

Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC) Minutes

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The ABGC is closely monitoring the WSDOT SR520 project for impacts to the Washington Park Arboretum. Please see <http://depts.washington.edu/wpa/520.htm>

Meeting Location: Graham Visitors Center, August 18, 2010 (Regular Meeting)

Voting Members

Present:

Arboretum Foundation

- Paige Miller, Arboretum Foundation Executive Director

City of Seattle

- Jack Collins, Mayoral Appointee
- Donald Harris, Seattle Parks Property Manager

University of Washington

- Theresa Doherty, University of Washington, Assistant Vice President for Regional Affairs
- Sandra Lier, University of Washington Botanic Gardens (UWBG) Director
- Iain Robertson, University of Washington Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture

Washington State Governor's Office

- Dave Towne, Washington State Governor's Appointee

Absent:

- Kjris Lund, Mayoral Appointee
- Barbara Wright, Arboretum Foundation Board President

Other Staff Present:

- Nancy Belcher, Arboretum Foundation
- David Graves
- Fred Hoyt, UWBG, Associate Director
- Michael Shiosaki, Seattle Parks, Planning & Development Deputy Director

WSDOT SR 520 Team Present:

Rob Berman, Planning Manager; Jenifer Young, Environmental Manager, Katie De Leuw, Communications Manager for SR520 Project, Kerry Ruth, Engineering Manager West Side; Teresa Bass, Program Traffic Operations Lead; Susan Wessman, Urban Planning and Design; Michael Horntvedt; Transportation and Operations Manager

Andrew Barasch, Ch2M Hill Consultant for WSDOT

Seattle Department of Transportation Team:

- Stephanie Brown, Project Manager
- Luke Korpi, Transportation Planner
- Jennifer Wieland, Project Coordinator

Members of the Public Present:

- Jorgen Bader, University District Community Council
- Susan Black, Arboretum Foundation's SR 520 Committee and Vice-President of Arboretum Foundation Board
- Maurice Cooper, Madison Park Community Council
- Virginia Gunby, Ravenna-Bryant Community Council
- Larry Sinnott, Board member, Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks

ABGC Staff: Sandy Brooks, Coordinator

Standing Committees

Building Committee:

Paige (AF); Donald (City); & Sandra (UW)

Joint Fundraising Committee

AF: Paige Miller & Della Balick

City: Donald Harris & Christopher Williams

UW: Tom Hinckley & Sandra Lier

Master Plan Implementation Group (MPIG)

Michael (lead), Rick Nishi, Fred, Paige, Sandra & Tom

SR520 Technical Committee:

AF, David Graves (City), & Theresa Doherty (UW)

Barbara Wright, Chair, called this regular monthly meeting to order at 8:00 am. Today's agenda includes two opportunities for public comment. Susan Black, Arboretum Foundation Board, requested to speak as a representative of the Board.

The minutes from the June 9 and July 14 minutes were approved as presented.

(Note: Sandy was absent from the special July 26 meeting with WSDOT. There was not a quorum of voting ABGC members. Katie De Leuw of WSDOT provided meeting notes; a copy is included in the ABGC minutes/notes files.)

Master Plan Implementation Group (MPIG) Report

- Revisiting implementation project list and prioritization
- Approval of new priorities

At the July meeting, WSDOT requested that the ABGC prioritize Master Plan projects for SR 520 mitigation consideration. The list is due at the end of today's meeting. Sandra commented the Master Plan Implementation Group (MPIG) has worked to accommodate this quick turnaround. MPIG reviewed the Master Plan priorities, as established in Autumn 2003, as well as the sequencing, cost, and maintenance and operations of the projects. It did not re-scope the projects; however, the list was reorganized and any Master Plan projects already completed were called out. Michael distributed a large handout reflecting the 2003 priorities, as well as a handout dated 8/18/2010 reflecting MPIG's recommendations. Michael and other MPIG members noted which projects were moved from medium or future priority on the 2003 list to high priority, etc. Some of the projects listed in 2003 are already funded and completed and aren't being considered for mitigation funding.

