



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 11, 2013

TO: Tukwila Tree and Environment Advisory Committee

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

RE: February 27, 2013 Advisory Committee Meeting

At our next meeting, we will begin the discussion of urban forestry by viewing two presentations, the first on the City's current tree regulations and then second, a review of six other jurisdictions' approach to trees and urban forestry.

We are sending this memo out to you a little early in order to give you more time to review the revisions to the Natural Environment goals and policies based on the direction the Committee provided at our last meeting. We will be taking these up only if there is time at the end of our next meeting. In the meantime, staff would appreciate your reviewing the revisions and sending us any comments you may have, particularly for the sections that we have not gone through as yet. If we don't have time to discuss the revisions at the next meeting, we will take them up at the end of the Committee's work when we review the entire package of goals and policies that will go to the Planning Commission for its review. A few comments on the revisions that were made:

- A policy has been added to address climate change – 4.1.1
- The Committee had recommended revising policy 4.9.2 to prohibit development in the flood plain. We talked with staff in Public Works on possible language but ended up retaining the current language after that discussion. The current FEMA regulations that the City follows allow filling in the flood plain if there is no net loss – i.e. compensatory storage is required elsewhere to offset the fill. New FEMA regulations are under discussion – whatever those are the City will be obligated to enforce. As a result, it seemed appropriate to just implement whatever the current FEMA regulations are. As a point of information, there is very little area of the City that falls within the flood plain – most is protected by levees currently.
- Some of the Committee had asked for copies of the report staff prepared on off-site wetland mitigation as well as the powerpoint on the city's Sensitive Areas Ordinance. Rather than print these out for everyone, these will be posted on the City's web site with the other materials included in your packet for the February 27th meeting. The web site is: <http://www.tukwilawa.gov/dcd/treepolicy.html>.

We hope to have materials for the March 13th meeting ready to distribute at the February meeting so that you have some extra time to review them as we transition to our meeting date of the second Wednesday of the month.

Two reminders: we will start the meeting again at the new time of **5:30 p.m**; and in March, we move to a new meeting day, the second Wednesday of the month, **March 13th**.

We look forward receiving any edits/revisions to the enclosed goals/policies from you and seeing you on February 27th - please call or e-mail if you have any questions in the meantime.

Enclosures:

- Agenda
- Draft 1-23-13 Meeting Notes
- Revised Natural Environment Goals and Policies

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