

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 v2

June 3, 2020

April 1, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Skype call

(206) 386-1200 or (206) 684-5900

Conference ID: 5556833

In-person attendance is currently prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation No. 20-05 until April 23, 2020. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line.

Attending

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair
Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair
Elby Jones
Jessica Jones
Josh Morris
Stuart Niven
Michael Walton
Steve Zemke

Staff

Sandra Pinto de Bader - OSE

Public

None

Absent- Excused

Whit Bouton
Neeiyati Johnson
Shari Selch
Blake Voorhees

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>

Call to order

Weston called the meeting to order and did roll call.

Adoption of May 6 and May 13 meeting notes

ACTION: A motion to approve the May 6 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.

ACTION: A motion to approve the May 13 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

Tree Regulations update presentation debriefing

It's very encouraging that SDCI is moving forward. One thing that the UFC might look at is the fact that there is no urban forestry section in SDCI. There is not enough accountability. If there is a problem, who do you go to? Are regulations being faithfully applied and enforced? Where is the group of people monitoring the regulations enforcement?

The idea of having an organizational structure to support tree regulations was not in the ordinance recommendation the UFC moved forward last year. What's the use of identifying all trees 6" and larger in permit drawings if there is not an organizational structure to ensure regulations are followed, then there is no follow through? The intention of protecting 24" trees would be clarified by updating the Exceptional Tree Director's Rule. We are moving in the right direction but need to keep the pressure to update the ordinance.

Being that SDCI continues to move this process forward, does it make sense for the UFC to issue a letter with specific recommendations? There are these items to consider: Short platting; A designated section for urban forestry oversight within SDCI; Pushing permits within director's rules instead of waiting for a new ordinance; Key points that Chanda presented last time to thank them for; Finding funding to plant trees in underserved communities would help with the current public health crisis.

The UFC will consider sending a letter to deliver these recommendations and thank them for the continued deliberative sessions. Weston suggested drafting a letter with those components for the group to discuss in detail next week. Steve will put together a draft letter for discussion and Stuart will help.

SDCI TIPs letter –discussion continues

Sarah thinks the TIPs are more housekeeping. She would prioritize the ordinance update and the Director's Rules. Sarah will incorporate comments and bring back the table to share with the group at the next meeting.

Encampment removal Bill – discussion: Sandra will monitor developments on the bill and share with the Commission.

2020 work plan review: Sandra will add a column to identify what workplan items have been affected by COVID-19. She will also highlight items that were assigned to Steven for people to consider taking on.

Public comment: None

Adjourn: Weston adjourned the meeting

Public input:
(see next page and posted notes)

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:04 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: aazathome@outlook.com; kris.ilgenfritz@gmail.com; v.schmitz@comcast.net; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>

Subject: Disappearing Urban Trees - 5009 and 5011 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW

CAUTION: External Email

Dear PRC:

Thank you for taking comments regarding the proposed non-compliant developments in Fauntleroy.

(RE: Non-compliant 5009 and 5011 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW / refer to bulletin description below for 5009 and 5011 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW)

Rowhouse Rules ***

Land use non-compliance was prevalent at 5015 - 5017 Fauntleroy, one lot south of this proposed repeat of market-rate dwellings being built behind row houses in Seattle. This development by Habernet Homes is also seeking to circumvention of density limits within LR1 lowrise multifamily.

(Proposal and Built projects conflict with SMC 23.84A.032.R.21.f)

Exceptional Tree Removal

Unfortunately, the large and Exceptional trees near the street right-of-way were taken out at 5017 Fauntleroy next door. Per the attached, Chris Selle (a Certified Arborist) did a very very brief 1.5 page tree assessment - but incorrectly stated that in the apparent "\$20 report" that the two massive White Oaks at about 28" DBH each were 'not Exceptional'. Seattle Director's Rule indicates these trees were indeed Exceptional - and they were Exceptional at 6-inch diameter some 20 to 25 years ago. Since, no trees have been replanted. Accordingly, the removed Exceptional trees need to be replaced by equitable tree canopy per Seattle code... at 5009 and 5011 if needed.



Per the Director's Rule, to the contrary, states that White Oak are Exceptional at just 6 inches DBH.