Jack asked how MPIG determined if a project moved up or down in priority. Sandra responded that the team first called out the completed projects and then called out projects that the ABGC has told both the City and WSDOT are important mitigation considerations. Consideration was also given to the more doable projects, ones that would bring more visitors to the Arboretum, and projects which are more appropriate to fund from mitigation. Dave asked that the priority list be given to WSDOT today, and then the ABGC/MPIG follow up with implementation detail language. Sandra noted that the full description in the implementation plan documents already provides expanded detail.

Iain is comfortable with the new prioritization but wondered if this list will use up all the mitigation funds. Sandra responded there will be additional funds received from wetland and aquatic mitigation. A major goal is to use the mitigation funds in the Arboretum or as near to it as possible. Iain suggested the words "plantings/habitat" be inserted into all references of infrastructure. ABGC members agreed to this good suggestion.

The discussion next focused on the future education and curatorial building (shown on the new list as medium priority) and the off-site administrative space (previously a future priority and now moved to a high priority.) Jack asked if any of the projects on the list would trigger a revisit of the Master Plan. Sandra and Michael responded that they wouldn't. Jack suggested moving the off-site administrative space back to a lower priority and Paige answered that staff are very crowded and lost 4,000 sq. ft. of expansion space at the MOHAI building. Additional office space in a new building within the Arboretum would most likely trigger a Master Plan re-visit.

Iain commented that MPIG did a great job on revising this list and moved approval as presented and that the list be given to WSDOT later in today's meeting. Jack seconded. Sandra made a friendly amendment to include language that the projects have not been re-scoped from 2003 to 2010, the Master Plan descriptions will be included in the list being given to WSDOT, and will include a statement to address other mitigation on a separate basis. Iain accepted the friendly amendment. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Sandra and MPIG will forward the list and other information to WSDOT.

Public Comments

The agenda was slightly revised to allow Susan Black, member of the Arboretum Foundation Board, to speak to the perennial space problems at Graham Visitors Center. This really impedes the operations of the Arboretum Foundation and doesn't allow it to do many things it would like to do. She believes the buildings, needed for both education and administrative needs, are a top priority for SR 520 mitigation funding.

She suggested that the ABGC consider a new 10,000 sq. ft. building for education and administration near the tribal land and re-program the Graham Visitors Center to become a curation facility. She urged ABGC members to look at this in terms of a building that will serve the Arboretum's needs for the next 100 years. This is a real opportunity! Jack responded that this is a great idea. Donald agreed. During the extensive process to develop the current Master Plan many teachers spoke in support of the Arboretum. The ABGC must stress that education is the Arboretum's most important element. The building could be used as part of the UW's education outreach, as well as the administrative needs of the Foundation. Dave also liked the idea and believes it is critical to incorporate the administrative, education, and curation needs at the same time. Fred is also supportive of the idea but the area is classified as 6f with no buildings allowed. He will ask the UW legal department to help assess this idea.

Quit Claim Letter re: MOHAI

WSDOT sent a quit claim to the Arboretum Foundation for the MOHAI property and Paige asked the Foundation's attorney for advice. Foundation staff had anticipated additional office space at the MOHAI facility prior to WSDOT's decision to demolish the building for the SR 520 project. Once the Foundation has received assurance from the City that it remains committed to finding space equal to that of the MOHAI site, the quit claim will be signed and returned to WSDOT. This space commitment is to be signed by the Mayor and City Councilmembers.

Old/New Business

City Council Briefing: On August 5, Donald, Fred, and Barbara presented the annual update briefing to the City Council's Parks and Seattle Center Committee on the Arboretum's Master Plan. They felt the presentation went well and Councilmembers Bagshaw and Harrell voiced support for the Arboretum.

