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## **Arboretum & Botanical Garden Committee**

Wednesday, January 13, 2022 9:00-10:30am, Online

### **ABGC Voting Members**

Arboretum Foundation

Jane Stonecipher, Executive Director

Jenny Wyatt, Board President

### **City of Seattle/Seattle Parks Department**

Kenan Block, Mayoral Appointee

James Fearn, Mayoral Appointee

David Graves, Strategic Advisor, Seattle Parks and Recreation

### **University of Washington**

Sally Clark, Director of Regional and Community Relations, ABGC Chair

Christina Owen, Director of UW Botanic Gardens

Ken Yocom, Professor, College of Built Environments

### **ABGC Attendees**

Rachel Acosta, ABGC Coordinator, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Lisa Chen, Specialty Gardens Manager, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Kim Baldwin, Deputy Director Planning, Development & Maintenance Division, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Wendy Gible, Associate Director of UW Botanic Gardens

Ray Larson, Curator of Living Collections, UW Botanic Gardens

### **9:00am Call to Order and Introductions**

David Graves, ABGC Chair

- Consent Items: January 13, 2022 Agenda, November 10, 2021 Minutes

Changes to Agenda/Minutes: Christina is new director for the UWBG. Minutes approved as amended - moved by Sally and seconded by Ray.

### **9:05am Work Plan 2022**

David Graves

#### **Discussion Items/Follow-up:**

- SR520 mitigation and North Entry planning, incl. clarity around escalation for final mitigation dollars.
- David to send mit agreement around to ABGC members.
- Legislative planning for data collection – equity and access for current programming; future engagement work.
- Supporting partnership governance work
- Building on transportation access to the Arboretum.
- Equity – remove barriers and provide diverse experiences.
- Long-term funding plan through SPR
- Talk North Entry and communications piece after reviewing the mit doc at February meeting and then schedule WSDOT for SR520.



- CM Lewis invite for a walk around the arboretum since new chair of Parks committee. Invite Mayor Harrell to events with Japanese Garden.

**9:15am 2022 Work Plan**

David Graves

**Discussion Items/Follow-up:**

- David will put together a OneDrive link and distribute Berger North Entry design concepts
- This has not been through public engagement; it is a draft design.
- stakeholder engagement will be important with tribes and underserved communities.
- There is a scale of costs to include certain elements in the North Entry project and the drawings serve as a tool to use with WSDOT;
- The roundabout and daylighting Arboretum Creek could start soon which would save money on escalation.
- This could be a 2-phase project and it would be great to see those costs split up.
- Opportunity for negotiation with WSDOT since it has been over a decade since the mitigation was discussed.
- Ballpark amount (including inflation/escalation) before approach WSDOT
- Rachel to reach out to WSDOT for March meeting

**9:30am North Entry Update**

David Graves

**Discussion Items/Follow-up:**

- David will put together a onedrive link and distribute berger north entry design concepts
- This has not been through public engagement; it is a draft design.
- stakeholder engagement will be important with tribes and underserved communities.
- Sally says there is a scale of cost to include certain elements in the North Entry project and a tool to use with WSDOT;
- Some of this work could start when funds are received – the roundabout and daylighting arb creek; save \$ on escalation, save money now
- Thought this could be a 2-phase project and it would be great to see those costs split up.
- Opportunity for negotiation with wsdot since it has been over a decade since the mitigation was discussed.
- Ballpark amount (incl inflation/escalation) before approach wsdot
- Rachel to reach out to WSDOT for March meeting



**9:45am Partner Updates**

University of Washington:

- John Grade artist to install art installation in the Arboretum.
- New plantings in Rhododendron and Oak collections;
- Two students from UW bothell are interning at Arboretum.
- Exhibit at Gould Hall – A reflection on the life of Fujitara Kubota. The building is open 12-5 Monday through Friday; panel discussion on February 15 and some readings from the book.

Arboretum Foundation:

- Virtual gala scheduled February 10, 2022. They will have interviews with Gerry Tsutakawa and John Grade and original work by Julie Speidel;
- Received 750,000 for the Japanese Garden to realize the intent of the original artist.
- Aldarra foundation gave \$250,000 for design intent for crabapple meadow; new outreach coordinator for UWBG; funding horticulture positions.
- Multiple projects are happening simultaneously;
- Governance application into Central Park Conservancy will be submitted this week.
- Strategic planning retreat Monday with the Arboretum Foundation to create a roadmap for the future.
- Please attend the gala!

Seattle Parks and Recreation:

**10:00am MPIG Updates**

Main Discussion Items/Follow-up: No follow-up

**10:15am Old/New Business**

Main Discussion Items/Follow-up: No follow-up

**10:30am Adjourn**