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Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC) Minutes

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The Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee is a Joint effort of the Arboretum Foundation, Seattle Parks Department, and the University of Washington, and designated by Seattle City Council Ordinance 65130, approved December 27, 1934, and Ordinance 116337, approved September 8, 1992.

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
October 14, 2009

Voting Members

Present:

Arboretum Foundation

- Barbara Wright, Arboretum Foundation President
- Paige Miller, Arboretum Foundation Executive Director

City of Seattle

- Jack Collins, Mayoral Appointee
- Donald Harris, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Property & Acquisition Services 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

- Dave Towne, Washington State Governor's Appointee

Absent:

- Kjris Lund, Mayoral Appointee

Other Staff Present:

- David Graves, Seattle Parks, Project Manager
- Thomas Hargrave, Seattle Parks, Japanese Garden Associate Coordinator
- Fred Hoyt, UWBG, Associate Director
- Luke Korpi, Seattle Department of Transportation, Transportation Planner
- Michael Shiosaki, Seattle Parks, Planning & Development Deputy Director

Members of the Public Present:

- John Barber, Advocate for SR 520 Alternative A+
- Virginia Gunby, Advocate for SR520 Alternative A+
- Larry Sinnott, Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks, Advocate for SR 520 Alternative A+

Staff:

- Sandy Brooks, Coordinator

Standing Committees

Funding Requests to State Legislature:	John (AF), Jack (City), & Dave T (Washington State)
Fundraising Policy:	AF: Paige Miller & Barbara Wright City: Tim Gallagher (Chair) & Donald Harris UW: Tom Hinckley & Sandra Lier
Master Plan Implementation Group (MPIG)	Michael (lead), Donald, Fred, Julia, Paige, Sandra & Tom
Mission Statement:	Kathleen Pierce (AF), Donald (City) & Sandra (UW)
Naming Recognition Guideline:	Paige (AF), Donald (City), & Sandra (UW)
SR520 Mediation:	AF, David Graves (City), & Theresa Doherty (UW)

Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:

- Nov 4 meeting is scheduled as annual retreat, 8:00 am-3:00 pm
- Elections scheduled for December 9 meeting

Chair Dave Towne called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and the agenda was approved, as amended, as well as the September 9 minutes.

Update: SR 520 Project

Dave stated that supporters of Alternative A have requested they make a presentation to the ABGC as soon as possible. Dave, as chair, recommends that the ABGC wait until WSDOT has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in December and then discuss holding a special ABGC meeting to hear from all community groups who support a particular alternative.

Jack agreed with this suggestion; however, he requested that ABGC member Paige Miller, as the ABGC's appointed representative in the SR520 process, continue giving updates to the ABGC. The process is moving quickly and he believes today's agenda should allow Paige at least 15 minutes to report so the ABGC can direct her as its representative.

Sandra was not a member of the ABGC when Paige was appointed as its SR520 representative and asked for clarification on Paige's role. Donald and Dave responded that the ABGC felt City and UW representatives were compromised by their partner's own interests in the SR520 project. Paige works for the Arboretum Foundation, which is focused solely on the good of the Arboretum, and it was agreed that she would be the ABGC's best representative at the SR520 mediation meetings. Jack added that he held that role for several years prior to Paige and was an enthusiastic supporter of her taking on the role.

Dave commented that the UW and City have not yet taken a position on any of the SR520 alternatives. Barbara added that the Arboretum Foundation has not taken a position, either; however, it has adopted a set of guiding principles and will follow those. She asked that the

ABGC look at the attributes of each alternative, be very clear about what the ABGC adopted in December 2008 as its guiding principles [copy included at end of these minutes], and communicate that position to the elected officials.

Donald commented that the ABGC will be better informed once the DEIS is released. Theresa believes it is appropriate for the ABGC to now go back and revisit its conditional support of Alternative K. The UW has much more information on the alternatives than when it voted its conditional support nearly a year ago. Theresa, representing the UW, has been working with supporters of the Alternative A+ alternative. Paige responded that WSDOT has not been reviewing an Alternative A+ for the DEIS — it is reviewing Alternatives A, K, and L. Just recently, the supporters of Alternative A & L joined forces and are calling their new version Alternative A+L. She noted that the former Alternative K is also changing to a hybrid version. The components and impacts of both these new alternatives remain to be nailed down. Theresa disagreed and stated that A+ doesn't have new elements; rather the components of A + L are being merged.