Composting Toilet: Michael and Parks staff have been evaluating the composting toilet installed at one of the P-Patches for possible use at Pacific Connections Gardens. The toilet at the P-Patch has been experiencing some problems. He will give an update report at an upcoming meeting.

Lake Washington Boulevard Lighting Project: Michael reported that City Light has accomplished much of the trenching for the new street lights. Fred added the work was temporarily stopped last week due to complications on some of the footings.

Maintenance and Volunteer Opportunities: Paige will report on this at the regular September ABGC meeting.

Arboretum Foundation Staff: Andrea Myers is the new Arboretum Foundation Development Director and has been doing a great job during her first two weeks.

More than 70 people attended the recent donor appreciation event to thank the Chilean Gardens donors. Tom Hinckley complimented the Foundation staff for hosting a really great event.

Building Committee: Donald, Paige, and Sandra will give an update at the September ABGC meeting.

Letter to UW Provost and President: Sandra thanked ABGC members for commenting on the letter to Acting UW President Phyllis Wise regarding possible budget cuts to the Arboretum. Sandra will finalize the letter and send to ABGC for one final review. She will forward the final version to Acting President Wise and a copy to Acting Provost Mary Linstrom.

Arboretum Tour: Dr. Lisa Graumlich, new Dean of the UW's College of the Environment, is touring the Arboretum and Center for Urban Horticulture later today and meeting with Paige. Jack asked that Donald or another City representative join the tour so all three partners are represented.

Lake Washington Boulevard Traffic Calming: Paige met with Mayor's office staff yesterday afternoon to ask for mayoral support of traffic-calming efforts on Lake Washington Boulevard to increase pedestrian safety. These modifications include a "skinnier" SR 520 at Foster Island with traffic speeds reduced to 45 mph.

ABGC Agenda: The ABGC has agreed to hold a series of special meetings, along with extending its regular meetings from 8:30-10:30 am to 8:00 am-noon, to work with WSDOT on the SR 520 mitigation. The regular meeting agendas will be arranged so regular ABGC business is handled during the first half of the meeting and WSDOT and SDOT teams will join the second half of the meeting. Public comment segments will be included in these meetings.

Public Comment

Maurice Cooper spoke to the SR520 project and stated that it results in noise and visual blight. He urged the ABGC to look closely at these elements during its discussions with WSDOT.

Larry Sinnott, Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks, disagreed with WSDOT's recent statement that the Preferred Alternative is the most environmentally responsible choice. He believes that Alternative A is the best choice. He wants traffic that currently uses Lake Washington Boulevard to access/exit SR520 to be redirected to 23rd Avenue and asked the ABGC to keep pushing WSDOT for this. He commended Paige for leading this effort.

SR 520 Project: WSDOT Presentation & Discussion

Rob Berman and the WSDOT team introduced themselves. Rob stated their intent is to combine the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) Lake Washington Boulevard (LWB) traffic-calming plan with elements

of the SR 520 project. Katie distributed a number of handouts, with copies of all attached to the approved August 18 meeting minutes.

Rob next referred to the "ABGC Requests and Action Items Tracker – through July 26, 2010" and asked the ABGC to review and determine if any items are missing. Prior to today's meeting, Katie distributed visualizations of Arboretum locations – in their current condition and how they will appear after the re-build of the SR 520 bridge.

Kerry referred to an 11x17 handout (labeled for minutes as #1G) from the packet that visualizes what LWB looks like today [especially in width of lanes, sidewalks, etc.] and what it will look like in the future. Paige asked why one lane is shown as 16' wide and Kerry answered that it is to allow emergency vehicles lanes to pass other vehicles and is only 16' at the lid. Paige believes this wider lane will be a signal for drivers to go faster on 520 as the lid is located above the Arboretum – and ABGC wants traffic to go slower in that area.

