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**Subject:** UFC Testimony Regarding the Mixed Use Zone Project

~~Mr. Manning~~, Barry,

The Urban Forestry Commission expected to be able to meet with BPS. Unfortunately, we were unable to coordinate with you. I am not authorized to speak on behalf of the Urban Forestry Commission formally but here is my personal testimony:

The MUZ project needs “further baking”. That is, I am concerned that city staff may expect Title 11 to be revised to conform with MUZ project goals rather than implement the new Comprehensive Plan or the adopted Urban Forest Management Plan. Making Title 11 secondary to T33 is not warranted by the Municipal Code. Here are some fundamental questions:

- How are you anticipating that Title 11 is affected by proposed changes to the zoning code?
- Are you prioritizing trees over other landscaping requirements?
- Why exempt sites from tree regulations based on zoning rather than site characteristics?
- Does all this prejudice the outcome of future changes to Title 11?

I hope that staff is willing to enter into a dialogue with the Urban Forestry Commission soon.

Regards,

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