Dave stated that the ABGC needs to revisit its support of an alternative and also needs an update briefing by WSDOT staff.

Paige asked whether she is to continue her role as the ABGC's representative. It is awkward for her as the ABGC rep that the State Legislature met last week to discuss the SR520 project and the Arboretum, yet the ABGC's rep was not invited to the meeting. Instead, Tom Hinckley of the UW was invited to represent the Arboretum's interests.

Jack moved that Paige continue representing the ABGC in its negotiations regarding the SR520 project. Iain later seconded the motion. After further discussion, Jack rescinded his motion.

Theresa recognized the complexity of the ABGC supporting conditional support of Alternative K, while none of its three partners (Arboretum Foundation, City, and UW) have taken a position on any alternative. Barbara agreed that it is very awkward and added that the Arboretum Foundation has adopted a set of guiding principles to review the alternatives. The ABGC included caveats when it stated its support of Alternative K nearly a year ago. She suggested that the ABGC now go back and review its guiding principles.

Jack asked who better than Paige could represent the ABGC during the mediation. Barbara suggested Dave; however, Donald responded that Dave travels extensively, both in the U.S. and abroad, and would be unavailable for many of the mediation meetings. The ABGC needs a representative at the table and Iain asked if the Arboretum Foundation is willing for Paige to continue in this role. Paige works for the Arboretum Foundation which does not yet support an alternative, and she is asked by the ABGC to support an alternative that none of the three partners have voiced support for. This puts her in an awkward position.

Sandra agreed that Paige has been placed in a difficult situation. She is confused about Paige's advocacy role as the ABGC's rep for alternative K vs. her decision making (voting) role at the mediation table. The ABGC is only advisory to the Arboretum Foundation, City, and UW. Dave's expectations are that Paige serves as the eyes and ears for the ABGC at the mediation meetings.

Theresa asked if the ABGC still supports Alternative K. Donald added that the DEIS will be out at the end of the year and the ABGC needs to have a clear opinion by then. Sandra pointed out that there is also confusion on where the three partners (Foundation, City, and UW) intersect on their guiding principles. Barbara stated that the Foundation's principles are solely to protect the Arboretum. Sandra responded that everyone at the table wants to protect the Arboretum and asked if the UW and City partners should take the Arboretum Foundation's guiding principles back to higher levels in their organization for discussion. The ABGC missed an opportunity with the legislators last week and she doesn't want that to happen again.

Paige realizes that the Arboretum Foundation and the UW do not have common positions, but the partners should pay attention to, as well as relate to, the other partner's position. The ABGC appears weak and disorganized if its partners each go off on their own in support of an alternative. Jack stated that the ABGC has shown conditional support of Alternative K for the past 10 months. He wants to empower Paige to continue using her best judgment to represent the ABGC at the mediation table. He believes that she will follow the Arboretum Foundation's guiding principles and use her best judgment for the good of the Arboretum.

Theresa responded that an alternative is to send a representative from each of the three partners to the mediation table. Sandra agreed that such a solution would help with clarifying the positions of each partner. Jack asked what happens if the representatives disagree at a mediation meeting. Barbara believes that Paige makes a good ABGC representative; however, she must balance her responsibilities as the Arboretum's Executive Director against the responsibilities of representing the ABGC at the mediation table. She must also follow the Foundation Board's directions and the other partners at this table must keep her in the information loop. Barbara firmly believes the three partners must pool their resources and their information to make a powerful statement to WSDOT, the legislature, and governor on the SR520 project.

Sandra agrees with these comments, but noted this is difficult. She pointed out that the Arboretum Foundation developed and approved its guiding set of principles for SR520 without any discussions with its partners, the City and UW.