Jennifer gave additional information on road requirements to accommodate emergency vehicles and Theresa agreed safety needs must be considered in the design. Nancy urged it be kept as a 10' lane to avoid turning an Olmsted Boulevard into a freeway ramp. Rob hears that ABGC wants a 10' lane on the lid and will add this to the September meeting agenda for further discussion. Michael Shiosaki reminded WSDOT that emergency vehicles cannot go past the Wilcox Bridge and to keep that in consideration when determining the width of the lane.

Theresa noted that planting trees in the median of the road is a good idea. WSDOT staff have created this design to complement the boulevard look.

Lake Washington Boulevard Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Improvements Plan

Andrew, Luke, Jennifer, and Stephanie next presented a large map of Lake Washington Boulevard, with a more defined plan for pedestrian safety and traffic improvements. They also distributed a handout titled "Recommended Pedestrian Improvements and Traffic Calming Plan for Lake Washington Boulevard – E Madison Street to Foster Island Road" dated August 18, 2010, with the following information:

The Seattle Department of Transportation has worked with the Seattle Parks Department and the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC) to review pedestrian conditions and develop recommendations for pedestrian and traffic calming improvements on Lake Washington Blvd between E Madison Street and Foster Island Road.

This review has included analyzing available data regarding traffic speeds through the Arboretum, field observations (including a walking tour with ABGC representatives), and feedback received from the ABGC regarding current and future pedestrian conditions on the corridor.

Recommended improvements are tabulated below. High activity pedestrian areas are focused in the south end of the corridor. Because traffic speeds are lowest in the south end of the corridor (but increase from south to north), pedestrian safety gains can be realized through marking crosswalks in key pedestrian activity areas without any additional traffic calming. These marked crosswalks are the highest priority of all of the proposed improvements.

Additional enhancements to pedestrian and traffic safety would result from the traffic calming improvements identified in the table and should be considered in the context of community needs and goals that are being developed as part of the SR 520 project.

All traffic calming measures have both advantages and disadvantages, and a few potential disadvantages are identified in the table on the reverse.

They next reviewed the proposed improvements:

Pedestrian Improvements

- Marked crosswalk north of Interlaken Drive to provide visibility at high usage pedestrian area
- Marked crosswalk at Arboretum Drive to provide visibility at high usage pedestrian area

Traffic Calming Improvements

- Radar speed sign on southbound lane south of Foster Island Road to educate drivers and reduce southbound speeds through Arboretum (disadvantages are aesthetics and power supply may be difficult)
- Radar speed sign on northbound lane north of E Madison Street to educate drivers, reduce northbound speeds through Arboretum, particularly approaching high pedestrian activity area (disadvantages are aesthetics and power supply may be difficult)
- Raised crosswalk north of Interlake Drive at new marked crosswalk to provide traffic calming; improve pedestrian visibility at new crosswalk to be marked by SDOT (disadvantage is noise)
- Two speed cushions in locations to be determined to reduce vehicular speeds on corridor (disadvantages are noise and aesthetics)
- Landscaped curb bulb at southeast corner, Lake Washington Boulevard at Foster Island Road to reduce northbound vehicle speed, particularly for turning traffic approaching intersection, to increase pedestrian safety; provide southbound "gateway" into Arboretum
- Minor improvements to existing traffic signs to improve clarity and message of existing traffic warnings on the corridor (disadvantage is aesthetics)

SDOT staff reviewed the information in the handouts. Paige asked whether the proposed new crosswalks would have an activation button. Luke stated that they won't. Paige responded that the Master Plan provides for these; why can't they be installed during this plan? Luke commented that SDOT is starting with the basic level and believes good compliance will result. A crosswalk with a signal will look like a traffic signal and will have aesthetic issues in the Arboretum. SDOT uses the signals when a marked crosswalk isn't adequate, and generally where there is 4-5 lanes of traffic. (Lake Washington Blvd is two lanes.)

