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Arboretum & Botanical Garden Committee

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:00-10:15am, Online

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ABGC Voting Members

Arboretum Foundation

Jane Stonecipher, Executive Director

Peter Rees, Board President, ABGC Chair

City of Seattle/Seattle Parks Department

Kenan Block, Mayoral Appointee

James Fearn, Mayoral Appointee

Andy Sheffer, Seattle Parks and Recreation

University of Washington

Sally Clark, Director of Regional and Community Relations

Christina Owen, Director of UW Botanic Gardens

Ken Yocom, Professor, College of Built Environments

ABGC Attendees

Rachel Acosta, ABGC Coordinator, Seattle Parks and Recreation

David Graves, Strategic Advisor, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Lisa Chen, Manager, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Ray Larson, Curator, UW Botanic Gardens

Stephanie Shelton, NRU Manager, Seattle Parks and Recreation

9:00am Call to Order and Introductions

David Graves, ABGC Chair

- Consent Items: May 10, 2023 Agenda and March 8, 2023 meeting notes

Changes to Agenda/Minutes:

- Land Acknowledgement: The ABGC acknowledges and affirms the indigenous Coast Salish as the original caretakers of our waters and landscape, who nurtured and shaped today's parkland. We honor their legacy with gratitude and appreciation and will safeguard their knowledge and stewardship as enduring treasures to promote community welfare, cultivate inclusive expressions of nature and recreation and commit to land acknowledgment for each ensuing generation.

9:05am WSDOT Subcommittee Report

Main Discussion Items/Follow-up: Peter reviewed the scope. The WSDOT subcommittee will act as a conduit for communications with WSDOT. The Scope can be found [here](#).

- SPR and WSDOT are working on legal descriptions for property transfers; once completed, the mitigation funding will be released.
- Email sent to Dawn to follow up on questions from ABGC.
- Quick visit from WSDOT to provide closures/ schedule for summer with more thorough presentation in September.

9:30am Master Plan Implementation Group



Main Discussion Items/Follow-up:

Woodland Meadow Project is started. Discussed focus group composition for design input. Sound study to determine maximum decibel levels.

David to follow-up on Waterfront Trail permitting issues.

Graham Visitors Center trellis repair – Andy will check with asset management to see where it is in the queue.

Watershed briefing to be scheduled in the next couple of months at the ABGC.

9:40am Partner Updates

University of Washington:

- Busy with school field trips. Gardeners planting in Rhododendron Glen. The Arboretum is preparing for Mother's Day.
- Restoration ecology students are planting natives in Pinetum and on Foster Island.
- UWBG signed an MOU with Black Star Farmers to use the garden beds by the greenhouse to grow food.

Arboretum Foundation:

- John Grotti installation is going to be done soon. Planning a work party and celebration near the end of August.
- Community Survey is set to launch on Mother's Day.
- The Foundation has received 2 - \$1million gifts towards the Arboretum. Donors have created a pool of funds that will provide ongoing funds for the Arboretum, including paying for the new horticulture position.
- 180 volunteers for Earth Day.

Seattle Parks and Recreation:

- Tot Lot will be completed in June.
- Heightened awareness of waterways/streams and collaborating with local tribes. Arboretum Creek project is a great opportunity to collaborate with Tribes.

10:15am Old/New Business

- David Graves is leaving and Andy Sheffer is replacing him.
- Peter Rees is the new Chair for the ABGC.

10:30am Adjourn