

Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through September 16, 2020.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:19 PM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>
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 zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com

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Re: Project #6761539-CN
Correction Notice #2
Review Type TREE
Date August 13, 2020

Project Address 11348 23RD AVE NE
SEATTLE, WA 98125
Contact Phone (206) 459-2364

Contact Email JULIE@LEDOUXCONSTRUCTION.COM Address Seattle Department of Construction and SDCI Reviewer Deborah McGarry Inspections
Email deborah.mcgarry@seattle.gov
Owner BRUCE WALLACE P.O. Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

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Thank you Deb for your attention to detail on this project which if permitted without consideration for the retention of trees, will result in another monumental loss of healthy, large trees in Seattle. This neighbourhood, like many, has already lost hundreds of healthy and large trees, including native conifers which were the home for nesting and visiting birds, including merlins and other birds of prey. The ecological impact is disastrous and humans are suffering too. WE must work together to save trees and not continue to allow uncontrolled 'development' of Seattle to destroy the future of human and all other life that tries to live here. We all suffer as a relatively small number of people benefit, in the short term.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

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Subject: Sign Up to Speak that the Comp. Growth Plan also consider trees on Private Property (7:30am signup on Sept 9)

Importance: High

Sensitivity: Confidential

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Dear friends for Seattle's Tree Canopy and Environmental Equity:

Please take a brief moment first thing on **Wednesday, Sept 9** to ask that the [Comprehensive Growth Plan](#) also **include private property trees** in addition to [just street trees](#). By far, most street trees are privately owned, and as such, there exists a significant street tree deficit in Southeast Seattle.



Also of concern are recent developments around Kubota Gardens that are clear-cutting urban forests and displacing affordable housing (as conveyed by L. Hall and M. Batayola on Sept 3 during the [Seward Park Audubon presentation](#).)



Given there is no possible way identified for the City of Seattle to achieve its **30% tree canopy cover goal by 2037** at the present rate of tree decline both from streets** and decline from private property. As such, the existing Comp Plan ignores the vitality of Seattle's Urban Forest of Seattle and the city's canopy cover goals.



Ask that the **reverse the Seattle staff decision that the Comp Plan does not need to consider trees on private property.** The attached pdf is what we proposed two years in a row... but is being denied by City Staff who do not believe we may have BOTH more density AND increased tree canopy. The proposal, as you may see, includes data that substantiates that tree canopy loss continues in Seattle.



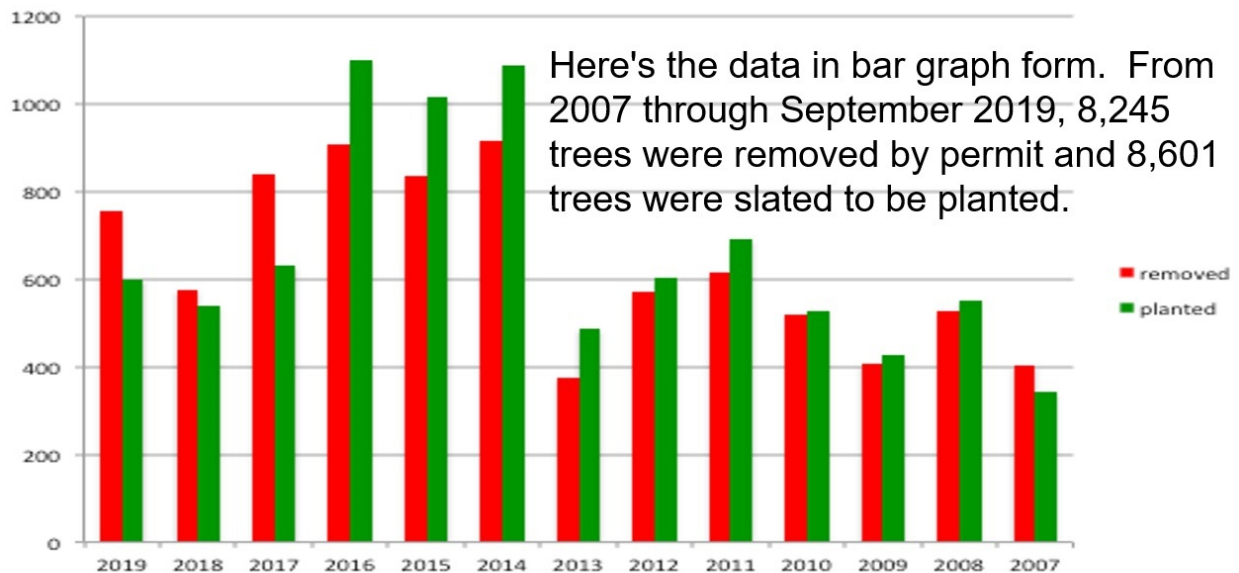
HOW TO SIGN UP 7:30 am WEDNESDAY:

See attached notice and below to ask the City Council request Seattle **Comprehensive Growth Plan also consider trees on Private Property** at the Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee – Public Hearing – 9/9/20,