Paige asked about the cost for, and benefits of, a pedestrian signal. Stephanie responded that the signal could be added; however, she would want the ABGC to first consider the aesthetics. Jack agreed; he is already concerned with the number of signs and more will be installed with the pedestrian improvements. Andrew added that the goal is to develop the least intrusive approach for pedestrian safety. These layouts are not done on a casual basis. Sandra commented that this is a double-prong sword. The ABGC wants pedestrian improvements and must also follow the Master Plan.

Iain asked for the typical speeds of traffic on the Boulevard. Luke responded that typical speeds are 27-28 mph in the south end of the Arboretum and 34-35 in the north end. Driveways and pedestrians can slow traffic in residential areas. Lake Washington Blvd doesn't have driveways and has fewer pedestrians resulting in increased vehicle speeds.

Jack asked about the feasibility of speed cushions. Luke answered that raised crosswalks can be planned for better aesthetics than speed cushions, and the cushions can also require more signage. Paige requested more focus on the north end intersection where Lake Washington Boulevard and Foster Island intersect. David Graves added that with the ramps removed, it will provide a great opportunity to re-think this intersection and its operations. Fred asked that SDOT not install a striped crosswalk across Interlaken Boulevard.

Sandra asked whether this plan will address public access to the Arboretum through better public transportation. The team responded the pedestrian safety/traffic calming plan isn't the avenue to address that need. Andrew stated that today's goal is to hear from the ABGC whether this is the correct list to address those needs. ABGC members were asked to review the proposal and send any comments to SDOT as quickly as possible.

WSDOT Traffic Calming

Andrew next reviewed WSDOT's Handout 1B "Traffic Management in the Arboretum – DRAFT". In July 2010, the SR 520 Technical Coordination Team (TCT) developed goal measures of success for traffic management in the Arboretum. The Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC) then reviewed and provided input on the measures as described below. The goals include the following:

- Increased vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety through the Arboretum
- Increased bicycle and pedestrian use in the Arboretum
- Reduced queue lengths in the Arboretum
- Reduced speed of vehicles through the Arboretum
- Reduced vehicle-generated noise on Lake Washington Boulevard in the Arboretum area

Each of the goals resulted from previous discussions with the ABGC. The handout also included a measure of success and potential actions or opportunities for each of the goals. ABGC members responded that their priorities are (1) to reduce the number of vehicle trips on Lake Washington Boulevard, and (2) to reduce speed and noise, and increase pedestrian safety.

This traffic management plan includes not only Lake Washington Boulevard; it also includes 23rd Avenue, Madison Avenue, and any other streets that affect the traffic on Lake Washington Boulevard.

Theresa suggested that SDOT, WSDOT, and ABGC continue working on ways to reduce trips on Lake Washington Boulevard and thanked Andrew, Stephanie, Jennifer and Luke for their work on this.

Paige asked about signal timing modifications and the possibility of having an additional stop sign at Foster Island Drive. Kerry stated that under the preferred alternative, Montlake Boulevard will become even more congested. Improvements will need to be made to 23rd Avenue and some SR 520 traffic must continue to use Lake Washington Boulevard. Paige asked that WSDOT do a thorough analysis of 23rd to accommodate SR 520 traffic and determine a prudent and feasible alternative to SR 520 traffic using Lake Washington Boulevard.

Master Plan Priorities

Rob next asked about the ABGC's Master Plan priorities. Sandra responded that MPIG and ABGC are revisiting the priorities and will send to Rob by the end of the week. Jenifer has tracked the items discussed so far and prepared a map, "Potential Mitigation Projects Identified by ABGC" (copy attached to these minutes) with potential projects labeled A-T. After today's review, she will combine the ABGC's list of priorities, as well as any items that were overlooked, into the matrix and this project map and then the group will prioritize those.

