



SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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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

July 19, 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: 2490 190 8522

Meeting password: 1234

Attending

Commissioners

Laura Keil – Co-Chair

Alicia Kellogg

Falisha Kurji

Hao Liang

David Baker

Lia Hall

Staff

Patti Bakker – OSE

Guests

Toby Thaler

Absent- Excused

Becca Neumann – Co-Chair

Josh Morris – Co-Chair

Stuart Niven

Jessica Hernandez

Jessica Jones

Public

Steve Zemke

Tina Cohen

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. Laura noted that new Commissioner Alicia Kellogg is joining her first meeting, so during roll call invited Commissioners to introduce themselves to Alicia.

Public comment:

Steve Zemke expressed that the UFC has done a good job in coming up with draft recommendations on the Director's Rules. He suggested a couple of additions to them: 1) regarding the in-lieu payments, they should be based on the architectural calculations of tree value, so the UFC should include that at a minimum that the determination of cost start at \$17.87/sq. in. for trees 12" and over, so that the larger the tree, the more it costs, rather than being one cost for trees 12-24"; 2) the rule on Tier 2 trees, he strongly agrees that they need to include the definition of exceptional trees, especially that they include tree groves since those could be skipped if they are not included in the rule even if they are in the ordinance.

Tina Cohen shared three points/questions: 1) has anyone talked with the Heritage tree committee about what their role will be moving forward?, 2) how will the UFC get the City Council to follow their recommendations?, 3) there was an Investigate West article on the tree ordinance she wanted to share with the Commissioners.

Chair, Committees, and Coordinator report:

Patti noted that the new urban forestry position has now been posted. The official title is the Senior Urban Forestry Strategic Advisor, and the position will serve a cross-departmental leadership role, building internal and external collaborations to meet Seattle's canopy cover and forest health goals. This position will provide the capacity to develop the Canopy Equity and Resilience Plan and investment strategy to focus planting, maintenance, education and resilience efforts on communities with the least canopy. The announcement is open through August 8.

Seattle Public Utilities urban forestry work – Jana Dille

Jana noted that there are four main categories of SPU's urban forestry work: management of SPU owned lands, volunteer stewardship and engagement, green stormwater infrastructure, and capital projects planting.

Land management

SPU owns land both within and outside of City of Seattle limits, including the Cedar and Tolt watersheds. Within the urban forestry context, they focus primarily on the lands within Seattle. Watersheds, being wildlands and not urban land, are managed differently and not considered to be urban forestry.

SPU owns and manages over 150 landscapes and natural areas, mostly in Seattle city limits, and continues to acquire properties for urban stream and floodplain restoration. Their Urban Watersheds team maintains and restores habitat, including trees, on these properties to protect water quality and salmon habitat. The team focuses their resources in equity priority areas and seeks to partner with community to meet goals.

One area where the team has been working is along the north fork of Thornton Creek. Jana shared before and after photos and details on this work as an example of this kind of work they do.

Volunteer Stewardship

The section of Trees for Seattle that lives within SPU includes the Seattle Tree Stewards volunteer program. This program engages the community to care for publicly owned landscapes that support tree canopy. SPU currently engages volunteers through Seattle Tree Stewards at Meadowbrook Pond and Longfellow Creek, with a goal to expand to more sites in the future. Volunteers support SPU crews and contractors with tasks such as ivy and blackberry removal.

Trees for Seattle is an over-arching campaign across all City of Seattle departments and does not exist solely in one department. SPU houses and provides oversight to the section of Trees for Seattle which runs the Trees for Neighborhoods planting program, the Seattle Tree Stewards volunteer program, and some communication channels such as the Trees for Seattle website and newsletter. These programs were presented to the UFC separately a few months ago.

Green stormwater infrastructure (GSI)

GSI are systems designed to use soil and plants to capture stormwater and infiltrate it into the ground instead of it running off and being captured by grey infrastructure like pipes or running off into our lakes, creeks and rivers, and Puget Sound. Infiltrating stormwater into the ground reduces flooding and pollution. GSI includes rain gardens, stormwater ponds, floodable open space, and more – including trees. Building GSI also often creates plantable space for trees where it did not exist before by doing things like removing impervious pavement.