David Moehring
312-965-0634

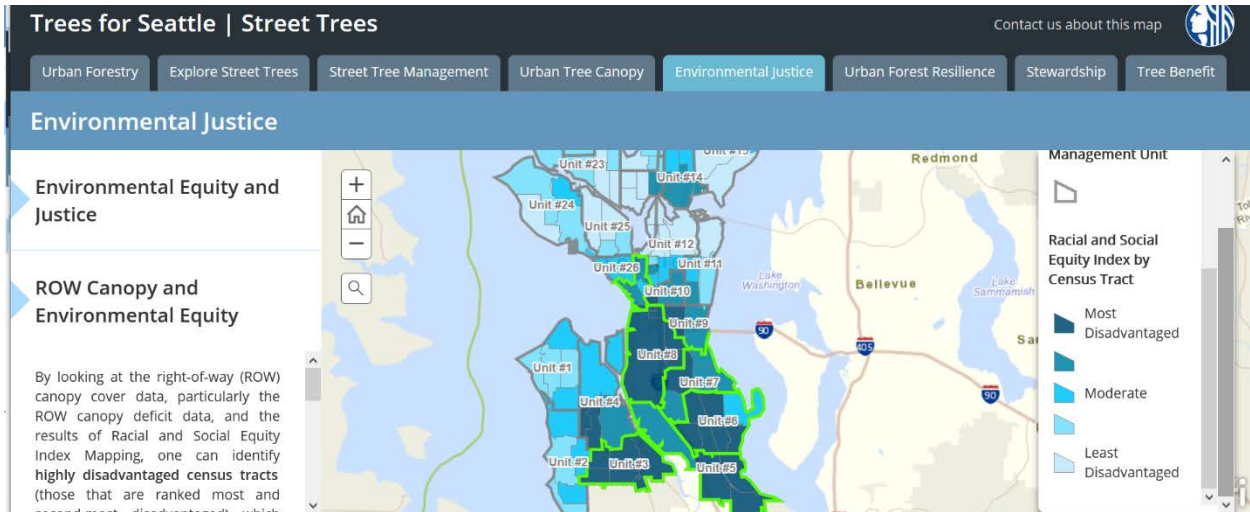
**decline in street trees from public records in Oct 2019 (thank you Bernice!)

Analyzed spreadsheet with over 17,000 rows, separating it into years



Seattle Street Trees Removed and Planted from 2019 to 2007 records request (tbv)

*** Lack of Street Trees within Environmental Equity and Social Justice areas of Southeast Seattle



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Meeting Location: <http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/land-use-and-neighborhoods>

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or Seattle Channel online.

Committee Website:

This meeting also constitutes a meeting of the City Council, provided that the meeting shall be conducted as a committee meeting under the Council Rules and Procedures, and Council action shall be limited to committee business. In-person attendance is currently prohibited per Washington State Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28.9 through October 1, 2020.

Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line and Seattle Channel online.

Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at the 9:30 a.m Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee meeting at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>.

Online registration to speak at the Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee meeting will begin **two hours before the 9:30 a.m. meeting start time**, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair. Submit written comments to all Councilmember Strauss at Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov Sign-up to provide Public Comment at the meeting at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>

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Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee

Agenda - Public Hearing

September 9, 2020

9:30 AM

Members:

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Debora Juarez, Member

Andrew J. Lewis, Member

Alex Pedersen, Member

M. Lorena González, Alternate

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment
(10 minutes)

D. Items of Business

1. CB 119838

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; amending the Seattle Comprehensive Plan to incorporate changes proposed as part of the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Plan annual amendment process.

Attachments:

Att 1 - West Seattle Future Land Use Map Amendments

Att 2 - Delridge Neighborhood Plan Amendments

Supporting Documents:

Summary and Fiscal Note

Director's Report

Central Staff Memo

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2. 2020 - 2021 Comprehensive Plan Annual Docket Setting Resolution

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3. CB 119827

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; amending Chapter 23.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code at page 208 of the Official Land Use Map to rezone land in the Rainier Beach neighborhood.

Attachments:

Att 1 – Rezone Map – S. Cloverdale St. Area

Att 2 – Rezone Map – S. Rose St. Area

Supporting Documents:

Summary and Fiscal Note

Director’s Report

Central Staff Memo

Presentation (8/12/20)

OPCD Memo (8/28/20)

Discussion and Possible Vote (15 minutes)

Presenters: Geoffrey Wentlandt, Office of Planning and Community Development; Yolanda Ho, Council Central Staff

4. CB 119877

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use review decision and meeting procedures; temporarily modifying and suspending procedures in Titles 23 and 25 of the Seattle Municipal Code and amending Chapters 23.41, 23.49, 23.66, 23.79, 25.12, 25.16, 25.20, 25.21, 25.22, 25.24, and 25.30 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Supporting Documents:

Summary and Fiscal Note

Director's Report

SDCI & DON Update on Virtual Meetings (7/22/20)

Presentation

Briefing and Discussion (20 minutes)

Presenters: Mike Podowski and Lisa Rutzick, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections; Sara Belz, Sarah Sodt, and Maureen Sheehan, Department of Neighborhoods; Ketil Freeman, Council Central Staff

5. Interim Floodplain Regulations

Supporting Documents:

SDCI Memo (7/8/20)

Council Bill 119832 Ordinance 126113

On July 20, 2020 City Council passed Council Bill 119832, Ordinance 126113, relating to floodplains; adopting interim regulations consistent with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations; adopting updated National Flood Insurance Rate Maps to allow individuals to continue to obtain flood insurance through FEMA's Flood Insurance Program; and amending Chapter 25.06 and Section 25.09.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code. State law requires the City Council to hold a public hearing within 90 days of adopting these changes.

Briefing and Public Hearing

Presenter: Maggie Glowacki, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections; Ketil Freeman, Council Central Staff

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E. Adjournment

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From: Drew Foerster <dhf2@uw.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 7:04 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and

short platting process

- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of Transportation already requires
- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the grove
- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

The following changes to the draft Director's Rule are needed:

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns." Include street trees in groves.
- Add "Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages."
- Add "All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can't be removed."
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to "TREE PROTECTION". Remove references to "Exceptional Trees" only and change to "Trees". e.g., change "Exceptional Tree Protection Areas" to "Tree Protection Areas".
- SECTION 4. Add "The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle's Equity and Environment Initiative."
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require "one or more trees" to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve

equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.

