

*Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC)*  
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*Joint effort of Arboretum Foundation (AF), City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks), and the University of Washington (UW)*

*Minutes – July 9, 2003*

- Members:
- Arboretum Foundation**
    - Deb Andrews, Arboretum Foundation Executive Director
    - Fred Isaac, Arboretum Foundation President
  - City of Seattle**
    - Margaret Ceis
    - Fritz Hedges, Parks and Recreation Department Policy Director
    - Sarah Neilson, Park Board of Commissioners
  - University of Washington**
    - Tom Hinckley, University of Washington Professor
    - Sandra Lier, University of Washington Associate V-P for Business Services
    - John Wott, Arboretum Director
  - Washington State Representative**
    - John Behnke

Permanent  
Guests:

Tom Mentele, Director of Development, UW College of Forest Resources

Staff: Sandy Brooks, Coordinator

Others: David Goldberg, Parks Department Project Manager  
Michael Shiosaki, Parks Department Pro Parks Manager

Chair Sandra Lier called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

## **Approval of agenda and minutes**

**Fred moved and John B seconded to approve the June 4 minutes as presented. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Historic Study Final Draft Update**

Project manager David Goldberg gave an update on the progress of the Arboretum Historic Research and Landmark Evaluation. Phase I, which included collecting the history of the Arboretum, is complete. The next phase involves devising a way to look at the cultural and historical regulations and then nominate historical sites.

David distributed the following written progress report:

## **“Arboretum Historic Research and Landmark Evaluation**

With the completion of Phase 1 Historic report, we are now ready to consider approaches to addressing historic and cultural resources. The scope of services initially considered a phased approach that would allow Parks and the University to review the results of the research before proceeding with any measures to protect and/or designate elements.

### **Phase 2**

#### *Summarize Information and Possible Implications*

This phase focuses on considering the historic significance and integrity of the Arboretum and its elements:

- Provide a preliminary assessment of Master Plan projects’ impacts on elements that may have historic or cultural value.
- Conduct additional assessment of the design intent for the sequence of spaces and views along Lake Washington Boulevard and other portions of the park, and describe the steps to retain or restore that intent where it may be threatened. Identify means to comply with the Seattle Department of Design, Construction, and Land Use director’s Rule 2-98 *Clarification of State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Historic Preservation Policy for Potential Archeologically Significant Sites and Requirements for Archeological Assessments* where required. This rule addresses existing and former shoreline areas that may be sites of potential archaeological significance due to settlement patterns of Native Americans and early European settlements.
- Identify steps needed to follow the consultation requirements set forth in Section 106 of the national Historic Preservation act in cases where properties that are listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places could be affected by proposed development or renovation projects, or if any archeological artifacts are uncovered during construction or demolition activities.

#### *Analysis and Scoping Landmark Nomination*

The consultant will assist with the consideration of options for addressing cultural resources in the Arboretum.

- The consultant will identify options for addressing historic and cultural resources. This will include consideration of the whole Arboretum as well as individual elements within the Arboretum. Parks and the UW will work together through ABGC to identify the most appropriate option.
- The consultant will identify all procedures for nominations according to the direction established by Parks and ABGC.

### **Phase 3**

Upon review of the findings and options identified in the first two phases, Parks and the UW will work with the ABGC to consider options for nominations.

#### *Nominations*

- If features within the park are nominated for city landmark status, a determination would be made by the Landmarks Preservation Board and the City Council. For newly-designated landmarks, specific measures for compliance (known as controls and incentives) would be determined by the Seattle City Council. The Consultant would assist Parks and ABGC with discussion with the Landmarks Preservation Board and City Council.”

Members had a lengthy discussion on the best way to proceed with the historical designation. A major question is whether the entire Arboretum, or portions of, would be designated as a Historical Landmark. This determination will have a major impact on how the Master Plan is implemented.

*Action: Fritz moved that this discussion be referred to the Client Group for a determination and a report back to the ABGC. Margaret seconded. Motion carried. David will proceed with this and work with Fritz.*

*Action: Sandra will investigate whether there are local, State, or federal funds available to assist with the historical preservation of the Arboretum.*

### **Implementation Plan Update**

Deb distributed an invitation to the July 31 Washington Park Arboretum “Master Plan Implementation” Open House and encouraged the ABGC to attend. Tom H added a link from the ABGC web page to the invitation.