Jana noted that one new vehicle SPU is developing to build GSI is the RainCity program, which will build voluntary green stormwater infrastructure on private property through a community public-private partnership model. This model will allow SPU to build green infrastructure in a way that is responsive to community needs and leverages outside funding. RainCity has the potential to both plant more trees and increase available planting space for trees on private property. They are very close to starting a \$15 million, 5-year pilot program which if successful they hope to expand in the future.

Green Schoolyards

Schools are one place where SPU hopes to build projects through the Rain City model. SPU, along with OSE and Parks, works with Seattle Public Schools and EarthGen in a green schoolyards learning and technical assistance cohort led by the Children & Nature Network. They are hoping to transform Seattle school yards in a holistic way which increases tree canopy and GSI while also integrating community and school needs such as veggie beds, playground equipment, and outdoor classrooms.

Currently the Trees for Neighborhoods program in SPU works closely with Seattle Public Schools to supply trees and provide watering assistance to a few select schools. In 2022, trees were planted at 15 schools, and watering assistance is being provided to three of those.

Capital Projects Planting

Jana noted that this includes trees planted as part of construction projects, so that projects are in compliance with tree replacement requirements. They work in partnership with SDOT when planting street trees, and the planting levels vary based on project needs.

Questions from Commissioners included:

- With the RainCity program being a pilot, what community engagement strategies are you planning to try out during that period?
- Are there direct city GSI projects installed, outside of the public-private partnership programs mentioned?
- How are the plants that are planted established?
- Will the RainCity program help residents care for trees already planted in private lands?
- When will the RainCity program be up and running?
- Will the RainCity projects comply with the Executive Order requirements for replacement?
- The city sees trees as infrastructure; is there thought of considering trees as more of a public utility since there are so many ecosystem and public health services they also provide?
- Are you concerned about increased runoff as Seattle becomes more dense?

Presentation Debrief

Lia would like to be alerted when the RainCity partnership becomes active or know where to find more information on it. Falisha volunteered to draft a follow-up letter.

Tree protection ordinance Director's Rules

Commissioners reviewed the draft recommendations on the Director's Rules as developed by Becca, based on last week's discussion. Commissioners further discussed their feedback on the Rules, and edited the letter to clarify and further expand the feedback.

Action: A motion to approve the Director's Rules recommendations letter as amended was made, seconded and approved.

City budget recommendations

Patti reviewed the budget recommendations process so far, with Josh providing a set of draft recommendations for the UFC to further develop, and the UFC discussing and working on those at last week's meeting. Commissioners discussed, edited and added to the recommendations they worked on last week, as well as the final recommendation on monitoring and evaluation of the new tree protection ordinance that was not covered last week.

Action: A motion to approve the budget recommendations letter as amended was made, seconded and approved.

Adoption of June meeting notes

Action: A motion to approve the June 7, 2023 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded and approved.

Action: A motion to approve the June 21, 2023 meeting notes as written was made, seconded and approved.

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>

Public comment:

Steve Zemke noted that Councilmember Strauss did not end up including tree protection in the Industrial and Maritime legislation they passed recently, as he'd said they would. He also noted that Commissioners can provide comment on their own for both the Director's Rules and the budget; that can help urge the changes if Commissioners also weigh in on their own. Items can be emphasized in this way, such as that it doesn't make sense for taxpayers to pay the additional amount needed to plant trees because in lieu fees are not high enough.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Meeting chat:

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:06 PM

Welcome Alicia! Your riparian experience is so valuable. Thank you for joining!

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 3:13 PM

<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=31323334-50bba2bf-31321b84-4544474f5631-5a01929f9a539fc7&q=1&e=d98033b2-a6bf-41a2-8023-041f218e993b&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.invw.org%2F2023%2F07%2F19%2Fhow-developers-helped-shape-seattles-controversial-tree-protection-ordinance%2F>

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 3:14 PM

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/seattle/jobs/newprint/4118909>

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:16 PM

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:33 PM

Is the mayor Harrell Executive order in effect to plant 3 trees for each healthy tree removed on public property?