- SECTION 5. SEPA requirements under SMC 25.05.675 N are for protecting special habitats and need to be considered at the beginning of the development process. The language of this SEPA code section should be included in the Director's Rule to be certain that the code is complied with.
- SECTION 6. SDCI should adopt SDOT's registration process and requirements to assist Tree Care Providers in complying with city code and regulations. Reduce the number of citations that will remove a Tree Care Provider from being registered with the city to no more than 2 per year. Require annual registration same as Seattle business licenses require. Require that Tree Care Provider companies have a WA State contractor's license to ensure they have workers' compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.

Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Drew Foerster

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From: Stuart Jones <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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.

Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

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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.

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From: June BlueSpruce <jbluespruce@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 1:59 PM

To: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Podowski, Mike <Mike.Podowski@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>

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Subject: Please protect Seattle's urban forest NOW

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mayor Durkan, members of the Seattle City Council, and leaders and staff of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections:

Last Thursday night, the Seward Park Audubon Center presented a panel on Seattle's tree canopy - its current status; the serious threats it faces; the impacts of environmental racism on health, the economy, and community displacement; and what citizens of Seattle can do to protect trees. I encourage you and your staff to watch the video [here](#). You will recognize several of us from City Council and committee hearings. On the panel, we were able to tell the story of Seattle's trees much more completely than we can in 1-2 minute testimony at meetings.

I urge you to act now to protect Seattle's urban forest. As you know, the tree protection ordinance we have in place was passed as an interim measure 11 years ago. It was inadequate then; it's more so now. Last fall, you passed a resolution committing to a process to develop, study the implementation of, and get public feedback on an updated ordinance based on a draft written a year ago by the Urban Forestry Commission. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic has slowed this process down, and I am advised that it's unlikely that a stronger ordinance will be passed this year. Meanwhile, the loss of trees to development continues at a frantic pace.

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- Ensure that the process to develop, get community input on, and pass a stronger tree protection ordinance is accelerated. The trees can't wait.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

June BlueSpruce
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*"Possibilities are not hopes for the future. They are realities in the present."
Dr. Gabor Mate, Sounds True Healing Trauma Summit, June 4, 2018*

From: Christine Vensand <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 3:30 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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I am new to Seattle as of this summer. One of the things that I have loved about visiting this city and now living here, is the marvelous amount of beautiful trees. It makes me feel peaceful and joyful to drive down streets with lots of trees especially those streets with an arching tree canopy. Hopefully, I will be in a position to buy a home here at some point in the future. I am purposely going to seek out streets that have a good tree cover because to me that's what makes it feel like Seattle. We should be doing everything we can to preserve the trees for all the reasons listed above.

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From: David Moehring <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:12 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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<https://youtu.be/Ki8tsN01pcs>

(Segment 2 provides locations from City data collected where the tree canopy is inequitably low and declining.)

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David Moehring

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From: Cynthia Rose <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:20 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Also, it is important that the Comprehensive Growth Plan also include private property trees in addition to just street trees. By far, most street trees are privately owned, and as such, there exists a significant street tree deficit in Southeast Seattle.

Please reverse the Seattle staff decision that the Comp Plan does not need to consider trees on private property.

Sincerely yours,

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:58 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: 6 back yard townhouses behind 4 rowhouses at 9205 and 9209 14TH AVE NW - trees large removed and at risk

Dear PRC,

Thank you for allowing comment on both **9209 14TH AVE NW** (Project: 3036845-EG) and **9205 14th Ave NW** (#3036643-EG).

This is one SEPA **functionally-related development** with many mature trees at risk due to the lack of design constructability considerations. Please refer to the attached preferred site plan of 10 market-rate (not affordable) homes on a 10,880 sq ft parent lot owned by David and Gerlick Nugent (per King County record).

There is not enough space provided for retention of existing trees just because the proposal is **seeking 10 verses the allowed 8 units**. By the way, the plans show trees with driplines pruned back and ignoring the critical root zone which does not also follow the edge of the branch pruning. A city arborist should see this site.



Should design review comments from the public consider whether 10 rowhouses with townhouses is **code compliant**?

"**No**", we will be told. I'm sure that the City staff will be noting that zoning code issues are outside the scope of design review, correct?



But recommending **design code departures** are within the scope of design review... "**yes**", we will be told. The last several pages list at least four (4) design departures. **

In other words, do not comment about code issues but design departures from the code will be considered. With this somewhat jaded process one could essentially propose a 50-story tower on this site and the public would not be allowed to comment that the design might be nice but it is incorrect for the properties zoning.

To demonstrate the problem: the **design submission states**:

We are proposing ten (10) new ground-related dwelling units on a LR1 site in the Crown Hill neighborhood of Seattle. The 10,898 sf lot will be divided

into two sites: One 3,270 sf site fronting on 14th Ave NW, and one 7,628 sf site to the west that will be accessed via the smaller site.



So... even though the new LR1(M) zoning allows up to 1 dwelling for every 1300 sq ft of land area, this proposal going in for design review is seeking 1 dwelling for every 1,090 sq ft of land area. Instead of the code allowed eight (8) dwellings; this LR1 site will be burdened with two additional dwellings or ten (10) dwellings so that the developer's investors may capitalize on an additional 20% revenue gain.

Why does the Department of Construction allow this circumvention of Seattle's zoning code?

Moreover, why are the Rowhouse Development Rules that do not allow rowhouses between the street and other primary dwellings on the same property? Legally, it was not even two buildable lots. King County states the parent lot to be comprised of the south 20 feet of one-half of lot 8, and one-half of lot 9 (S 20 FT OF E 1/2 OF 8 & E 1/2 OF 9). Two half-lots do not make two full lots.



None of the 3 options presented show 8 dwellings and none of the three options **are code complying**. So please ask the design proposal to remove the phase "*Code Complying*" in the the drawing SITE PLAN - OPTION 1.

from the proposal:

[Design Review EDG Proposal - Draft](#) 14 MB 09/02/20 [3036643-EG](#) Early Design Guidance

Project Description:

Administrative Design Review for 3, 3-story, townhouse buildings (6-units total). Parking for 6 vehicles proposed. To be **considered with 3036643-EG** for shared access.