*Action: The Client Group will meet after the July 31 workshop and before the August 9 meeting. A recap of this meeting will be given at the August ABGC meeting.*

### **Puget Sound Japanese Garden Society (PSJGS) Proposal Update**

Deb has been in contact with Ian Robertson, Japanese Garden Society Chair. The PSJGS is now drafting a letter to the Japanese Garden Society to request its blessing for its proposal to design and install landscaping outside the Japanese Garden to commemorate the Garden’s designers. PSJGS has also approached the Parks Department requesting Pro Parks monies for funding. PSJGS members Koichi Kobayashi and Edwin Meyer have asked, if the Japanese Garden Society doesn’t raise the funds for the PSJGS proposed project, whether the Arboretum Foundation will provide the funds.

Fred asked about the relation of the Japanese Garden to the Arboretum and who is responsible for the Japanese Garden’s fundraising. This led to a discussion of why the Japanese Garden Society doesn’t have a representative on the ABGC. Deb said that the three volunteer groups working on the Japanese Garden are suffering from a lack of members, with many of the volunteers wearing a different hat in each of the three groups.

*Action: Sandra will draft a letter inviting a representative of the Japanese Garden Society to attend ABGC meetings as a non-voting member.*

### **Public Involvement Policy**

This policy issue is part of the consultant’s scope of work for the Implementation Plan. Consultant Jerry Ernst is working to define a common set of public involvement procedures for the projects that will implement the public aspects of the Arboretum’s Master Plan. Bill Tally and Jan Arnst were identified as contacts for the University of Washington.

### **New/Old Business:**

- John W gave an update on a project at the Arboretum’s Pinetum (John said the area is called a Pinetum, but it is really a conifer area.) He showed schematic drawings from Portico and described a map of the project, which has a \$30,000 budget. The project, when completed, will showcase the collections in this area.

A three-day, on-site workshop was held with Portico to understand the historical aspects and viewpoints of this area. A community-wide open house was held, with two attendees. The editor of the Madison Park Times attended and wrote a positive newspaper article. Community member Paul Gibson attended and reported back to the community that the project was a good idea. A second open house was held two weeks ago, and seven-eight people attended, with positive feedback. Tom H remarked that visiting areas such as the Pinetum is a special experience. However, when many people walk through the area, it can be damaging to the trees. He suggested that the City and University work together to build a boardwalk(s) through the area to allow people to visit, while protecting the trees and other vegetation. Margaret agreed that the needs of the Arboretum must be balanced with encouraging more people to visit the Arboretum.

- John W is waiting for information on the Duck Bay Project and hopes to report to the ABGC at the August 13 meeting.
- Negotiations are moving in a positive direction for the new Director of the Center for Urban Horticulture, although the selected candidate has not yet signed a contract. An update will be given at the August 13 meeting.
- ABGC website update: Tom H continues to work on designating a website contact. He will give an update at the August 13 meeting.
- Sandra is continuing work to schedule a Strategic Plan meeting. Both Parks Superintendent Ken Bounds and UW Dean of College Resources Dean Bare will be invited to attend.
- Fritz suggested that an October retreat be planned where the original goals and objectives would be revisited and goals would be set for 2004. The leadership (Parks Superintendent Ken Bounds and UW Dean of College Resources Dean Bare) would be invited to attend.
- Arboretum scheduling: John W is the lead on this and will set up a meeting with appropriate Parks Department staff.
- Goals & Objectives update: Fritz, John W, and Deb continue working on the financial portions of the Master Plan. They will meet to decide how to package this information for the ABGC.
- Bylaws update: Fritz reported that the City Attorney's office is currently reviewing the bylaws for the City and Sandra said the attorney general's office is reviewing for the University of Washington. After the reviews are completed, the bylaws will then go to Ken and Bruce for review, then to ABGC for adoption. The goal is to have the bylaws in place by the first of 2004.

The next meeting is re-scheduled from August 6 to August 13.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DA \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 9-4-03 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deborah Andrews, ABGC Secretary