[DR 16-2008, Designation of Exceptional Trees](#)

Oregon White or Garry OAK – Quercus garryana 6 in

Tree #1: 27.2" DBH White Oak tree

Tree#2: 28.6" DBH White Oak tree

Seattle needs a **stronger tree ordinance** (including scrutiny of arborist reports, and mandatory reports when significant trees are present). Seattle needs **enforcement of rowhouse development** rules on functionally-related lots.

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Dear Councilmember Strauss, these practices need your attention as the chair of the land use committee. If needed, ... please send me the documents for the forthcoming clarifications to the land use code. I understand that process has begun to make corrections to the code.

The address to mail: 3444B 23rd Ave W Seattle 98199

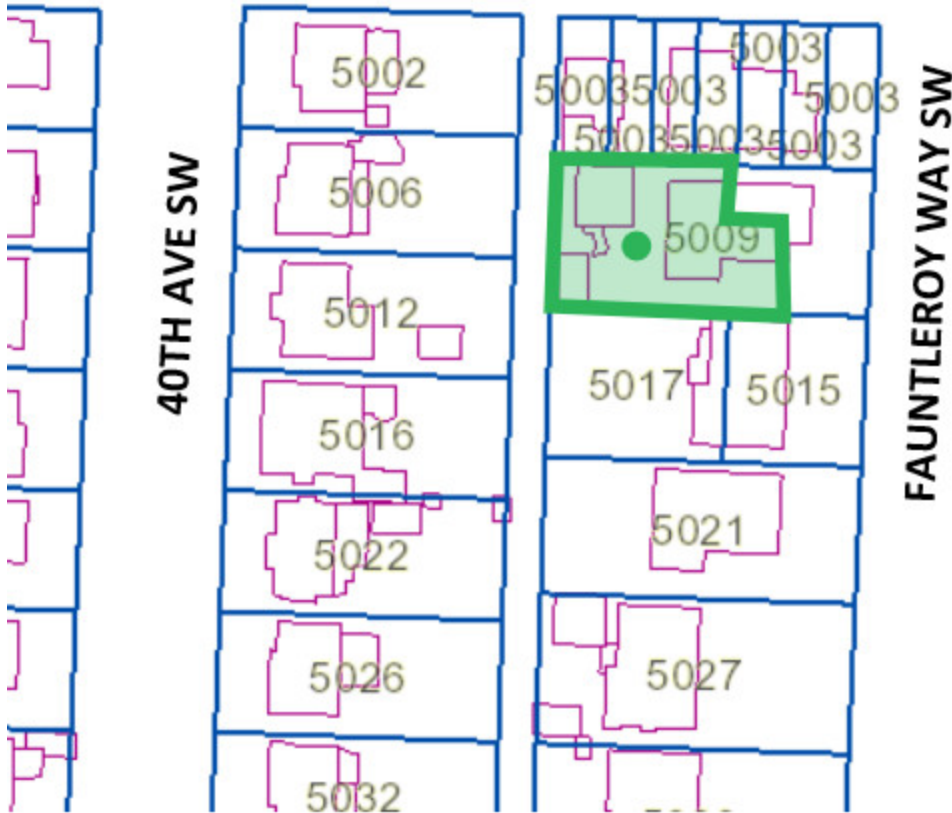
Thank you,
David Moehring

Image attached is from today's bulletin: Total 7 dwellings on one lot with Lowrise 1. 4-unit rowhouse buildings in front of single family residence and a 2-unit townhouse (all 3 -stories)

Comments may be submitted through: 06/10/2020



SW HUDSON ST



Application for project 3035699-LU
 Address: **5009 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW**
 Project: 3035699-LU
 Area: West Seattle
 Notice Date: 5/28/2020

Project Description: Land Use Application to allow a 3-story single family residence and a 3-story, 2-unit townhouse building. Parking for 3 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished. To be considered with 3035700-LU for shared access. Administrative Design Review conducted under 3033415-EG.

and same development lot:

Application for project 3035700-LU
 Address: **5011 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW**
 Project: 3035700-LU
 Project Description:

Land Use Application to allow a 3-story, 4-unit rowhouse building. Parking for 4 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished. To be considered with 3035699-LU for shared access. Administrative Design Review conducted under 3034179-EG.

