



City of Tukwila

Department of Community Development

Jim Haggerton, Mayor

Jack Pace, Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2013

TO: Tukwila Tree and Environment Advisory Committee

FM: Carol Lumb, Senior Planner
Sandra Whiting, Urban Environmentalist

RE: May 8, 2013 Advisory Committee Meeting

At our next meeting, we will conclude our review of the urban forestry goals and policies by reviewing all the edits/revisions provided by the Advisory Committee to-date. Proposed implementation measures have been added to each goal section, identified in green type. Please be thinking about the proposed canopy goals and what might be reasonable in light of our recent discussions about the possibilities and limitations for increasing tree canopy in parking lots and in the public rights-of-way in industrial areas, the Urban Center and Tukwila South. Keep in mind that tree planting will occur only as areas develop or redevelop, and that trees grow slowly and newly planted trees may not provide measurable canopy for many years after planting.

During the second half of the meeting, we will return to the Natural Environment goals and policies to ensure that Committee consensus is accurately reflected. The enclosed set of goals and policies shows all edits as “accepted,” as of the January 23, 2013 meeting. Revisions in strikeout/underline reflect comments received from the Committee after that date or further refinement by staff. Proposed implementation measures, identified in green type, have been added for the Committee’s review. There are two “new” policies that the Committee has not seen before related to flood control that have been moved from the Utilities Chapter to the Natural Environment Chapter. After reviewing these policies, staff recommends integrating them into either the flood control goal or policies in that section. You will see staff’s proposed revisions and comments on these two policies on pages 7 and 8 of the enclosed Natural Environment Chapter.

At the March meeting, we also discussed reserving Wednesday, May 29th as a possible meeting date if needed to wrap up any remaining issues. If we do not finish up review of all the goals and policies on May 8th, then we will need to meet on May 29th to conclude the Committee’s work. This will allow staff time to prepare materials for the June 27th Planning Commission meeting. Also, we are looking at Monday, June 24, 2013 as a possible date when the Advisory Committee would brief a joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting on the Advisory Committee’s recommendations on goals and policies, so please take a look at your calendars to see if this date works for you.

We look forward to seeing you on **May 8th**. As a reminder, this will be an extended meeting – going until 8:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions in the meantime, or if you will not be able to attend the meeting.

Enclosures:

- Agenda
- Draft 4-10-13 Meeting Notes
- Final 3-13-13 Meeting Notes
- Revised Draft Urban Forestry Goals and Policies
- Revised Draft Natural Environment Goals and Policies (excluding urban forestry goals and policies)

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