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 3:38 PM

Hao, great question.

from Dille, Jana (she / her) to everyone: 3:38 PM

<https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/your-services/sewer-and-drainage/green-stormwater-infrastructure>

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 3:43 PM

Are you concerned about increased runoff as Seattle becomes more dense?

from Lia Hall to everyone: 3:45 PM

Lots to digest. Thank you, Jana.

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 3:45 PM

Thank you!

from Dilley, Jana (she / her) to everyone: 3:47 PM

<https://700milliongallons.org/>

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:52 PM

Need to rewrite sentence on tree groves - They are in ordinance and need to be included with what they are and what happens when a tree is removed from grove.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:53 PM

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from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:53 PM

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from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:54 PM

Yes, they form a huge amount of our canopy in this city!! Thank you Lia.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:54 PM

They are long-lived trees that provide habitat and food for wildlife, and are resilient to pollution.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:54 PM

Not as long lived as cedars:)

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:56 PM

SDOT spent \$200k to save a horse chestnut in West Seattle., due to its community value.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:57 PM

Urge add minimally \$17.87 be starting point for tree replacement in lieu fee at 12 inches DBH and increase as diameter of tree increases. \$2833 means city is helping to pay to replace 12-24 inch trees at Parks Dept cost of \$4000 per tree

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:57 PM

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/in-west-seattle-crusade-saves-old-tree-from-citys-chain-saw/>

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:57 PM

I was given the \$200k estimate by Nolan Rundquist. The cost was in re-design for an intersection to allow the tree to remain.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:58 PM

Need to also consider tree value for habitat for birds, insects and other wildlife as a reason to plant them.

from Tina Cohen to everyone: 3:59 PM

Who determines the tree identification? I see frequent mis-identification by so called arborists, especially Tree of Heaven.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:03 PM

That is such a good point Alicia about pseudoacacia. But they fill a need in that they are so tough and drought tolerant, they can grow where native trees would not be able to survive.

from Alicia Kellogg to everyone: 4:05 PM

That's a great point Sandy, especially when we need to consider how climate change will affect how we value heartier species that are not native but may be more climate resilient.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:07 PM

second to last paragraph. These native species thrive in our environment and serve to buffer the impacts of climate change and to public health.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:15 PM

Still urge they consider starting at 12" DBH a fee of 1

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:15 PM

\$17.87 per square inch to increase as tree size increases.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:18 PM

Otherwise only less than 1 tree will be replanted for all tree less than 24" DBH. City will have to pay 1/3 of cost for planting tree! removed by developers

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:32 PM

Can tree reporting system include number of trees replanted that die to get idea of

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:32 PM

of success or maintenance and watering requirement?

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:37 PM

Need report on survivability rate of planted trees

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:38 PM

That would be good

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 4:39 PM

Survivability rate of newly planted / in lieu trees

from David Baker - UFC 8 (privately): 4:53 PM

thanks for your help today!

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:57 PM

South Park residents have expressed concern about this

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 4:58 PM

Thank you.

Public input (additional comments received):

From: kevinorme <kevinorme@protonmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:44 PM

To: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Harrell, Bruce <Bruce.Harrell@seattle.gov>

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Subject: This country's love affair with air conditioning shows a Catch 22 of climate change

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<https://www.cnn.com/2023/06/09/asia/air-conditioning-singapore-climate-change-intl-hnk-dst/index.html>

Because remember - air conditioners GENERATE HEAT. that's how they work!? It's not dry enough around here to use an old-school evaporative cooler and not everyone will have/be able to afford heat pumps (which may not suffice for some anyway, assuming multiplex dwellers even have a choice). No, thanks to you, Marco Lowe and MBACKS, we are going to have to keep clearcutting and buying AC, just making the problem worse and worse - also remember that electrical grid? What happens to it when everyone is running AC 24-7?

Remember this is the 21st century, not the '50s and ACT accordingly - save our trees!