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Past land use abuse: Address:5251 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW Project:3034211-LU

WHAT DOES THE CODE SAY:

21. "Rowhouse development" means a multifamily residential use in which all principal dwelling units on the lot meet the following conditions:

- a. Each dwelling unit occupies the space from the ground to the roof of the structure in which it is located;
- b. No portion of a dwelling unit, except for an accessory dwelling unit or shared parking garage, occupies space above or below another dwelling unit;
- c. Each dwelling unit is attached along at least one common wall to at least one other dwelling unit, with habitable interior space on both sides of the common wall, or abuts another dwelling unit on a common lot line;
- d. The front of each dwelling unit faces a street lot line;
- e. Each dwelling unit provides pedestrian access directly to the street that it faces; and
- f. No portion of any other dwelling unit, except for an attached accessory dwelling unit, is located between any dwelling unit and the street faced by the front of that unit.**

https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT23LAUSCO_SUBTITLE_IV_AD_CH23.84ADE_23.84A.032R



From: Caitlin Wigre <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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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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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>
Cc: treepac_seattlelists.riseup.net <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>
Subject: Providing comments to the City on Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Seattle PRC sent some guidance on when and what comments may be made for any given project. Interestingly, they indicate that **design reviews are not the time to reference protection of Exceptional trees!** From the message from PRC (of SDCI), they indicate that each comment period has points of relevance. Although the attitude is not to allow mentioning trees during Design Review... the Seattle Design Guidelines mention trees several times within the checklist. (Please refer to Tree Note at bottom of this message.)

We need a better tree ordinance, and compliance reviews which does not attempt to **enforce tree protections only after the design is complete.** In order to comment, proposed tree removals should also be indicated on the development (MUP) Notice Signs.

Design Review	SEPA Determination
ECA Variance	Variance (other)
Administrative Conditional Use	Rezone

TIPS TO COMMENT ON PROJECTS:

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- highly recommend you familiarize yourself with the different types of reviews required for development projects.

How to Comment on a Project

<https://www.seattle.gov/sdci/permits/comment-on-a-project>

Thank you,



Public Resource Center

Land Use Division

City of Seattle [Department of Construction and Inspections](#)

Footnote from D. Moehring (May 31, 2020)

DC3-C-1. Reinforce Existing Open Space: Where a strong open space concept exists in the neighborhood, **reinforce existing character and patterns of street tree planting**, buffers or treatment of topographic changes. Where no strong patterns exist, initiate a strong open space concept that other projects can build upon in the future.

CS1-B-3. Managing Solar Gain: Manage direct sunlight falling on south and west facing facades through shading **devices and existing or newly planted trees**.

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DC4-D-4. Place Making: Create a landscape design that helps define spaces with **significant elements such as trees**.

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 11:52 PM

To: Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; Leman, Chris <cleman@oo.net>

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

Subject: Support the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan tree protection amendments

CAUTION: External Email

Please convey your continued support for **stronger tree retention policies** within the Seattle Comprehensive Plan.

Refer to the link below for the [11th of the proposed amendments](#).

Chris Leman has also issued the 5th amendment titled [Yards and Trees](#).

Support for these amendments may be asked from the City Council.

Thank you,

David Moehring

dmoehring@consultant.com

TreePAC

Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 at 10:12 AM

From: "McConaghy, Eric" <Eric.McConaghy@seattle.gov>

To: "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Subject: 2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan amendment application placed in Clerk File 321701

Hello:

I am writing to acknowledge that your 2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan amendment application was received and that your proposal is collected together with other amendment proposals in [Clerk File 321701](#). The Clerk File is accessible online at:

<http://clerk.seattle.gov/search/clerk-files/321701>

[Online Information Resources - CityClerk | seattle.gov](http://seattle.gov/cityclerk)

The Office of the City Clerk keeps the records of the City Council and makes them available to the public. We also receive and maintain many different types of documents that must, by law or as a result of legislation, be filed with us. The databases contain full text or scanned copies of many of these documents, and descriptions of others along with information about how to get copies.

clerk.seattle.gov

Under the usual annual Comprehensive Plan amendment process, the Council reviews the amendment applications and considers recommendations from the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) and the Seattle Planning Commission in the summer. The Council then establishes by resolution a docket of the amendments the City will consider. This is often referred to as the “docket setting” resolution.