Iain previously seconded Jack's motion to allow Paige to continue monitoring the SR520 project for the ABGC; however, he surmised that after the DEIS is released, that arrangement might not work. Paige asked the ABGC to clarify "monitor." Her role previously has been to advocate for the Arboretum and to remind those at the mediation table what the ABGC wants for the Arboretum. Theresa asked that the ABGC develop seven guiding principles and then determine Paige's role. Jack believes there is inadequate time to develop principles, as the DEIS will be released soon. Paige has been the ABGC's representative for two years. To now ask her to only monitor the project speaks of distrust of her efforts. Dave then asked whether the ABGC was ready to vote on Jack's motion. The group wasn't and Jack withdrew the motion.

Dave asked Paige to continue to attend the legislative meetings and keep in close contact with ABGC members, to keep in mind the principles that the ABGC adopted, to work with WSDOT, and to help determine which alternative to recommend to the legislature. Theresa asked if this means the ABGC still supports Alternative K. Dave responded that the ABGC will revisit both Alternative K, which it voted to support with conditions, and the new hybrid version of K. Dave

asked Paige to monitor the project and advocate for the Arboretum – while abiding by the adopted ABGC principles. Paige responded that she will attempt to represent the principles and the ABGC's direction. She added that she already monitors the project and shares information at each ABGC meeting on the status of the project.

Theresa moved that the ABGC review all SR520 options that fall in line with the ABGC's guiding principles and advocate for the Arboretum by abiding by those principles. Donald seconded the motion. The vote was taken, with all voting in favor. Motion passed.

Fred noted that the ABGC's website currently contains information stating that it supports Alternative K, with conditions. That information will be removed.

Iain did not want this discussion to end with the sense that Paige is being “dumped on.” **He moved the ABGC greatly appreciates the Arboretum Foundation's willingness to allow Paige to represent the ABGC at the mediation table for the past 2-1/2 years and recognizes that her efforts have been very effective. Jack seconded the motion. The vote was taken with eight members voting in favor and Paige abstaining. Motion carried.** Barbara thanked Iain for making the motion and Paige expressed her deep appreciation to him. Dave added that Paige has put a great deal of work into her role as the ABGC's representative.

Once the DEIS is released, the ABGC will discuss inviting other community groups to the ABGC's meeting to discuss their support of the alternatives.

[This next part of the discussion was happened during the discussion of the Arboretum Foundation's Strategic Action Plan. Because it concerns the SR520 process, it is reflected here.]

The discussion focused again on how the three partners should work closely together on the SR520 project. Barbara noted that the ABGC's representative was not invited to the recent legislative meeting; instead, Tom Hinckley of the UW was invited to speak about the Arboretum and SR520 project. Sandra explained that she had contacted State Senator Ken Jacobsen and he asked that the two partners who manage the Arboretum (the City and UW) attend the meeting. Tom represented the UW and was allowed 10 minutes to speak. David Graves represented the City. Sandra understands that the Foundation is unhappy that it was not at the table. Barbara responded that the legislature is inundated with information and this 10-minute presentation was a rare opportunity to speak to them about the Arboretum. She believes that Tom's presentation short-changed the Arboretum and a number of its complexities that should have been addressed, such as the impacts of traffic noise and pollution, were not.

Several ABGC members were enthusiastic that Tom had the opportunity to address the legislature. However, Barbara requested that a portion of the retreat focus on how best the ABGC, makes Arboretum presentations to the legislature.

Discussion on Arboretum Roadways

Donald gave some background on the ABGC's strong interest in traffic-calming measures for Lake Washington Boulevard, an Olmsted-designed boulevard that bisects the Arboretum. (He

noted that this interest is separate from the SR 520 project and its potential traffic impacts to the Boulevard.)

The Arboretum's new Pacific Connections and the Japanese Garden are attracting more and more visitors. At the same time, vehicle traffic on the Boulevard has increased greatly, to 4,000 or more vehicles daily. It is used by many as an arterial to cut through the Arboretum to reach other destinations, while Arboretum visitors want to cross Lake Washington Boulevard to visit the Japanese Garden and the various areas of the Arboretum, located on both sides of the Boulevard. There are no safe pedestrian crossings. At the request of the ABGC, Donald contacted Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and invited Luke Korpi, SDOT transportation planner, to attend today's meeting to discuss potential traffic-calming measures.