Summary:

Housing for Seattle: **yes!**

Circumvention of code requirements and design standards: **never!**

Space for excavation around the existing trees to remain.

Stand up for Seattle's code intent and send this back to the drawing board.

Thank you!

David Moehring
TreePAC

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** Design departures copied and pasted here for your reference:

CS2.C.2 – Relationship to block - mid-block site: The adjacent Queen Mary rowhouses have proposed a side facade of slightly more than 28' in length (which is our proposed facade length limit). Matching this facade length allows us to maintain consistency along this block face and at the internal interface points on these sites.

CS1.D.1 – On site features: The notch at rowhouse 1 has definite area impacts that translate all the way down to rowhouse 4 by nature of the fact that we have a very limited site. If the geometry of all four townhomes were to be consistent (**eg, removal of the tree**), it would be much easier to comply the facade length limitation. We feel that retaining this tree is important, and we are asking for a small amount of flexibility to allow for this.

DC2.A.2 – Reduce Perceived Massing: Instead of compacting the form in the east west direction to meet a facade length requirement, we can stretch the form east/west and create a bump-out at the upper two levels. This move provides better articulation and actually lightens the visual mass of the building.

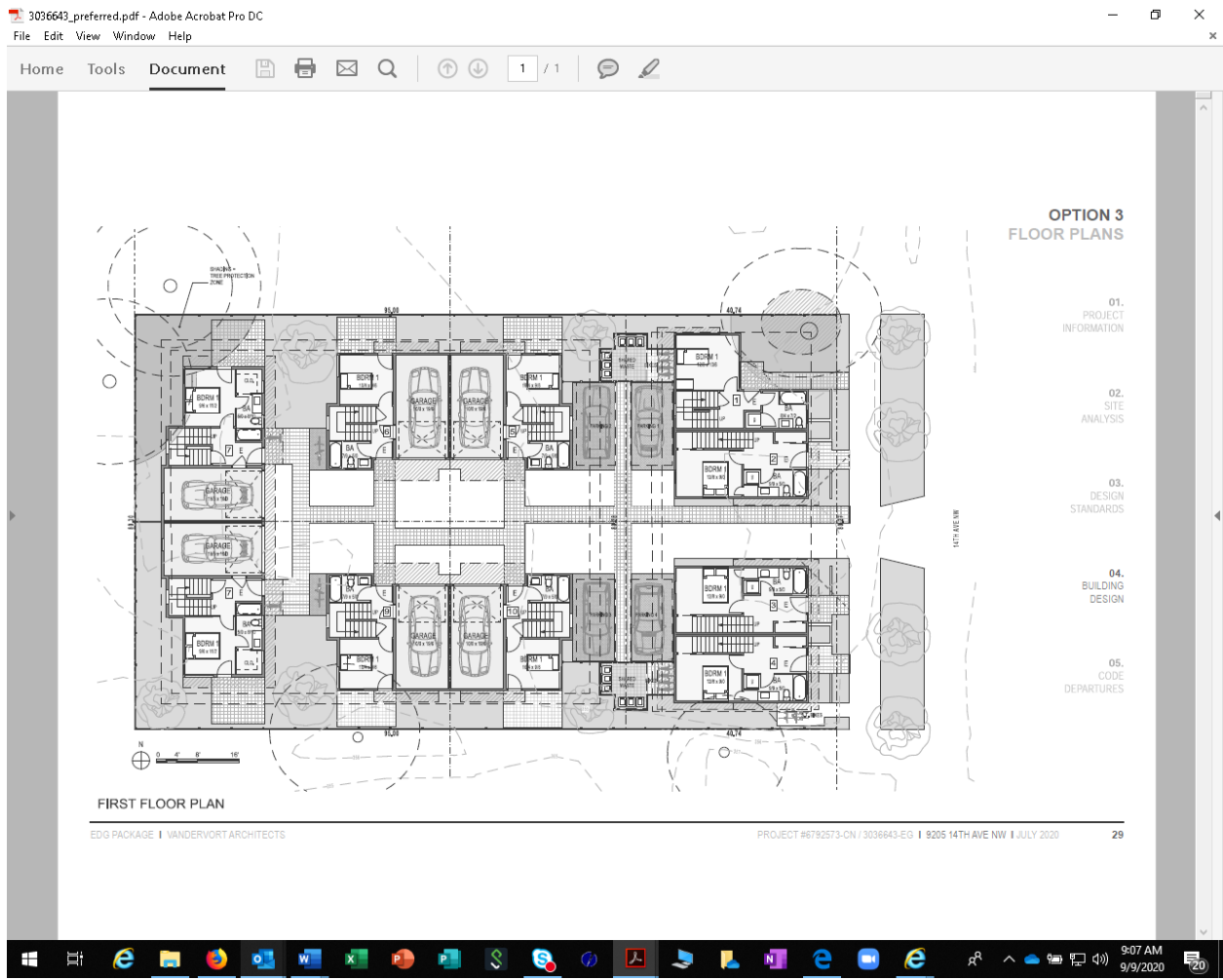
PL3.A.1.D – Individual entries: The additional facade length will provide an overhang at the upper level that helps to define and scale down the rowhouse entry on the street-facing facade of the dwelling.

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From: Bernice Maslan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 1:04 AM

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

Subject: Impt to include privately owned trees in Comprehensive Growth Plan

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

In this season of Covid, when people are spending huge amounts of time at home, it is especially important to protect non-City trees also. Two-thirds of Seattle's trees are on private land and are very vulnerable to developers. Growth and tree maintenance can co-exist! We need to protect our trees and urban forest which 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.

Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission and fund enforcement.

Here are the key provisions that need to be in the updated tree ordinance:

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.

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From: Annie Thoe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Adding Private Trees to Comprehensive Growth Plan

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please make sure that the Comprehensive Growth Plan includes private property trees IN ADDITION to just street trees. By far, MOST street trees are privately owned, and as such, there exists a significant street tree deficit in Southeast Seattle.

The recent developments around Kubota Gardens are clear-cutting essential urban forests and displacing affordable housing (as conveyed by L. Hall and M. Batayola on Sept 3 during the Seward Park Audubon presentation.)

Given there is no possible way identified for the City of Seattle to achieve its 30% tree canopy cover goal by 2037 at the present rate of tree decline both from streets** and decline from private property. As such, the existing Comp Plan ignores the vitality of Seattle's Urban Forest of Seattle and the city's canopy cover goals.

I urge you to reverse the Seattle staff decision that the Comp Plan does not need to consider trees on private property. City Staff do not believe we may have BOTH more density AND increased tree canopy. There is data that substantiates that tree canopy loss continues in Seattle.

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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Thank you so much for stewarding our land and preserving our health and habitat.

Respectfully,
Annie Thoe

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From: Lindsay Gorang <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- *****Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches (Most of all, I hope this is adopted!)
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and

short platting process

- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of Transportation already requires
- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the grove
- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

The following changes to the draft Director's Rule are needed:

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns." Include street trees in groves.
- Add "Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages."
- Add "All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can't be removed."
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to "TREE PROTECTION". Remove references to "Exceptional Trees" only and change to "Trees". e.g., change "Exceptional Tree Protection Areas" to "Tree Protection Areas".
- SECTION 4. Add "The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle's Equity and Environment Initiative."
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require "one or more trees" to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve

equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.

- SECTION 5. SEPA requirements under SMC 25.05.675 N are for protecting special habitats and need to be considered at the beginning of the development process. The language of this SEPA code section should be included in the Director's Rule to be certain that the code is complied with.

- SECTION 6. SDCI should adopt SDOT's registration process and requirements to assist Tree Care Providers in complying with city code and regulations. Reduce the number of citations that will remove a Tree Care Provider from being registered with the city to no more than 2 per year. Require annual registration same as Seattle business licenses require. Require that Tree Care Provider companies have a WA State contractor's license to ensure they have workers' compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.

Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Lindsay Gorang

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From: Rebecca Watson <rebecca.watson@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:56 AM

To: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Please Preserve the Tree Canopy - Adopt the Tree Ordinance Now

CAUTION: External Email

9 September 2020

Dear Mayor Durkan, Seattle City Council members, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections staff:

As I write to you from my home in West Seattle, wildfires are burning throughout Washington State. It's hot. The air quality is unhealthy. Why I mention this is this morning I am thinking about trees, and the incredible amount of work they do each and every day on our behalf - from cleaning the air, to providing shade, buffering noise and reducing pollution caused by water run-off. Not to mention the documented emotional and physical benefits they provide for us all. I note this, but realize I am privileged to live in an area where there are numbers of trees - in parks and greenspace, street trees and in household lots. What I worry about is the many in our community living in areas where tree canopy is wholly inadequate - where air quality is worse, flooding and landslides occur, and heat is extreme. And with each walk I take, I see more and more smaller houses being replaced by very large single family residences that leave inadequate space for trees and greenspace. Affordable housing is necessary but this is not affordable housing. In these situations, it is clear, different choices could be made to preserve tree canopy that takes years and years to establish.

Although I do appreciate that this has been an unprecedented time with the COVID-19 pandemic and all of it's societal impacts, the calls for equity and social justice and police accountability, the need for affordable housing, the need to address the mental illness and homelessness crisis - what better time for a small but important action from the Mayor and City council. A small ray of hope. I realize the incredible scrutiny, and challenges for county and city governments facing budget shortfalls and having to make very hard decisions. But we need to do something now to mitigate the continuing impacts of the climate crisis. I support the Urban Forest Commissions (your experts) proposed tree ordinance and any/all revisions they suggest, and ask that you take the next step and adopt it now. The trees can't wait.

Thank you.

Rebecca Watson
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From: Siegelbaum, Heidi
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov
Cc: Seattle City Council <councilagenda@seattle.gov>
Subject: Protecting trees as public health infrastructure

Dear Council member Strauss and Council members:

With this letter we request that you include full protection for ALL trees, including those on private property, during your deliberations on the Comprehensive Plan. If you are paying attention to:

- Climate change
- Stormwater (that nice little CSO project cost the city billions so you should pay attention to the role of trees in attenuating stormwater)
- Air quality and public health
- That thing called quality of life and community
- Livability in your quest to create density; density should not mean crappy, ugly, hot and gray living conditions and design.....
- Tree Canopy Goals and the Urban Forest Management Plan

Then your response should be to protect ALL trees regardless of location. This includes private property.

You have been---with SDCI- --totally complicit in ruining the city and rather than using your smart selves, your innovative thinking, some research (do you have staff that can help you?) you just give in to the outsized influence of developers and fail to ask them to comply with the law, enforce it yourselves (via SDCI) or to change laws to permit greater height to protect large trees during development/redevelopment. What are you doing?????

You must reverse your decision and use evidence- not influence—to make your decision. We can have both density and trees with DESIGN and taking a few more minutes to properly design properties. Do the smart thing- do the right thing. You can be heroes or a diminished decision maker susceptible to untoward pressure.

Heidi Siegelbaum

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:56 PM

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Silvernail, Devin <Devin.Silvernail@seattle.gov>; June BlueSpruce <jbluespruce@gmail.com>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Magnolia Community Council <magnoliacomunityclub@gmail.com>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; cjschell@uw.edu; lambert.mrm@gmail.com; cleowe@uw.edu
Subject: recapitulation of 'Please protect Seattle's urban forest!'
Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you, June BlueSpruce!