The COVID-19 emergency has affected the timing of all Council meetings and may impact the timeline of events in the annual amendment process. Please, revisit the [Land Use and Neighborhoods web page](#) in the coming weeks for updates.

Please, feel free to send me questions.

Best regards,

Eric McConaghy

Legislative Analyst

City Council Central Staff

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:21 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Design Review comments to the City on Trees 3032858-LU

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you for allowing comment following the notices of Administrative Design Review for project 3032858-LU

located at 7903 GREENWOOD AVE N. Notice Date: 6/1/2020.

Project Description: Land Use Application to allow a 6-story, 72-unit apartment building with retail. Parking for 8 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished.

Comments may be submitted through: 06/15/2020

In consideration of the Seattle Design Guidelines, these concerns intend to reflect those guidelines (see below***) that address retention of trees (where possible), issues of vehicular access and connections, and height, bulk and scale as it pertains to the immediate surrounding lesser-intense single-family zoning.

Provide a complete assessment of the site - including an assessment of the existing trees - so that comments driven from the Seattle Design Guidelines are well measured and may be stated with relevance.

Lot-line to lot-line development does not work - in any city. Why justify the greed when being green has so many more benefits. <https://www.greenwoodexceptionalcedar.com/>

Is this application ready for review as there is Financial Commitments made by only one of the two owners on three lots:

Missing: MICHAEL J+SUZANNE WHALEN

7911 GREENWOOD AVE N 98103

3,520 SF

WOODLAND LIV LLC

7907 GREENWOOD AVE N 98103

4,000 SF

and

WOODLAND LIV LLC

7903 GREENWOOD AVE N 98103

4,800 SF



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***** DESIGN GUIDELINES:**

3. Massing Choices: Strive for a successful transition between zones where a project abuts a less intense zone. In some areas, the best approach may be to lower the building height,

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[Design Review](#)

[SEPA Determination](#)

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From: Bruce Dear <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:38 AM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Thank you for your time in reading this letter. With so much going on in the world, helping to keep our Tree residents of Seattle safe, seems more important than ever to know they will be here for our future generations.

Bruce Dear

brucedear@gmail.com

7009 26th Ave NE

Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Thornton Creek Alliance <thorntoncreekalliance@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:40 PM

To: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Ord 126072; Land Use Review Decision and Meeting Procedures

CAUTION: External Email

Please find Thornton Creek Alliance letter attached and below.

Nathan Torgelson, Director
Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
PO Box 34019
Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Dear Director Torgelson:

Thornton Creek Alliance (TCA) is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to restoring an ecological balance to the Thornton Creek watershed (in northeast Seattle and Shoreline). We wish to express our desires regarding CB 119769, recently passed. Now that CB 119769 has become ORD 126072, despite legitimate concerns expressed by constituents, we understand that there will be limited citizen review of new construction projects for 180 days following passage. We understand that now written comments may be sent in for administrative design review, but the Design Review Board is suspended, and citizen oversight is reduced in the effort to push projects through. From news sources we have learned that well over 60 projects are likely to move forward during this window. Although we strongly support the development of affordable housing, especially if it will help transition homeless people out of parks and green spaces and thus reduce environmental and public-health impacts there, we also feel that new housing should not itself be an unwarranted source of environmental impacts (we refer to Section 1.O of the ordinance).

Thus, TCA is especially concerned about any loss of public input concerning environmental standards. We are particularly interested in environmentally critical areas, impervious surfaces, and tree removals, and we would like to track projects being processed during this time. Is there a portal, e-list, or other method we could take advantage of?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth Williams
Acting President

THORNTON CREEK ALLIANCE (TCA), founded in 1993, is an all-volunteer, grassroots, nonprofit organization of over 100 members from Shoreline and Seattle dedicated to preserving and restoring an ecological balance throughout the Thornton Creek watershed. Our goal is to benefit the watershed by encouraging individuals, neighborhoods, schools, groups, businesses, agencies, and government to work together in addressing the environmental restoration of the creek system including: water quality, stabilization of water flow, flood prevention, and habitat improvement through education, collaboration, and community involvement.

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www.thornton-creek-alliance.org

www.facebook.com/Thornton.Creek.Alliance

From: Renee Martin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:43 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Renee Martin

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