Luke noted that it has been some time since SDOT reviewed the Boulevard's traffic. He displayed a large map of the Arboretum, Japanese Garden, and Lake Washington Boulevard and pointed out areas on it during the discussion. Luke recognized that the street is a park boulevard that also serves as a transportation arterial – and the City's arterials have many stakeholders. That this happened is a fluke of geography; LWB just happens to be the last street as drivers head east towards Lake Washington. He noted that nearby 24th Avenue East is a designated arterial.

When SDOT designs new streets, it includes traffic-calming elements that help slow traffic such as narrow streets, allowing parking on the street, and planting street trees to create a more "confined" feeling which results in slower driving speeds. It is challenging to incorporate these elements into existing streets, such as Lake Washington Boulevard. To develop traffic-calming elements for existing streets, SDOT holds discussions with stakeholders to determine concerns, collects technical data, and completes studies to determine traffic volume and speed, as well as where and when drivers are most likely to speed. SDOT then uses this information to craft solutions, which may include adding on-street parking to narrow the street, adding speed limit signs, and installing physical devices that force traffic to slow. SDOT does some traffic-calming projects each year, most frequently on neighborhood streets rather than arterials. However, options for arterials include speed cushions (rubber mounds of asphalt that emergency vehicles "straddle" and are not slowed by) or installing radar speed signs.

Thomas Hargrave, Seattle Parks' staff, noted the Japanese Garden had 2,000 visitors the previous weekend. Many of those visitors want to cross Lake Washington Boulevard on foot to visit the new Pacific Connections and other areas of the Arboretum. Arboretum Drive, which leads to Pacific Connections Gardens, is closed to vehicle traffic. Frequently, visitors park at the Japanese Garden's parking lot and then must cross Lake Washington Boulevard to access the new Gardens. The Boulevard curves in front of the Japanese Garden, resulting in poor visibility. The poor visibility and volume and speed of traffic creates a dangerous crossing situation. A new Arboretum trail was built directly across from the Japanese Garden as a walkway to the new Pacific Gardens; however there is no safe way for visitors to directly cross the Boulevard to reach the trail. They must, instead, walk 500' north to cross, and then walk 500' back to the trail. The only restrooms in the area are located at the Japanese Garden and visitors to Pacific Connections frequently need access to these facilities.

ABGC members' suggestions included:

- add a number of safe crosswalks along Lake Washington Boulevard so visitors can cross from one area of the Arboretum to another
- add a 3-way at the Boyer/Lake Washington Boulevard intersection
- SDOT design a safe crosswalk that links the new trail to the Pacific Gardens
- Implement traffic-calming measures by funneling more traffic onto both 23rd and 24th Avenues by altering the traffic lights
- ensure any traffic calming systems mesh with the Olmsted design of the Arboretum, Japanese Garden, and Lake Washington Boulevard
- Gather suggestions and information from the Arboretum partners and their staff and also from visitors
- SDOT do on-site visit(s). Donald will work with SDOT staff to arrange

Luke responded that SDOT will assess this area to develop the safest and most effective crosswalks. Part of this strategy includes designing crosswalks where drivers expect them to be located and having them illuminated at night. He believes that many people consider the Boulevard to be an arterial to access the SR520 on ramp. He suggested developing more public awareness that it is a park boulevard. It was noted that Foster Island Road is not an arterial.

Parks and SDOT staff will work together to determine funding sources for any traffic-calming measures. Luke will begin collecting the data and report back to the ABGC in the near future.

Master Plan Implementation Group (MPIG) Update

Michael reported that the propagation contract with Cistus Nurseries of Oregon is moving forward, with the memorandum of understanding in review by the Arboretum Foundation and the University's legal staff. Paige reported that the Chile garden, which includes refurbishing the lower Holmdahl Rockery, is budgeted at \$600,000. The Foundation has raised \$470,000 and anticipates raising the full amount by year end.

Arboretum Foundation Strategic Action Plan

Barbara introduced Kathleen Pierce of the Arboretum Foundation and John Howell of Cedar River Consultants, who have been working to develop a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for the Arboretum Foundation. Kathleen stated that these are tough economic times, making it vital that the Foundation determine the most important areas to focus on. She and John are here today to review the draft with the Foundation's partners – the City and UW – and are asking the ABGC members to help clarify the SAP. The Foundation's Board will discuss the draft at its November retreat.