Many of us may have missed hearing from our Mayor and City Council representatives that a ***lack of tree canopy (*) is a social injustice matter for too many within the Emerald City of Seattle.***



The recent [UW article](#) (attached pdf) recapitulates the [video](#) that June notes below presented last week by six panelists for the Seward Park Audubon Society. From the article:

"The paper cites other studies that have found ***racism*** and other ***inequalities*** are ***reducing biodiversity***, increasing ***urban heat island effects*** and ***augmenting impacts of climate crises*** across the United States.

"For example, several studies the authors included found fewer trees in ***low-income and racially minoritized neighborhoods*** in major cities across the U.S. Less tree cover means hotter temperatures and fewer plant and animal species. Additionally, these areas tend to be closer to industrial waste or dumping sites than wealthier, predominantly white areas — a reality that was put in place intentionally through policies like redlining, the authors explain.

"Fewer trees, over decades, has led to pockets of neighborhoods that are hotter, more polluted, and have more disease-carrying pests such as rodents and mosquitoes that can survive in harsh environments. These ***ecological differences inevitably affect human health and well-being***, the authors said." August 13, 2020, 'Systemic racism has consequences for all life in cities', by [Michelle Ma](#)




Our leadership's future discussions about **growth in Seattle** should not only focus on more housing, but also retaining and allow space for planting more large trees! **Increasing tree canopy** in Seattle's disadvantaged neighborhoods AND **more housing** must be embodied within our city's ordinances and Comprehensive Growth Plan. Despite all of the past resolutions and Executive Orders, it's still just a flinting idea in Seattle.

 **NEXT UP:** Journalist M. Baskin interviews UW's K. Wolf for what needs to be done.



Image: More proof in urban planning with a equitable balance of tree canopy and density that works for all, including public and private housing:

"Recent Boston study tests healthy living strategies in public housing" ([July 2018 article](#))

For our trees  that do so much for us,

David Moehring AIA NCARB
[TreePAC](#) Board Member
Magnolia TreeKeepers
[Don't Clearcut Seattle](#)

NOTE to Seattle's trend for 'Green-Washing':

(*) " Tree canopy " must be considered in terms of medium and large trees that are naturally able to shade ground and building surfaces, sequester carbon and storm water, and filter air particles. Seattle's other mimicry 'Green Factor' elements such as considering ground-cover, mulch, permeable

pavers, and low bushes are not replacements to the benefits of trees that actually provide healthy environments.

Green New Deal fails to even mention the word "Tree"???

Another example of "Green-washing" is the "Green New Deal", [Seattle's resolution](#) totally ignores trees within its 18 pages and fails to acknowledge the evidence of the significance of our tree canopy. Two-thirds of [Seattle's Tree canopy](#) is within privately owned land, and Seattle's 250,000 street right-of-way trees are not enough to sustain our environment.



Sent: Monday, September 07, 2020 at 1:58 PM

From: "June BlueSpruce" <jbluespruce@gmail.com>

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Cc: "Pinto de Bader, Sandra" <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov>, "Manson, Joseph" <Joseph.Manson@audubon.org>, "Woody Wheeler" <woody.wheeler@gmail.com>, "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>, "Maria Batayola" <mbjumpstart@msn.com>, "Lia H" <liayaronon@gmail.com>, "Deb Heiden" <nature-grl@live.com>, "Silvernail, Devin" <devin.silvernail@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please protect Seattle's urban forest NOW

Dear Mayor Durkan, members of the Seattle City Council, and leaders and staff of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections:

Last Thursday night, the Seward Park Audubon Center presented a panel on Seattle's tree canopy - its current status; the serious threats it faces; the impacts of environmental racism on health, the economy, and community displacement; and what citizens of Seattle can do to protect trees. I encourage you and your staff to watch the video [here](#). You will recognize several of us from City Council and committee hearings. On the panel, we were able to tell the story of Seattle's trees much more completely than we can in 1-2 minute testimony at meetings.

I urge you to act now to protect Seattle's urban forest. As you know, the tree protection ordinance we have in place was passed as an interim measure 11 years ago. It was inadequate then; it's more so now. Last fall, you passed a resolution committing to a process to develop, study the implementation of, and get public feedback on an updated ordinance based on a draft written a year ago by the Urban Forestry Commission. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic has slowed this process down, and I am advised that it's unlikely that a stronger ordinance will be passed this year. Meanwhile, the loss of trees to development continues at a frantic pace.

I urge you to:

- Place an immediate, temporary moratorium on removal of any tree that is 24" or greater DBH, any other tree that is designated as exceptional at a smaller size, and any tree grove. to remain in force until stronger tree protection is fully in place.
- Ensure that the SDCI's proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 is edited according to feedback given during the comment period and implemented as soon as possible.

- During the current budget season, ensure that adequate funding is allocated to enforce stronger tree protection regulations (in the new Director's Rule and in any anticipated strengthened tree ordinance) for 2021, including more arborists for SDCI. I know that Seattle faces a budget shortfall from the COVID epidemic. But allowing trees to be cut through non-enforcement of protection regulations is incredibly short-sighted. It will cost far more to replace trees and deal with the negative environmental consequences of their loss than to protect them in the first place.
- Ensure that the process to develop, get community input on, and pass a stronger tree protection ordinance is accelerated. The trees can't wait.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

June BlueSpruce
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Right now growth is a single item of focus. Here is a link to the 2.5-minute [Exceptional Queen Anne Tulip Tree](https://youtu.be/nyHzfHVYtDE) video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/nyHzfHVYtDE>

From: RICHARD ELLISON <climbwall@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:49 PM

To: Kopald, Daniel <Daniel.Kopald@seattle.gov>

Cc: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Steve ZemkeSAVEOURTREES <stevezemke@msn.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Registration approved for Web seminar: Talaris Campus Subdivision

CAUTION: External Email

Hello Daniel Kopaid

I was online from the beginning of the SEPA Scoping event and fully registered. But due to some process you did not seem to see I existed and was in attendance to make public comment. I protest this process as invalid as I saw a list of at least 30 names waiting to be recognized. I attach a screenprint of what I saw online.