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From: Malak Crisp <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 12:17 PM

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

Subject: No "guaranteed 85%"! Amend the draft tree ordinance

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.
20. Give the SDCI Director the authority to reduce or waive any fees assessed by this ordinance, taking into account a homeowner's financial circumstances or ability to pay.
21. Split the purpose and intent section. Add to intent "address climate resiliency and reduce heat island impacts across the city"
22. Require removal of invasive plants, like ivy, scotch broom, and holly from development sites to help stop the spread of invasive species in our city that add to maintenance costs and replacement of dying trees.

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Subject: Big Seattle tree spared from ax — for now — as neighbors, tribe rally

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[Big Seattle tree spared from ax — for now — as neighbors, tribe rally | The Seattle Times](#)

I'd like to refer Councilmember Juarez to these passages and comments in this article - and then she can address why she has yet to support **any** tree protection since she joined the SeaCC? I have read many, many times about the proud heritage and traditions of our PNW tribes (as opposed to the 'new' one known as MBAKS) at the top of your list for supporting and priorities - yet apparently their tradition about conserving the environment and sacred large trees in particular - has fallen on deaf ears (at best - deliberately ignored at worst)?

"The Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement, run by the tribe, said it's working to save the tree, and others that have been culturally modified across the tribe's ancestral lands.

For thousands of years the Snoqualmie people used an extensive trail system to reach fishing, hunting and gathering places and to visit relatives across the region, the tribe added. Along the trails, important locations would be marked by the shaping of boughs, often cedar trees, in certain directions, the tribe said.

The tribe says State Historic Preservation Officer Allyson Brooks asked the city to give the tribe and Washington State's Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation time to understand the significance of the tree and assess the situation before any work proceeds."

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From: Benjamin Woodbury <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Support these amendments to the draft Tree Protection Ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Memo to Seattle City Council

1. Architects, real estate development firms, and urban planners have repeatedly proven that existing greenspace can and should be incorporated into the planning, design, and construction of new developments. The council should recognize and reward those entities that embrace contemporary approaches to incorporating green space into urban planning. Firms that have no interest in preserving the local ecosystem can take their business elsewhere. You are in charge. For-profit entities, their lobbyist, and their paid representatives are not.

2. Future residents of low and medium housing developments need and deserve green space just as much or more than members of the council. These residents, who are often neglected deserve green space just as much or more than those wealthier citizens that reside in pristine, perfectly landscaped neighborhoods. By design, low and medium housing developments often cram, pack, or stuff multiple residents into tight, confined spaces, with little or no access to nature. You are literally and figuratively the last line of defense.

3. Seattle, the surrounding neighborhoods, and the larger metropolis should set the standard for sustainable, environmentally friendly urban planning. Period. This is not Flint, Michigan. This is not a city that should support the creation of slums, projects, or ghettos, just to temporarily inflate the profit margins of a select few construction and development firms.

4. Green planning, design, and construction can be just as profitable and lucrative as legacy approaches to urban planning.

5. How can anyone who accepts the science behind climate change vote in favor of legislation that makes it easier for developers to damage our planet's ecosystems? It may not seem like it, but you can, and probably should acknowledge the current housing crisis without compromising your existing beliefs, standards or morals.

Signed,

Closet Tree Hugger

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Subject: Summer in the City Is Hot, but Some Neighborhoods Suffer More

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[Summer in the City Is Hot, but Some Neighborhoods Suffer More - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com)

yet again, easy to see the neighborhoods still retaining trees are staying a lot cooler than those already without. that translates in Seattle largely to north and east vs south and central - which we already knew. But MBAKS and Marco Lowe would seek to 'balance' this by making ALL neighborhoods covered in pavement with no trees whenever/wherever they deem convenient and best for their profits.

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Seattle.

PS - no word from Councilmember Juarez on the north seattle big cedar and the tribe's protection of same. Not surprising.

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ah, the sweet sweet scent of campaign cash and selling out - how's that MBAKS money treating you all? Must be nice...Thanks Dan Strauss! - hopefully your "say one thing do another" costs you at the ballot box. I hope Marco Lowe and Ruiz set you up with a sweet ADU on the west side of a McMansion so you can bake all afternoon without a tree to give you shade. And then you can tell your 'grandkids' how you helped become the next Denny and assisted in the "21st Century Clearcut" - way to go!

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