They next reviewed the SAP themes for the Arboretum: broad-based public support; be intentional to get this support; fundraising; effective advocacy; and strengthen partnerships.

Paige, Barbara, John, and Kathleen have worked on the Foundation's SAP for the past six months. Michael Shiosaki is a member of the Foundation and worked on the SAP as a member of the Foundation's SAP committee -- and not as part of his City staff role. Dave congratulated them for developing this much-needed document; however, he voiced concern that the Plan is very comprehensive and its implementation is dependent upon resources. Responding to a question from Dave on how the various elements will be prioritized, John answered that the

implementation portion of the SAP is being developed and will be included in the final document.

The discussion next turned to whether the Foundation consulted with its two partners, the City and UW, during the SAP's development. Donald stated there should be strong collaboration with the partners. John had discussed the Plan with UW staff Sandra Lier, Fred Hoyt, and Phyllis Wise, the UW Provost. He also discussed the Plan with some Seattle City Councilmembers. Kathleen met with Parks Superintendent Gallagher and Donald Harris to review the draft. John noted that this is the Arboretum Foundation's Plan, to be implemented in partnership with the City and UW. Kathleen stated that the University of Washington's Botanic Garden is in transition and the Foundation is looking for new ways to collaborate. Jack added that the City is also in transition, with a newly-elected mayor and a new chair of City Council's Parks and Seattle Center Committee.

Jack recommended the interests of the three parties, including where those interests mesh, be discussed at the November 4 retreat. Barbara believes the Foundation has worked collaboratively with its partners during this process and noted that Sandra attended the Arboretum Foundation Board meeting to discuss the Plan. City representatives were also invited, but were unable to attend. Michael commented that the City also needs to develop a Strategic Action Plan for the Arboretum. Sandra congratulated the Foundation for its good work on this and applauded it for being in the front of this much-needed effort. She noted that the UW's SAP has some "holes" where the Arboretum is concerned and she will follow up on these.

Sandra has previously approached the Arboretum Foundation and City about the three partners jointly funding a survey to determine who uses the Arboretum. She is still interested in this and will continue to pursue funding from the City and Foundation. Donald agreed that the survey would be helpful, as did Paige. Many people visit the Arboretum, but aren't giving input. A recent survey re: Azalea Way was very helpful. Fred stated that the Graham Visitors Center's front desk staff request that Arboretum visitors to sign in and note where they live, with 27,000 people signing in during the first six months of 2009.

Donald applauded the Foundation's goal to develop a broader Arboretum constituency and recommended that it vet its SAP not only with the partners, but also with the public constituency. In past years, an Arboretum Master Plan was developed with little public involvement, which resulted in a major public backlash. John agreed that the public must be engaged in this. Jack noted that you can invite thousands of people to a public meeting and only a few may attend and it's sometimes a complicated process to engage the public.

November 4 Retreat

The November 4 ABGC retreat planning committee will meet immediately after today's meeting to finalize the agenda. John Howell will be the facilitator.

New/Old Business

- Paige reported that the Foundation has been successful in being awarded new grants for the UW's Arboretum education program.
- The Arboretum Foundation recently purchased a new utility truck, for use by both the Parks and UW crews. Funds for this purchase were from recent auction proceeds.

- Tim reported that the City's 2009 budget for the Arboretum is stable; however, the 2010 operating budget amount may be reduced.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____
Theresa Doherty, ABGC Secretary

**Resolution of the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee
December 10, 2008**

AT A MEETING OF THE ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN COMMITTEE FOR THE WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2008,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature found the replacement of State Route 520 (SR520) floating bridge a matter of urgency for the safety of Washington's traveling public and the needs of the transportation system in central Puget Sound;

WHEREAS, the SR520 Bridge serves as a vital route for vehicles across Lake Washington, the State Legislature adopted an SR520 bridge replacement project programmatic requirement that provides for six total lanes of traffic;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of Financial Management hired a mediator to develop an SR520 project impact plan (PIP) for addressing the impact of the SR520 bridge replacement and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) project design on, among other things, Seattle city neighborhoods and parks, including the Washington Park Arboretum;