I request a new public online comment opportunity for all parties and an extension of 30 more days to the existing process.

Richard Ellison
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From: Daniel Kopald <daniel.kopald@seattle.gov>

Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 4:08 PM

To: Richard Ellison <climbwall@msn.com>

Subject: Registration approved for Web seminar: Talaris Campus Subdivision

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:00 PM-5:30 PM.

Where:

<https://seattle.webex.com/seattle/onstage/g.php?MTID=e07b0bc54cbb9f0c8ea055507a1024269>

Your registration was approved for the following Webex event.

Host: Daniel Kopald (daniel.kopald@seattle.gov)

Event number (access code): 146 162 3634

Registration ID: This event does not require a registration ID

Event password: AHtwsDyT333

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:00 pm, Pacific Daylight Time (San Francisco, GMT-07:00)

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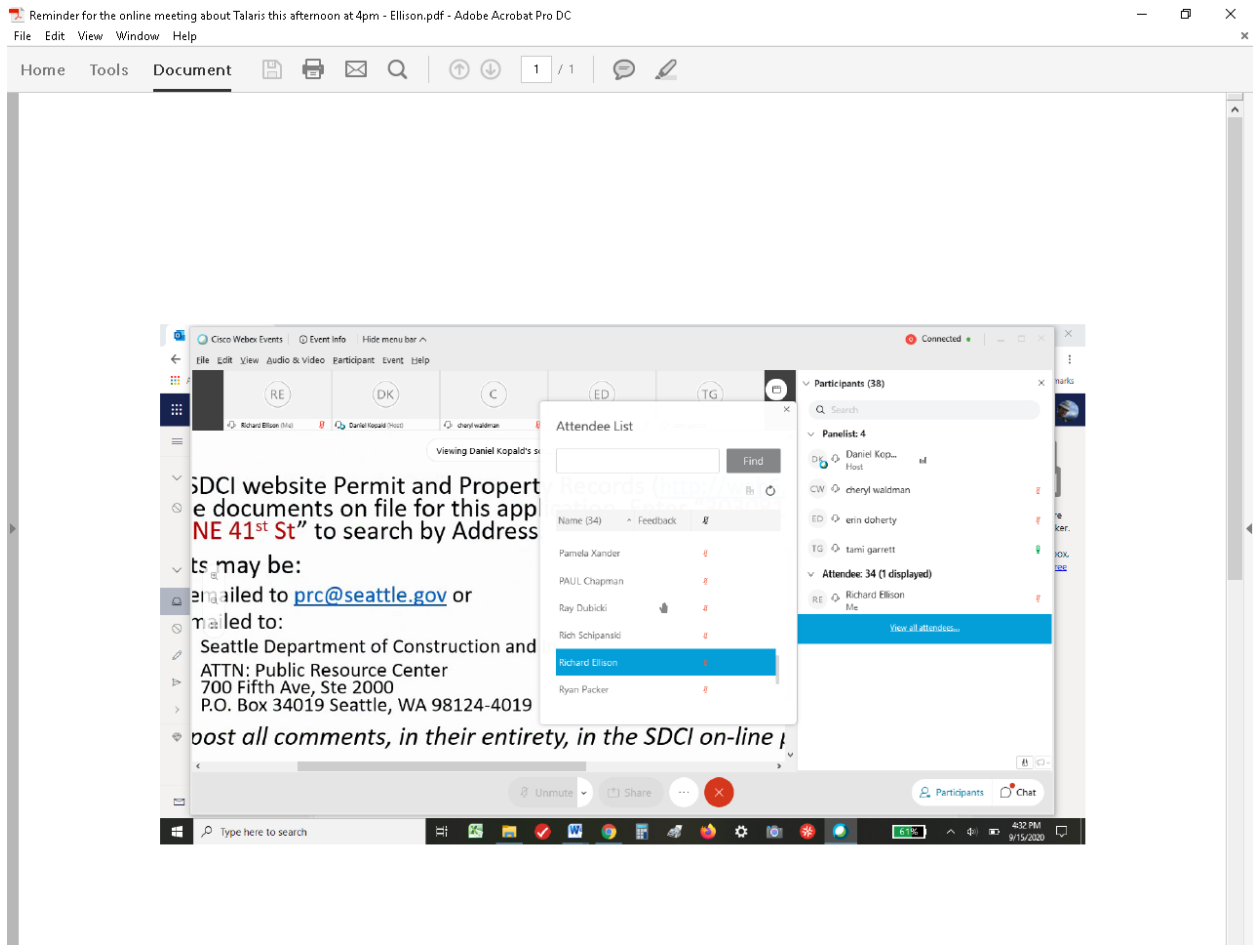
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From: RICHARD ELLISON <climbwall@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:18 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Scoping Comments for Talaris Development Project #3030811-LU

CAUTION: External Email

Comments to: Scoping for Talaris Development Project #3030811-LU , 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA , 98105

From: Richard Ellison, MS
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 September 15, 2020

