

CITY OF SEATTLE - UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting #86

September 11, 2007

Members

Matthew Fox (Co Chair)
Daniel Kraus (Co Chair)
Caroline Colon
Betty Swift
Kit O'Neill
Brett Frosaker
Eric Larson
Dave Eckert
Pat Cowen
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Matthew Stubbs
Heather Newman
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Alternates

Chris Leman
Neal Wechsler
Tom Roth
Larry Sinnott
Brian Ramey
Ruedi Risler
Mark Holden

Ex-Officio Members

Cliff Louie - DON
Theresa Doherty – UW

Members Present

Matt Fox, University District CC
Dan Kraus, UW Staff Representative
Ashley Emery, UW Faculty
Neal Lessenger, UW
Pat Cowan, UPCC
Matthew Stubbs, Eastlake CC

Staff Present

Laurie Ames, Department of Neighborhoods
Theresa Doherty, UW Regional Affairs

Others Present

Jan Arntz, Capital Projects Office
Brian Berard, CPO
Steve Tatge, CPO
Randy Everett, CPO
Andy Castilla, UW
Tracy Reed, Sound Transit
Jeff Leonak, Sound Transit
Rich Johnsrud, Sound Transit

I. Welcome, Introductions

Matt Fox called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Notes

Lacking a quorum, minutes from the two previous meetings were not reviewed.

III. Sound Transit Presentation, Tracy Reed

Tracy Reed, the Sound Transit project manager for University Link Station, gave an update on the project. The University Link is a 3.15 mile section from downtown to the University with stations at Capitol Hill and on the University campus near Husky Stadium. It will be open for service in 2016 with a capital cost of \$1.6 B. Schedule is design for 2 years from December 2006 through late 2008, construction for 6 years and system testing for 6 months. Projections are for 70,000 daily boardings systemwide, including 40,000 from University and Capitol Hill stations. Agency and stakeholder meetings are being held. An Open House will be held at Seattle Central Community College on September 26 and a University Link station meeting will be held in December.

Details of the University station were discussed and the project is being coordinated with the Husky Stadium renovation project. There was discussion of the pedestrian bridge over Montlake Blvd.

A Master Implementation Agreement was signed by Sound Transit and the University in July. The MIA defines how Sound Transit interacts with the mission of the University including entry onto campus, trying to minimize disruptions, looking at hours and routes for hauling and utilizing a staging area south of the stadium. A noise variance would be needed to haul at night. The MIA includes a 66 month construction duration limit. Construction agreements and a construction management plan will be negotiated. There will be a parking mitigation payment for displacement of up to 600 stalls.

UW Board of Regents must approve design before construction and the Architectural Commission will review above ground facilities. Sound Transit is working with the Campus Landscape Advisory Committee and UW Architectural Commission. The Open House in December will be to review 30% design and to receive community input. Sound Transit Board meetings are available on streaming video and every attempt is being made to use e-mail to keep people informed.

The Roads and Transit ballot measure could affect the Brooklyn Station. If the ballot measure passes the Brooklyn Station would be about 2 years behind for the route to Northgate. Entrance to this station will be across from Neptune at UW Tower on the Washington Mutual side. Current WSDOT projections for starting work on 520 is 2013 and Sound Transit is participating in mediation.

IV. Business School EIS, Jan Arntz Richards and Steve Tatge

At the July CUCAC meeting it was decided that UW would not issue draft EIS until after September CUCAC meeting. A number of changes have been made to reflect comments heard at the last CUCAC meeting. Phase 1 will start in fall 2008; height 4' less than before; won't be as tall to address massing issue. Replacement of Balmer Hall is being studied and could start in 2010. Several trees will remain which is a change from the last presentation.

Denny is funded as historic restore the core project; site programming is beginning and is being coordinated with the Business School project; looking at coordination of ADA and accessibility issues. Schematic design is being reviewed by the UW Architectural Commission and was favorably received. In terms of programming inside the buildings, phase I and II are linked. Pete Dukes from the Business School joined the meeting and confirmed that Business School needs are addressed in design and Business School is happy with plans.

It is anticipated that the draft EIS will be issued in mid-September. The draft EIS will look at worst possible case. Comments will be due 30 days after issuance. There will be at least a week after next meeting to comment on the EIS. UW is also initiating a study of Denny Yard by a landscape architect. Jan and Steve will be attending Architectural Commission meeting and will share comments with CUCAC members. They will also provide information being submitted to the Commission. More information will be presented at the October meeting.

CUCAC members expressed continuing concern with the scale of the building and the relationship to Denny

General Updates – Theresa Doherty, UW

International House of Pancakes is being torn down in accordance with Land Use Code and the space will be used as a staging area for Sound Transit. In the interim the space will be used as parking.