WHEREAS, the approved purpose and need statement for the project was to improve mobility for people and goods across Lake Washington within the SR520 corridor in a manner that was safe, reliable, and cost-effective while avoiding, minimizing, and/or mitigating impacts on the affected neighborhoods and the environment;

WHEREAS, the Mediation Panel developed three options to submit to the Washington State Governor and the State Legislature's Joint Transportation Committee, consisting of Options A, K, and L;

WHEREAS, the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC) is the official advisory committee of the Washington Park Arboretum consisting of representatives from the City of Seattle, the State of Washington, the University of Washington, and the Arboretum Foundation;

Whereas the Arboretum contains a world-renowned botanical collection and some of the most important native wetland areas on Lake Washington and is an important recreational and educational resource for the people of the State of Washington;

WHEREAS, the ABGC recognizes guiding principles for the SR520 project on mandating that everything possible be done to minimize the harm to the Arboretum

and, if possible, to reverse the damage inflicted on the Arboretum by the original SR520 bridge;

WHEREAS, the ABGC opposes any options that make Lake Washington Boulevard (LWB) the sole or primary southern access point to SR520;

WHEREAS, to the extent that ramp access to LWB must be accommodated, such ramps should be to the west of the heart of the Arboretum, and traffic flow through the Arboretum to and from such ramps should be reduced through design, ramp-metering, and/or differential pricing of tolls;

WHEREAS, Option A features an interchange at the existing Montlake interchange, a second bascule bridge, seven lanes on the Portage Bay Bridge, and LWB ramps;

WHEREAS, traffic studies performed by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) indicate that Option A cannot successfully move traffic and traffic through the Arboretum will probably cause unacceptable traffic back-ups, thus increasing noise and exhaust pollution in the Arboretum;

WHEREAS, Option L features a single-point urban interchange over SR520, a second bascule bridge, and ramp connections directly to LWB and Pacific Street;

WHEREAS, Option L increases visual and noise impact in the Arboretum, creates ramps directly from the SR520 bridge to LWB, has a larger footprint than Options K and A in the east Montlake section, and has produced broad opposition from nearby neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, Option K features a four-lane tunnel under the Montlake Cut, a depressed single-point urban interchange at the eastern edge of Montlake, removal of LWB ramps, a six-lane Portage Bay bridge with a design intended to be consistent with nearby historic structures, and lids over Foster Island, Montlake and Roanoke Boulevards, and I-5;

WHEREAS, WSDOT traffic modeling shows mobility for transit, Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV), and HOVs is better in Option K than any other option;

WHEREAS, Option K separates local and freeway traffic and appears to have broad support from nearby neighborhoods and some key stakeholders;

WHEREAS, Option K would provide a lower profile through the Arboretum, preserves historic views, provides a safer bicycle/pedestrian access through the corridor, and promotes the use of quiet pavement instead of noise walls;

WHEREAS, LWB is a winding, two-lane, 25 mph historic parkway through one of Seattle's most important parks and;

WHEREAS, 23/24th Avenue is a four lane, 20 mph, direct city arterial,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ABGC hereby supports Option K (Attachment 3) as the preferred option for the legislated SR520 project subject to further discussion and engineering modifications necessary to direct traffic movement away from the Arboretum and LWB on the roundabout configuration of the access ramp road south of the SR520 East Montlake interchange and toward the four lane city arterial of Montlake/24th and 23rd Avenues East;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional traffic modifications need to be made by the City of Seattle for surface traffic improvements at East Madison Street and 23rd Avenue East, along 23rd Avenue East, and at East Madison and LWB to reduce the commuter use of LWB through the Arboretum and to direct surface traffic to the city arterial of 23rd and 24th Avenues East and that WSDOT work with the City to accomplish such changes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this position represents the vote of the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee, not the individual positions of the entities represented at the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be recorded in the permanent minutes of the ABGC, and that copies be sent to WSDOT, the City of Seattle, the SR520 Mediation Panel, and to appropriate officials at The Washington State Governors Office and among Washington State legislators.

Adopted by the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee, Seattle, Washington, the 10th day of December, 2008, and signed by the Chair in authentication of its adoption:

David L. Towne, Chair