A. Save Seattle's Trees! I protest of the proposed removal of hundreds of trees in all Action Alternatives.

1. **Seattle is short of forested public and private space, and this property should be purchased by the City** or another jurisdiction so as to preserve and enhance this gem property as a public park, or combination with affordable public housing.
2. Of the current **455 trees** living on site, only 184 trees are proposed for retention, with the remaining **271 trees proposed for removal** – over 60 percent. This is in violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.
3. Those to be eliminated are **175 "exceptional" trees** per City standards. All of the proposed exceptional tree removals are needed to accommodate the proposed single-family home footprints and required infrastructure as shown on the plans
4. The entire site was designated a City Landmark in November 2013 with a landscape designed by world-renown Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. The proposal would undermine those features, packing a suburban subdivision design into a landmarked urban site who's landscape qualities should be retained, not 65% of the SEPA quality Exceptional trees removed.
5. Compounding the harm from wholesale elimination of trees and building demolition, the layout for the single-family home development is oblivious to the site's **integral landscape design** and would impinge on protected areas and buffers (e.g., wetlands).
6. Short of direct protection of all SEPA Exceptional trees, **development should be allowed only in areas with existing footprints of structures**. If a minimum number of housing units for affordable housing is desired, then zoning changes should allow for building taller structures. **Single family or otherwise, this could be a model site for housing development, by building tall, dense, multifamily and preserving all Exceptional trees and wetland areas as open space. Build up not out.**
7. Mitigation's should include restoration of the existing wetlands including removal of invasive non-native species and planting a diversity of native species throughout the property.
8. Wetlands/buffers and wildlife habitat will be adversely impacted and encroached upon by the scale of the proposed subdivision. The drastic removal of landmarked, mature urban tree canopy and wetlands can never be fully replaced by new plantings.
9. The City has been unable to provide a coherent explanation on why it is processing an application for redevelopment as if the site were not a designated

landmark.

10. Tree retention is a required tenet of the Seattle Municipal Code for subdivisions and an important commitment by a City that has committed to increasing its tree canopy by 30 percent to mitigate climate change impacts, such as reducing rising land temperatures and cleaning pollutants from increasingly contaminated air. The proposed redevelopment would remove 70 percent of the trees on the Talaris site, undermining a Citywide goal.
11. There is no development alternative that allows for retention of the majority of SEPA significant trees. Removing 100's of trees for any project is in violation of the spirit of Seattle's Comp Plan. By moving the footprints of new buildings to locations with fewer trees, and minimizing utility and roadway impacts more trees could be preserved. Directors Rule 6-2001 encourages modification of the location and design of structures to preserve trees. SEPA allows for the modification of development to preserve SEPA significant vegetation.

B. IMPORTANT RELEVANT LEGISLATION

SMC 25.05.675 N.2a. "It is the City's policy to minimize or prevent the loss of wildlife habitat and other vegetation which have substantial aesthetic, educational, and/or economic value... the decisionmaker may condition or deny the project to mitigate its adverse impacts... **N.2d.** mitigating measures may include but are not limited to... ii. Reducing the size or scale of the project; iii. Preservation of specific on-site habitats, such as trees... vi. Landscaping and/or retention of existing vegetation."

Seattle's Comprehensive Plan calls for:

- 1) Preservation. "Environmental Stewardship. The natural and built environment are precious resources that should be preserved, protected and enhanced."
- 2) Environmental Leadership. "The Comprehensive Plan calls for Seattle to continue to be a national leader in environmental stewardship. The City will strive to... protect and improve the quality of the .. local environment;"
- 3) A Role Model. "Maintain and enhance conditions necessary to a healthy environment; ... Provide a role model for individuals and businesses in environmental management and preservation practices"
- 4) Sustainability. "The plan's four core values -- community, environmental stewardship are key components of sustainability."

C. . WETLAND STUDIES AT TALARIS

The wetland includes the majority of the area west of the ponds, including areas of the grass field west of the pond. It is reasonable the man-made lakes are also modifying the hydrology of the site area, draining waters away from the natural wetlands.

Soil colors indicate wetland type soils outside of the designated DEIS wetlands. Soil colors generally indicate long term hydrology. A site map indicating sampling points to show wetland boundary justifications.

A WETLAND SURVEY site visit on **Dec 15, 2002** detailed many sample holes with 10YR 2/1 soil color, and with a vegetative mix of wetland and upland species, mostly invasive non-native species.

Sample 1. Within the forested buffer area south of the driveway and north of NE 41st St., in an area south and outside of designated wetlands

Soils:	0 – 6 inches	10YR 2-1 loam
	6 – 10 inches	2.5 Y 3/2 silty clay
	10 – 18 inches	unknown

Vegetation: Cottonwoods, English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, holly, trailing blackberry, buttercup, nettles

This area is appears to have the characteristics of a wetland, but is outside areas designated wetland on project maps.

Sample 2. 1 meter west of rebar marker B2 pink tape appears north of a wetland:

Soils:	0 – 8 inches	10YR 2-1 loam
	8 – 18 inches	unknown

Vegetation: Himalayan blackberry. This area is appears to have the characteristics of a wetland, but is outside areas designated as wetland

Sample 3. 2 meters north of Josef Ludwig plaque in the grass field west of pond

Soils:	0 – 6 inches	7.5 YR 3/2
	6 – 10 inches	10 YR 3/2 with mottles; mottles = 2.5 YR 3/4
	10 – 18 inches	unknown

Vegetation: lawn grasses, buttercups. This area is appears to have the characteristics of a wetland, but is outside areas designated wetland on project maps.

Sample 4. Forest edge off field west of pond

Soils: 0 – 10 inches 10YR 3/3 sandy loam
 10 – 18 inches unknown

Vegetation: cottonwood, Himalayan blackberry, buttercups, nettles. This area is appears to have upland characteristics, and confirms some areas with cottonwoods have upland type soils.

WETLAND DISCUSSION:

Wetlands are generally important for both hydrological and habitat reasons. Misidentification of wetland boundaries can minimize their value and thus opportunities for mitigation may be missed. As the historical wetland was larger than currently delineated, an understanding of the hydrology on site would be useful.
