

## **Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC) Minutes Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum – May 9, 2018**

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
- *Excused*, Wendy Gible, University of Washington Botanic Gardens, Assistant Director
- Michael Bradshaw, University of Washington Botanic Gardens

#### **Standing Committees**

##### **Master Plan Implementation Group (MPIG):**

AF: Jane Stonecipher & Jason Morse

City: Michael Shiosaki (lead) & Kim Baldwin

UW: Fred Hoyt/Wendy Gible

##### **SR520 Technical Committee:**

City: David Graves; UW: Fred Hoyt

### **Call to Order**

Sally calls the meeting to order at 8:35am. Sally asks for approval of the consent items: the February 13, March 14, and April 11 meeting minutes and the May 9 agenda. Jim makes a correction on the April 11 meeting minutes. Fred makes a correction to the February meeting minutes. The minutes are approved, as amended.

### **Budget, Personnel and Other Items**

#### **University of Washington**

Fred is working with Jane on the request to the Foundation for the next fiscal year.

The UWBG Director - Interviewing 4 candidates for UWBG Directorship. Tom Kaye, the first candidate, did a really good job. Tom is founded a nonprofit, Institute of Plant Ecology and is affiliated with Oregon State University. Larry Huffert, Associate Dean at Washington State University, Matt Ritter from Cal Poly, and Jonas Muller – Kew Gardens. Faculty will vote on June 7 and negotiations after that with the Dean and the President of UW.

The ABGC asks for links for the videos of the candidates.

The ABGC discuss the pay for faculty at the UW and how expensive it is to live in Seattle and the barrier it creates for candidates.

Marilyn's position has been filled temporarily by someone in another department. A new hiring process has not been started yet.

Labs Unlocked – A fundraiser during which donors get to go behind the scenes to see the work happening.

#### Seattle Parks and Recreation

None.

#### Arboretum Foundation

Give Big today! Jane is working on the budget for the coming year. Meeting with Finance Committee of the Arboretum Board on May 10 and the Annual Meeting is on June 20. July 12 is the date for the summer party at the Japanese Garden. June 6 from 4-6pm is an orientation to the Japanese Garden. Jane invites the ABGC to attend.

Large donor visits upcoming. The Arboretum Foundation will be giving a few tours to their larger donors. One donates annually to fund a gardener in Pacific Connections and the other donated a large sum for the Lake Washington Boulevard beautification project. Amanda and Fred are looking to put together a scope of work to maximize the funds. This will result in a dramatic improvement and will be visible to the cars driving on the Boulevard.

Jane will attend Unit 26 fundraiser on Bainbridge Island. Looking at potential for adopting a portion of Azalea Way.

Jim's last meeting will be in June.

#### Master Plan Implementation Group

Education building – preliminary meeting with architect. Square footage and number of parking stalls are firmer but the location of the building is flexible.

Project Priorities for June?

Bikeshare policy in the Arboretum - In June, SDOT will go to City Council with updated proposal about bikesharing, with a vote to adopt in July. Will SPR or UW give feedback about how it's working? Should the ABGC give feedback? Does SPR have an agreement with the bikeshare groups? UW has an agreement with the bikeshares. SPR will wait to hear what the city does.

Bike corral is on Rainier Vista for Husky games with signs and staff directing people to park their bikes in a particular area. It would not hurt to talk with bikeshare companies about where to position the bikes to help the Arboretum and where to reaggregate at the end of the day. Educating people does help, most people want to follow the rules.

Be proactive by letting the bikeshare people know where in the park are suitable for bike parking.

At June meeting, ask Michael for an update about where the city is in discussions with the bikeshare companies. Does Michael think we should provide input to City Council as the ABGC?

Sally will email Michael and ask about bikeshare status.

**Old/New Business**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourns at 9:30a.m. to tour Foster Island and view the SR520 undercrossing.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Sally Clark, ABGC Chair