The map included the following potential projects:

- A. New viewing platform
- B. Restoration following ramp removal
- C. Aesthetic enhancements at Foster Island under SR 520
- D. Arboretum Creek realignment
- E. WSDOT Peninsula: ~~remove ramps~~ (during discussion it was agreed that removing the ramps is not part of the mitigation), restore upland and shoreline areas, and improve trail alignment
- F. Duck Bay shoreline restoration (trail and other work to complete project)
- G. North Arboretum entrance – create new gateway
- H. Arboretum Creek: daylight creek; replace pipe with open channel; restore riparian zone and channel; remove parking lot and add ponds; construct new fish passable culvert; capture surface water from woodland garden area
- I. Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity: trail realignment/establishment; new pedestrian/bicycle trail
- J. Azalea Way Pond: restore hillside seep; preserve pedestrian access; reconfigure pond to increase wetland friend
- K. New sidewalks along Lake Washington Blvd

- L. Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity: construct new overpass; incorporate pedestrian-activated signal at intersection of Lake Washington Blvd and Arboretum Drive
- M. Enhance water flow to Japanese Garden
- N. New pedestrian-activated signal at Boyer Ave E

Other Potential Projects

- O. General wayfinding improvements consistent with the Arboretum character
- P. Traffic calming and management measures
- Q. Supplement Arboretum Creek water flow: redeem water from Madison Valley system; construct new water facility within Arboretum
- R. Improvements to support educational mission
- S. Bridge aesthetics – ABGC participate in design refinements
- T. Arboretum staff office space/education/curator

Discussion on particular projects:

B. Jack asked if the potential for office space could be added to this project. Rob will add it for WSDOT review. Paige added that the MOHAI building office space has been lost to the Arboretum and this could be the replacement space.

D. Arboretum Creek Realignment was suggested by Paige. WSDOT’s Natural Resources Unit are looking at the value of this proposal to determine advantages. They are somewhat skeptical that it would result in species recovery.

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- Iain asked that the removal of the ramps from the Arboretum be taken off the matrix & potential mitigation project map. The ramps should be removed as part of the SR 520 general project, and not considered mitigation. WSDOT agreed.
- Per Jenifer, Lake Washington Boulevard is not an approved State Historic Resource; however, that agency’s guidelines limit what changes can be made to LWB. WSDOT staff will continue checking on this, as any designation may affect the type of signage installed along the Boulevard.
- Rob stated WSDOT’s commitment is that the ABGC be involved in the design where the ramps are coming out, even though WSDOT owns the land. Kerry suggested the land under the ramps may be surplus back to the Arboretum as part of the mitigation; however, her suggestion must first be vetted internally with other WSDOT staff. Jack responded that this is a great idea.

F. Michael stated that much of the work at Duck Bay Shoreline Restoration project has been completed by the City. However, there is still trail work and this can remain on the mitigation list.

Jenifer quickly reviewed the remaining items on the mitigation project map. Rob confirmed that WSDOT staff will now take the priority list from ABGC and integrate it into this map. The Master Plan elements will be called out to inform the public. Jack suggested WSDOT consider a phone app that reflects the mitigation projects and include whether the project is part of the Master Plan.

ABGC members thanked Jenifer and the team for the graphics and matrix. Both are very helpful.

Interaction with Tribes

The ABGC has not yet had any interaction with the six Tribes affected by the SR 520 project and asked about their interests in the mitigation process. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the ABGC will focus on its own priorities at this time and discussions with the Tribes will be held sometime in the future.

Visualizations

WSDOT responded to ABGC requests for visualizations of how the project would look in different areas of the Arboretum by providing view photos of SR 520 from the Arboretum – as they are now and how they are visualized to look after the project’s completion (see “Attachments” at end of these minutes for full list of the visualizations.) WSDOT briefly reviewed the photos.

