

Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC) Minutes Center for Urban Horticulture – November 8, 2017

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

Voting Members

Arboretum Foundation

- Jane Stonecipher, Arboretum Foundation Executive Director
- Jim Reid, Arboretum Foundation Board Vice President

City of Seattle

- Kenan Block, Mayoral Appointee
- *Excused*, Michael Shiosaki, Seattle Parks, Projects & Planning Division, Director
- James Fearn, Mayoral Appointee

University of Washington

- Sally Clark, University of Washington, Director of Regional and Community Relations
- Fred Hoyt, University of Washington Botanic Gardens (UWBG), Acting Director
- *Excused*, Iain Robertson, University of Washington, Associate Professor, Dept. of Landscape Architecture

Other Staff Present:

- Rachel Acosta, Seattle Parks and Recreation, ABGC Coordinator
- Wendy Gibble, University of Washington Botanic Gardens, Assistant Director
- David Graves, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Strategic Advisor
- *Excused*, Jon Jainga, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Interim Natural Resources Unit Manager

Standing Committees

Master Plan Implementation Group (MPIG):

AF: Jane Stonecipher & Jason Morse

City: Michael Shiosaki (lead) & Kim Baldwin

UW: Fred Hoyt/Wendy Gibble

SR520 Technical Committee:

City: David Graves; UW: Fred Hoyt

Call to Order

Sally calls the meeting to order at 8:40am. Sally asks for approval of agenda and meeting minutes as revised, Jim moves and Kenan seconds. The Consent Items approved unanimously.

Budget, Personnel and Other Items

University of Washington

Foster Island undercrossing – Planting has begun. WSDOT has updated the planting plans and will send them to Fred. UWBG is on a taskforce for the Montlake Project to provide input and ensure collection integrity.

Dan Brown – New Director of the School for Environmental Forest Sciences. He was a Dean in Michigan and starts January 2. ABGC will invite him to a meeting in early 2018. He expressed concern about the UWBG Director search;

UWBG Director search – The search committee has been formed and the new process will begin soon. They are using two new recruitment methods by considering a Professor of Practice, which is a leader in their field who does not necessarily have a Ph.D., and providing tenure track.

Call meeting in January with the Tribes; talk about opening of loop trail. Incorporate their input into the grand opening.

Request for q... for design for education building. The money has been transferred to the city; completed pre-design done by fall of 2018.

Fiber – all hooked up at the arb; how to get arb fdn hooked up as well; hooked up through uw;

Seattle Parks and Recreation

alt very close to being done.

Wsdot – rfq went out to prequalified bidders last month; allowed to bid in February.

ARCH grp met with Frank Chopp to look at Bent 2; easier bent to pick based on location and construction staging. ARCH were amenable to saving a different bent.

Still have to negotiate with WSDOT on north entry project.

Regional shared use path scheduled to be open by thanksgiving. Grand opening for shared use path in the spring. David will find out if they have a date yet.

Jesus is leaving at the end of the year. Mayor burgess has not named an interim.

Arboretum Foundation

Broadmoor – Fred, Jon and Jane are meeting tomorrow with the Broadmoor community;

Dev director search – final stages; have a few good candidates

Grant – largest grant proposal for education program came back positive for \$57,000

Gifts and greens Galore – coming up;

Maple viewing at Japanese Garden – 2 weeks of events and it was great. Garden closes at the end of the month. Planning for next year will start soon. Trial membership to raise funds for the garden.

Flower and garden show – February 6 – opening night party;

Fall appeal will go out this week; including language about the loop trail being open. That will go out to 3000 homes and best friends of the Arboretum.

Pond – meeting to discuss future pond work; how to move it up in the city maintenance queue.

Arb loop trail planning meeting – spent ½ time talking about short-term status of the trail; waiting for final hazardous trail removal; hoping to open by the end of this week;

Grand opening celebration – april 8 proposed date for opening; check with grp to ensure no conflicts; other checked to ensure it doesn't conflict with holidays. Trying to encourage new user groups; spring plant sale and earth day events later in the month to entice people to return.

Celebratory ribbon cutting with dignatories (tribes);

Next step: form a hands-on cmte to do details for the event. Date locked down. Jane asks if there's someone who can work with Ohno on sponsorship – Garrett.

Kenan says it would be a good idea to ask for corporate sponsors as soon as possible.

Findg sponsors to help us tap into non-arb people. Kexp to sponsor?

Public health sponsor?

Jane to send Rachel the notes to append to the minutes of this meeting.

Old/New Business

Fred to ask the tribes if they want to participate in our retreat convos.

Next month:

Loop trail grand opening

Walk the trail – second half of the party – invite garrett;

Dec. 7 mayor burgess farewell party

There being no other business, the meeting adjourns at 9:20am.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____
Sally Clark, ABGC Chair