

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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Questions to ask/information to acquire from the Portland Urban Forestry Commission

The idea is to have a preliminary one on one phone conversation with Meryl Redisch and cover a few of the questions below. From this conversation, we'll set up a more in-depth discussion on two or three topics by conference call with Meryl or her designee from the Portland Urban Forestry Commission during one of Seattle's UFC meetings.

Please look over the questions below and consolidate/add/edit so we can make our interaction more targeted and succinct. Thanks.

1. How was UFC created (What was the impetus to create)?
2. Does the UFC hold public meetings and conduct outreach?
3. How many citizens attend your meetings?
4. How do engage citizens and do you have a standing public comment period? How did the UFC become a forum for responding to citizen appeals with your city forester? how is that going?
5. How often do you interact with Elected Commissioners and the Mayor, do they attend your meetings?
6. How does Portland's tree ordinance work?
7. What are your current big challenges
8. Do you have a budget and if so, what is it's source
9. What was the purpose of your retreat this year in March? what did you cover?
10. Tell me about your heritage tree program and ASA Champion tree designation
11. Where did you get funds for your Bill Naito award?
12. How do you manage six committees?
13. What is your Treebank newsletter of the outreach committee?
14. Does your UFC do more than advise on development of the

UFMP? Do you also write it?

15. How do you communicate recommendations? Through letters?
16. What are road frontage fees and how are they a source of money for urban forestry?
17. Are you planning on entering the carbon offset market?