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Arboretum & Botanical Garden Committee

December 16, 2025 9:00 – 10:30AM, Online

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Arboretum Foundation

Elizabeth Lunney, Interim Executive Director

Maribeth O'Connor, Board President

City of Seattle/Seattle Parks Department

Kim Baldwin, Seattle Parks and Recreation Representative

University of Washington

Aaron Hoard, Director of Regional and Community Relations, ABGC Chair

Christina Owen, Director of UW Botanic Gardens, ABGC Vice Chair

Ken Yocom, Interim Dean, College of Built Environments

ABGC Attendees

Ray Larson, Curator, UW Botanic Gardens

David Graves, Strategic Advisor, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Lisa Chen, Manager, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Stephanie Shelton, NRU Manager, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Peter Rees, Board Vice President

9:00AM Call to Order & Introductions

- 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.
- Minute Approval: Sept 16, 2025 meeting notes

9:15AM 520 Subgroup Update

9:30AM MPIG Subgroup Update

9:45AM Partner Updates

- UW

- Arboretum Foundation
- Seattle Parks

10:15AM Old/New Business

- Encampments
- Coyotes

10:30AM Adjourn