

From: Giampietro, Vera
To: [Giampietro, Vera](#); [Welch, Nicolas](#)
Subject: Conversation with Giampietro, Vera
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:02:37 PM

Giampietro, Vera 9:16 AM:
nick

Giampietro, Vera 9:16 AM:
how many people did you have at optimism?

Welch, Nicolas 9:16 AM:
10-12

Giampietro, Vera 9:16 AM:
sweet

Giampietro, Vera 9:16 AM:
thanks

Giampietro, Vera 9:16 AM:
was it fun?

Welch, Nicolas 9:17 AM:

yes. good mix of people like alex brennan and brie (FG member) who know a lot and have detailed questions/ideas and others who are newer.

Welch, Nicolas 9:17 AM:

Bertolet's writing has really resonated with some people

Giampietro, Vera 9:18 AM:
hmmm

Giampietro, Vera 9:18 AM:
yeah

Giampietro, Vera 9:18 AM:
good to know

Welch, Nicolas 9:19 AM:

i think that and affordable family-size housing are two of the existential questions floating around out there

Welch, Nicolas 9:20 AM:

where we aren't necessarily getting it wrong in terms of policy, but there are just legit questions about the best way for MHA to work

Giampietro, Vera 9:22 AM:
ye

Giampietro, Vera 9:22 AM:
p

Giampietro, Vera 9:22 AM:

i have thoughts about what is proposed for family size housing

Giampietro, Vera 9:23 AM:

would be nice to make it stronger on that

Giampietro, Vera 9:23 AM:

double check question

Giampietro, Vera 9:23 AM:

the 23rd & union legislation/rezone - -

Giampietro, Vera 9:23 AM:

that's just the nodes, right?

Welch, Nicolas 9:23 AM:

yes

Welch, Nicolas 9:24 AM:

and my understanding is it's technically 3 pieces of legislation

Welch, Nicolas 9:24 AM:

not that that matters much

Giampietro, Vera 9:24 AM:

each its own?

Welch, Nicolas 9:24 AM:

i guess. im not sure why. but when i helped quanlin with the capacity and MHA modeling for her legislation, she wanted everything broken out by node for that reason.

Giampietro, Vera 9:25 AM:

dang

Giampietro, Vera 9:25 AM:

cool

Giampietro, Vera 9:25 AM:

thanks so much!

Welch, Nicolas 9:26 AM:

always

Giampietro, Vera 9:33 AM:

did you know that the urban forestry commission is PRO-ADU/DADU? (at least partially)

Welch, Nicolas 9:33 AM:

blasphemy

Welch, Nicolas 9:33 AM:

where did you learn this

Giampietro, Vera 9:34 AM:

haha

Giampietro, Vera 9:34 AM:

[http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/FinalIssuedDocuments/AnnualReports/ADOPTEDUFCAnnualReport2016\(0\).pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/FinalIssuedDocuments/AnnualReports/ADOPTEDUFCAnnualReport2016(0).pdf)

Welch, Nicolas 9:34 AM:

nice. thanks. i like what they chose to include in their summary.

Welch, Nicolas 9:35 AM:

they sent a comment letter during SEPA that was more skeptical, if i recall.

Welch, Nicolas 9:36 AM:

in fact one arborist at a UFC meeting raised an issue i hadn't heard before, which is that because large trees need a large undivided area to grow, encouraging DADUs could make it harder to have large trees even though we haven't changed lot coverage limits

Giampietro, Vera 9:37 AM:

a large undivided area... as in a huge area for their roots?

Welch, Nicolas 9:38 AM:

yeah

Giampietro, Vera 9:38 AM:

tradeoffs, man

Welch, Nicolas 9:38 AM:

in other words, not all uncovered lot area is equal

Welch, Nicolas 9:39 AM:

because if it isn't contiguous, it can't accommodate a large tree

Giampietro, Vera 9:39 AM:

right right

Giampietro, Vera 9:40 AM:

like a large tree can't make due with my two side yards and the planting strip out front, even though that's tons of uncovered area

Welch, Nicolas 9:40 AM:

exactly

Welch, Nicolas 9:40 AM:

which is totally obvious, but hadn't dawned on me

Giampietro, Vera 9:40 AM:

totes obvious

Welch, Nicolas 9:40 AM:

so my defense of "BUT WE AREN'T CHANGING LOT COVERAGE" didn't really resonate

Giampietro, Vera 9:41 AM:

hahaha

Welch, Nicolas 9:41 AM:

BUT BUT BUT

Giampietro, Vera 9:41 AM:

in once accidentally included a tree in the living room of the site plan for a new house

Giampietro, Vera 9:41 AM:

SO...

Giampietro, Vera 9:42 AM:

trees not just outside anymore

Welch, Nicolas 9:42 AM:

that should be our new answer for trees

Welch, Nicolas 9:42 AM:

"under MHA, trees will be inside"

Giampietro, Vera 9:42 AM:

HA

Giampietro, Vera 9:43 AM:

that is good

Giampietro, Vera 11:11 AM:

weekly says we're sending to council this month

Giampietro, Vera 11:11 AM:

(23rd legislation)

Giampietro, Vera 11:11 AM:

as far as you know is that still the case?

Welch, Nicolas 11:50 AM:

i think so

Welch, Nicolas 11:50 AM:

i haven't heard anything different

Welch, Nicolas 11:50 AM:

want me to ask quanlin?

Giampietro, Vera 11:50 AM:

i can ask her

Giampietro, Vera 11:50 AM:

she just wasn't at her desk

Giampietro, Vera 11:50 AM:

thanks man!