers,

I am a resident of Rainier Beach.

I am a current member of the Urban Forestry Commission, but not speaking on behalf of the UFC.

I appreciate all of your work on this bill and taking to heart what your constituents have to say in order to do what is right for the people and environment of this city.

We often open this meeting with a land acknowledgment—a verbal recognition to the people who have stewarded and coexisted with the land and all it's creatures since time immemorial.

I was born and raised in Seattle and have seen first hand the transformation of the land we call home. Upon first contact, settlers shaped land formations, altered waterways and decimated ancient forests to initially accommodate the housing needs of newcomers while displacing those who had a deep respect for the land and knew how to provide for the community without stripping the land of it's natural and bountiful resources. I simply want to remind everyone going through this process that while we state these acknowledgments to the first peoples of our region, I would like you to keep at the front of your mind the spirit of this statement and align it with our decision making regarding the future trajectory of our urban forest.

Despite the talking point, planting replacement trees is not the sole answer.

Picture this:

Many of my neighbors, fellow bipoc and all long-time residents have been displaced. The 4-acre clear cut of mature forest —100% canopy to 0%—behind my home once full of owls, bats and Cooper hawks among other wildlife, rich soils and native plants is now occupied by 28 market-rate homes surrounded by invasives and failing replacement trees. The replacement trees are not protected or respected. Maintenance crews have ringed these defenseless young trees. Many of them have now died and been knocked over. The HOA even has requirements that members cannot even plant wildflowers.

Nature is the original architect. If we need to view nature and land as a commodity and understand the true

meaning of “best use” for our lands, view trees as a public utility and protect them as such. We can plan better, we can design better. We can care more.

While we cannot re-establish the forests that once thrived here, we can proactively use our collective vision to both protect and nurture our urban forest as well as provide for our people. The value that trees bring are well-documented and benefit all inhabitants in this city and beyond including the nonhuman ones.

We are truly fortunate to live in a special place. We inhabit a planet that has provided conditions for the evolution of our species. What will you do to ensure we can continue to thrive here? Consider the true and long term cost of our actions.

If we continue down a path of accelerating deforestation, then what kind of place will that be for us all to live in? What does it say about our culture that we do not value the very environment that we depend on? What kind of legacy do we want to leave?

Thank you,

Lia Hall

From: Barbara Gill Bowman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 9:31 PM
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Subject: Amendments for 2023 draft Tree Protection Ordinance, nix the 85%

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Subject: FW: EIS Required for reduced protection in Tree Ordinance (CB 120534 Amendments)

CAUTION: External Email

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Thank you!

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Here's a solution for Seattle:

*** Canopies of Green Urban Density
November 17, 2022

https://treepac.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/canopies_of_green_urban_density-720p.mp4

Cinematography by Brady Lawrence / Script and Development by Martha Baskin (7.5 min)



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CAUTION: External Email

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Below is the comment I gave at the City Council hearing on April 24. Additionally, I'd like to say: several in the building industry stated they plant more trees than they cut. Yes, I should hope so! How many of these plantings survive even a few years? Often, they are not watered in our dry summers, and die before they can become established. Often, also, the mandatory replacements are smaller species which will never replicate the benefits of the trees removed.

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Thank you,
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Subject: Please approve tree ordinance amendments to remove 85% coverage and more

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Lesley Clapham <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 8:12 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: Amendments for 2023 draft Tree Protection Ordinance, nix the 85%

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Subject: Today: Tree Ordinance Amendments proposed to be voted on by the Land Use Committee

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you, Mayor Harrell!

Your commitment to adding 40,000 trees on Seattle's parks and natural areas is a **SIGNIFICANT contribution** to reaching the Comp Plan's Equitable 30% citywide canopy cover.



South Park alone needs about 5,000 added trees within public and private areas (excluding trees loss between now and 2037).

At maturity, 40,000 trees equate to roughly **500 acres of canopy cover**... thereby mathematically bringing Seattle to roughly 29% tree canopy cover (less the loss of cover we might expect in the next 15 years which is statistically perhaps 255 acres x 3 periods of 5 years).

Also note that currently the city's natural areas has **space for just 260 acres** of mature canopy (about 1250 trees) if these areas are to be maxed out at 100% canopy cover.

Developed Parks has more open land area but also restricted by playfields and courts and park facilities. Regrettably, some Seattle residents make bids to Parks regularly to remove trees just to improve their views.

What does it all mean? The private sector and city codes need to match your generosity to compensate for the trending tree loss.

Seattle must have both more density (about 200,000 affordable and 50,000 market rate homes added by 2044) **and we must have more trees** (about 80,000 added by 2037).

Below is a message sent to the city council yesterday as they consider today at 2pm a myriad of tree removal provisions. Please consult with the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission meeting publicly at 3pm today.

