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**City of Seattle - University of Washington
 Community Advisory Committee**

MEETING NOTES

November 18, 2008

CUCAC Meeting

7:00 – 9:00 University Tower – 22nd Fl

(Approved January 13, 2008)

Members Present

Matt Fox, U District Community Council

Matthew Stubbs, Eastlake Community Council

Patt Cowan, University Park Community Council

Elaine King

Eric Larson, Roosevelt Neighbors' Alliance

Chris MacKenzie, Wallingford Community Council

Ashley Emery

Staff Present

Theresa Doherty, UW Regional Affairs

Thao Tran, Department of Neighborhoods

Sharon Star, Department of Neighborhoods

Karen Gordon, Department of Neighborhoods

Others Present

Jeff Munnoch, Sound Transit

Tracy Reed, Sound Transit

Andy Casillas, Sound Transit

I. Welcome and Introductions

Matt Fox called the meeting to order at 7:10 and introductions were made.

II. Review and approve meeting notes – October 14, 2008

Matt Fox requested the minutes for October 14 CUCAC meeting be reviewed by members and send him comments. These notes were not approved because there was not a quorum present. Matt Fox also said that the minutes for June 10 have not been reviewed or adopted. Review and approval will be deferred until the next meeting.

III. General Updates – Theresa Doherty

The letter for Cunningham Hall was turned in with time for the 45 days and it was very thorough and well written. DPD will give decision by mid-December. Matt Fox asked if there were any ex parte contact while they are considering it. Theresa Doherty said no.

IV. Sound Transit Update – Tracy Reed, Andy Casillas

Andy Casillas stated that Sound Transit attended this meeting a couple of months ago. They focused on the design updates and where they are at and now he wants to give a brief presentation to talk about the construction and what construction will look like for six years. Pat Cowen asked when the start date is. Andy Casillas said tentatively the start date is mid-January on the two locations with a possible media event at Husky Stadium.

Andy Casillas started the presentation about removing 155 trees and restoration of 260 back along Montlake. Pat Cowen asked how large is the new parking lot in comparison to what it is now? Andy Casillas said E11 & E12 parking lot is 1200 parking stalls. Sound Transit will take 600 stalls during construction and put back 500. The space of 100 stalls is where the new station will be. Theresa Doherty said these are huge trees and Andy Casillas said 20 trees are over two feet in diameter. The wood will go to UW shops, we have a sawmill and they will be reclaim and reuse the wood on campus.

Tracy Reed arrived to finish the presentation that Andy Casillas started. She said that this would be a brief presentation because she has already presented to the CUCAC in September. The landscape plan and the parking orientation in the vicinity of the parking line indicate the aspect site restoration. She gave a description of a walk down of the Rainier vista from about the fountain uphill, at the fountain and incremental down the natural breakpoints. Matt Fox asked to see the presentation and Tracy Reed said they will have links on the UW Capitol Projects Office website.

Pat Cowan asked about the size of the parking stalls and Tracy Reed said they are nine foot stalls and these are wider than what was there before.

To build the station, there are three primary contracts for this project. One is utility relocation that is starting this winter that comes with the project just around the parameter of Husky Stadium near the concession building and restroom buildings. The second contract is the tunneling and station excavation contract. The contractor is building the permanent outside walls and portion of base slab where they will launch tunnel boring machines from there south to Capitol Hill Station. The third contractor finishes station, builds all the floors, the vertical circulation, ventilation, mechanical and electrical rooms and fits out the rest of the station and builds the above ground facilities. She showed how the traffic flow is impacted. They talked about cut and cover work back in September that is short in duration to bring power duct bank across Montlake Boulevard that is scheduled for March 2010. Pat Cowan asked if this will close Montlake down and Tracy Reed said Montlake traffic may be reduced but Sound Transit will keep traffic flow open but moving over one direction and back the other way with fewer lanes.

