

Arboretum & Botanical Garden Committee

September 8, 2026 9:00 – 10:30AM, Online

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Seattle Botanic Garden

Christina Owen, Executive Director

Maribeth O'Connor, Board Chair

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

Ken Yocom, Dean of College of Built Environments, Faculty Representative

ABGC Attendees

Ray Larson, Director of Curation, Seattle Botanic Gardens

Lisa Chen, Manager, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Stephanie Shelton, NRU Manager, Seattle Parks and Recreation

David Graves, Strategic Advisor, 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: June 16, 2026 meeting notes

9:15AM 520 Subgroup Update

9:30AM MPIG Subgroup Update

10:00AM Partner Updates

- UW
- Seattle Botanic Gardens – Transition Update
- Seattle Parks

10:15AM Old/New Business

- Charter Update
- SDCI Tree Ordinance
- SCL Maintenance Needs in Arboretum

10:30AM Adjourn