Comments/questions:

- Kerry: the urban corridor design guidelines will be completed in winter of 2010-2011 and will be applied to the columns.
- Fred: asked if the concrete could be treated/tinted to reduce its brightness/glare. Kerry responded that WSDOT never tints concrete.
- Iain voiced concern on the amount of concrete shown in the photos.
- Kerry will bring additional lighting information to the September ABGC meeting.
- Kerry and Michael H. will also bring additional speed limit information to that meeting.
- Fred: will the right-of-way fencing at Foster Island be removed, as shown in Visualization #6? To be discussed further.
- ABGC voiced the need for better design aesthetics than what is shown in the visualizations.
- ABGC members voiced special support for #8, “WSDOT peninsula looking northwest where ramps will be removed”

Foster Island Bridge Area (Underneath): (7-page WSDOT handout titled “Undercrossings – Precedent Study for Foster Island and East Montlake Lid August 18, 2010”.) WSDOT staff briefly reviewed the handout. The current configuration of the new bridge provides a wide expanse of concrete above Foster Island. Iain voiced concerns the area could attract a homeless encampment, which would be a major problem for the Arboretum. He recommended designing the area to avoid this possibility. Kerry responded that WSDOT is looking for ways to activate this space in a positive manner. WSDOT, ABGC, and Arboretum neighbors are also concerned with the aesthetics and noise in the area. Paige recommended reducing speeds on the Foster Island portion of the bridge to 45 mph as a major visual and noise level improvement for both the Arboretum and adjoining neighborhoods.

Summary Notes: Katie will send her summary notes to Sandy, to attach to the ABGC’s approved minutes for each meeting. [All handouts for each meeting will also be attached.]

Next Meetings

A special meeting will be held on August 23, 3-5:00 pm, where the key topic of discussion will be Lake Washington Boulevard traffic management. The September 8 meeting will be scheduled from 8:00 am-noon. Kerry reviewed the WSDOT timeline, which includes a major report to the public on September 13 and posted to the WSDOT web page for public comment. The WSDOT team will send ABGC a priority list before the September 8 meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

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Theresa Doherty, Secretary

Attachments to the minutes:

- *ABGC: Priorities as Developed in MPIG*
- *ABGC: What is an Arboretum and Botanical Garden?*

- *SDOT: August 18, 2010, "Recommended Pedestrian Improvements and Traffic Calming Plan, Lake Washington Boulevard – E Madison Street to Foster Island Road"*
- *WSDOT: ABGC Requests and Action Items Tracker – through July 26, 2010 (6 pages)*
- *WSDOT: Katie De Leuw's notes from August 18 meeting*
- *WSDOT: Traffic management in the Arboretum – DRAFT" Dated August 2010*
- *WSDOT: Matrix for Mitigation and Enhancements for Washington Park Arboretum, Draft – August 18, 2010*
- *WSDOT: Undercrossings Precedent Study for Foster Island and East Montlake Lid – August 18, 2010*
- *WSDOT: Traffic Management in the Arboretum, Draft – August 2010 (attachments include:*
 - *Potential Mitigation Projects Identified by ABGC – August 2010*
 - *Locations of Preliminary Visualizations in the Arboretum Draft August 13, 2010*
 - *Photos of Existing and Proposed Sites:*
 - *1. MOHAI trailhead looking east toward Marsh Island*
 - *2. Marsh Island Trail between MOHAI and Marsh Island looking south*
 - *3. Foster Island Trail looking southwest from observation deck*
 - *4. North side of Foster Island looking south*
 - *5. Foster Island looking northeast from SR 520 pedestrian undercrossing*
 - *6. Foster Island pedestrian tunnel, looking northwest at south entrance of tunnel under SR 520*
 - *7. Foster Island, south of existing bridge looking north from Foster Island Trail*
 - *8. WSDOT peninsula looking northwest where ramps will be removed*
 - *9. Existing Arboretum ramps looking northeast*
- *WSDOT: Existing ramp destinations for Lake Washington Boulevard off-ramp: AM peak period, August 2010 (2 pages for AM and 2 for PM)*
- *WSDOT: Lake Washington Boulevard*