Warmly,
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Subject: Tree Ordinance Amendments proposed to be voted on by the Land Use Committee today

Seattle's comp plan calls for density AND urban forests. Thursday vote by Seattle land use committee must **accept amendments A6 and A7**, and must deny seven other builder-proposed amendments. It's not only about removing trees, it's about allocating space for new trees to be planted and mature for future generations.

Seattle councilperson and committee chair Dan Strauss has included several tree ordinance amendments- some listed below- that appear to have been introduced on behalf of the ongoing lobbying efforts of the Master Builders Association of King Snohomish county. MBAKS appealed the proposed tree ordinance sent by Harrell last year, but the Hearing Examiner dismissed their arguments. The city of Seattle could have approved that version after the failed appeal but instead have prepared a new extensive 2023 version that significantly weakens tree protection within multifamily zoned properties, and which provides no relief for communities with already low tree canopy cover.

These amendments (see link below) ... would typically require an Environmental Impact Study to be prepared by a municipality rather than the proposed DNS:

A2

A3 (not summarized below)

A4

A5 (why? ADU already being built at 13-foot width < 15-foot noted; okay for primary houses which are larger and wider)

A6 good; EIS If NOT adopted;

A7 good; EIS If 85% and 100% building and paving lot coverages are accepted;

D1 (not listed below)

E1 (not listed below)

G2 (not listed below)

http://seattle.legistar.com/View.ashx?GUID=DF77DC6A-104B-40DA-8296-3D8CD2BC4536&ID=11927211&M=F&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Accordingly, **without an environmental study**, the city must retract new additions to the tree ordinance that would make developing properties less accountable to future urban heat island effects in dense residential areas.

We have asked CM Dan Strauss since June 2022 to review matters before us today, and our online meeting appointments have been overlooked. Unless these tree removal provisions are only applicable to District 6, transparency must be provided to all interested in reaching an equitable 30% canopy cover within the next 15 years. We are currently shy of that 2007 objective by 1000 tree canopy acres.

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Concerns regarding amendments are based on [Wednesday, April 26 amendment sheet](#), which is the latest the public has seen.

We have not seen any updates on amendments on the [Land Use Committee Agenda sent out today](#), May 1 for the two scheduled meetings on May 4th, so these comments are based on last week's update. Only 2 of the 9 sections had revisions last Wednesday and actual amendment language was still not available in most cases.

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Above Reduced list that was provided by Steve Zemke
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I am grateful for organizations like Plant Amnesty, The Last 6000, Friends of Urban Forests, Don't Clearcut Seattle, and more...for doing the work investigating and informing us on the issue. I support most of the recommendations listed below, especially the first two.

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CAUTION: External Email

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Funding for the Natural Capital Assessment must be included in the proposed Tree Ordinance legislation. [General 2 — Seattle Green Spaces Coalition](#)

Video of a 3-part panel discussion at Seattle Neighborhood Coalition (SNC).
Part 1 Toby Thaler <https://youtu.be/aQaTZzPuluw?t=217>

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TOP PRIORITY -- We need trees where we live!

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Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

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Regards,
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We urge you to adopt these amendments to the 2023 draft Tree Protection Ordinance.

TOP PRIORITY -- We need trees where we live!

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Subject: Support these amendments to the draft Tree Protection Ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Memo to Seattle City Council

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Group F. Tree Service Providers

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Trees are what makes Seattle a livable city. If we must grow, allow additional building height, but please please don't sacrifice our important tree canopy. A 'tree desert' is just as harmful as a 'food desert'.

Thank you,
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Thank you.

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We are a senior married couple concerned for the loss of irreplaceable tree canopy and green infrastructure. While the following requested votes may have been group-compiled, we nonetheless urge you to please take the following actions on these priority amendments:

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Thank you for your tree protection votes.

Sincerely,

Mr/Mrs Gifford T Jones

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Thank you.

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Thank you--

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- VOTE NO A2 - Development area percentage in Midrise, Commercial, and Seattle Mixed zones This amendment would guarantee 100% lot coverage in the Midrise, Commercial, and Seattle Mixed Use Zones with no options to save trees.
- VOTE NO A5 - Tier 2 tree removal allowance and accessory dwelling units - Many accessory dwelling units are less than 15 feet wide. Builders do not need a guaranteed 15 feet. Amendment would be another guaranteed reason to remove exceptional trees. Let the city keep its flexibility to decide based on the trees on a lot.

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Group C. Permit Review Process

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Group E. In-lieu fees and Replacement requirements

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- VOTE YES E6 - Codify and increase in-lieu fee amount - Addresses cost to city to plant and maintain trees by requiring fee start at \$4000 and includes lost benefits of larger trees by fee being \$4000 or \$17.87 per square inch, whichever is larger.

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