EXHIBIT 7.b: Sound Urban Forestry Peer Review (8/29/25)

SOUND URBAN FORESTRY, LLC SUF

Memo

To: Nikole Coleman, City of Poulsbo, Planning Manager

From: Kevin McFarland, City of Poulsbo Contracted Arborist

Date: 8/29/2025

Re: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD & Preliminary Plat Review

Upon the request of the City of Poulsbo, Sound Urban Forestry has completed a review of the Site and Grading Plans, Tree Retention Plan and Landscape Plans for the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay residential project. I was provided the submitted materials in an email on July 30, 2025.

Findings and Comments

Site and Grading Plans

There is no mention of silt or tree protection fencing on any of the plans. The locations will need to be indicated along with clear construction notes regarding the sequence of installation and inspections by the project arborist. The WFCI Tree Protection Plan states on page 7 that fencing will be installed.

Preliminary Tree Protection Plan

I concur with the vegetation types presented in the report and the overall sampling methodology used to determine the total number of trees within the site. However, I have concerns about the condition of trees within Tracts A, B, X and W. There are many trees, specifically red alder, big leaf maple and western red cedar that are in decline and should not be counted toward the significant tree count. I am requesting that once the clearing limits are staked, the project arborist revisit these Tracts, asses the significant trees that are potential risks to the adjacent infrastructure and houses and reexamine the significant tree counts. Additionally, the edge trees should be reevaluated once the clearing and grading has begun or is nearly finished. Regardless, it does appear the project will meet the City's minimum tree retention requirements.

Landscape Plan Review

The varieties of trees specified for street trees are all acceptable with the exception of the European beech and flowering Callery pears. Beech are prone to aphids and are too close to the backsides of the sidewalks related to its eventual mature size. Flowering pears are discouraged overall within the City and are considered an invasive species. Replacements will need to be presented.

All varieties specified for the landscape buffers are acceptable with the exception of the Callery pears for the reason stated above.

The preliminary plant palette for the landscaping around the storm pond is acceptable.

Wording needs to be added regarding the soft surface trail that states the project arborist will be required to work with the contractor in locating the final location of the trail and minimizing impacts to adjacent trees to be retained.

If you should have questions, please feel free to contact me at 360-870-2511 or suf1234@comcast.net