Tracy Reed spoke about the schematic of the larger site and truck hauling route during the day and evenings are expected to allow left straight out signal, so the signal is being modified for better traffic control in the off hours. We are planning a variance to allow

around the clock work and seven days a week potential for the tunneling. Tracy clarified that 140 trees will be removed and 230 replaced in the current plans.

Elaine King asked about a land use sign regarding a five-story building behind the hospital that will have concurrent construction projects? Andy Casillas replied the contractor is on board, they are doing prep work now and the actual excavation will start in March. The civil work will be done prior to the larger civil work.

Pat Cowan asked what noise decibel will there be. Tracy Reed said the construction site is surrounded by a solid wall along Montlake Boulevard and by the roadway where the trucks will be circulating through the site. Pat Cowan asked how tall the wall is. Tracy Reed replied the southern wall is 12 feet because the site is lower so this reduces the height of the surface. The prediction is 59 decibels at the residents along the path and ambient measurements during the night is 57 at those residents. We also survey Surgery Pavilion and it is higher with another receiver which is a concern from a noise standpoint. Matt Fox asked to consider the effective noise across water at night because of various atmospheric conditions, that might carry farther than you think it might. Tracy Reed cited work that was done has assumed the water is 100% reflective. We did not attempt atmospheric variations.

Tracy Reed said the reason for a variance is to relieve truck movement through the site to support the tunnel excavation. Matt Fox asked if there was a noise variance for this if it is not on site. He also asked where soils are transported to. Tracy Reed said that the contractor is not required to go to a specific site. They have to be approved for receiving certain types of materials. Thao Tran asked if there are going to be any mitigation for ground vibration of the burrowing of the tunnel for medical equipment. Sound Transit has studied, they measured what the tunnel burrowing machines created on Beacon Hill and Sound Transit conducted field study and UW paid for an independent study as well. The results came in lower than what we have reported in our environment impact statement. The only mitigation for that activity was duration and how long they have under the campus.

Theresa Doherty asked how it affects under the campus. Tracy Reed said commitment in the plan was to have by line extended to Northgate by 2020 and the UW link opens in 2016. We are determining how much work can be started versus the delay of passing of the ballot. Preparing amendments to the budget for 2008 action for consideration on what we will be able to finance next year for design or property acquisition and other work. A brief discussion on what will happen after the UW. Ashley Emery wanted to clarify that this is the current plan. Tracy Reed said yes.

V. Ethnic Cultural Center Expansion – Norm Menter

Theresa Doherty passed out a handout on the Ethnic Cultural Center Expansion. While they waited for Norm Menter she gave an overview on the project. The Office for Minority Affairs and Vice Provost for Student Life have been working with the students on the S & A Fee Committee they completed a feasibility study. The goal was to assess current condition of that ECC Program and what new needs the students in that area

might have. They are recommending a new 22,500 sf building to replace the existing 10,000 sp facility. Matt Fox asked if it was the same print tall building. Theresa Doherty was unsure. This is a two page document that contains pertinent information.

VI. Updates - Housekeeping

Theresa Doherty suggested that the letterhead and names on it be updated. Many of the folks listed are no longer representing the organizations listed. The group agreed that the list should be updated.

Action Item: Do a letter to all the members to update the list and letterhead. This is to go to the presidents of the clubs that are a part of the City agreement.

Matt Fox asked about the West Campus Garage? Theresa Doherty said is moving along and not sure when it would be open. The goal was probably up and running before Sound Transit was in. Andy Casillas said it is all in now they are putting guard rails and finishes, so he thought as the first quarter. Andy Casillas said the average truck traffic is one truck per one minute. Peak will be 2011 and 2012 when they start hauling out the tunnel excavation spoils and all the work is projected to be done at night.

Jeff Munnoch passed out a handout on Link Light Rail – UW Station Construction Noise and about a community meeting on November 20, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Graham Visitors Center, Arboretum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.