

Beacon Hill Council Meeting
Jefferson Community Center
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
6:30 pm

1. Results of Meeting with PLUZ Council Chair Rob Johnson about MHA/HALA/2035 Seattle Comp Plan and EIS (Maria Batayola)
 - a. The meeting was informative. Learned some of what we wanted e.g. 1) waive fees for small developments of 4 unit or less are already being worked on and 2) parking rationale is being worked on by Mike O'Brien. Was encouraged to work with Mayor's office on items that have budgetary implications e.g. community land trust and \$200K request to address air and noise pollution health impacts. Johnson said the Council had asked the Mayor to conduct an RSJ analyses after the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is done.
 - b. The letter to Council should be posted on the BHCS website.
2. Letters of Concern: Navigation Center and Parks RFP for Youth Golf (Maria Batayola for Mira Latoszek)
 - a. See letters online at www.northbeaconhillcouncil.org
 - b. Awaiting response from letter about Navigation Center.
 - c. Awaiting response from Parks about rescinding the RFP for Youth Golf
3. Beacon Hill Design Guidelines Committee (Carey Dagliano-Holmes)
 - a. This is an opportune time to review guidelines because of proposed urban village expansion. Guideline updates do not occur often, and are revisited outside of normal schedule only upon major neighborhood changes.
 - b. Committee members included: Angela Castaneda, Craig Lorch, Cacima Lee, Lee Nathan, Mira Latoszek, Mark Holland, and Stephanie Bowman.
 - c. Recommendations include:
 - i. More deliberate hiding of rooftop mechanical, HVAC, and other accessories
 - ii. Adoption of a citywide guideline to explore history and cultural significance of place
 - d. A vote was called to write a letter to advocate changing the Beacon Hill design guidelines to include the two recommendations
 - i. 12 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.
4. ["Find It Fix It at Beacon Hill: What It Is, When and How To Participate"](#) (Lemmis Stephens, Lemmis.Stephens@seattle.gov)
 - a. The North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Walk will be led by Mayor Murray with directors and department heads to pinpoint places that seem concerning or unsafe. 2 dates are available - May 25 or October 7. Prior to the walk, residents asked to point out problems to the Mayor and his team e.g. graffiti, illegal dumping, potholes, flooding. The 'Find It, Fix It' companion app is also available to do this.
 - b. 4-6 weeks before the walk, neighborhood leaders will meet and create the route walk and assign roles for participants. Roles include advocacy to group and others.
 - c. The majority of 12 interested neighbors agreed that Saturday, October 7th was the best date.
5. Sgt Heidi Tuttle gave a quick update on Beacon Hill status.
 - a. [The SPD crime dashboard contains details on crime and police activity](#). It also includes a Youtube video explaining how to use the tool
 - b. SPD encourages neighbors to host Living Room Conversations where the neighbors and the police can have a casual conversation on issues of concern.
 - c. Crime stats: residential burglary down 62%, car prowls down 31%, robberies (theft with force) up by 2 incidents.
 - d. Spring Break is coming - they have more programs to engage school-aged kids. Recommends neighbors remain diligent and don't hesitate to call 911.
 - e. SPD's homeless approach includes a cross-functional 'Navigation team' was formed 4 weeks ago to provide 'wrap-around' services to the homeless.
6. ["Historic Preservation: Preserving Neighborhood Character"](#) (Erin Doherty, Doherty@seattle.gov)

- a. There are over 400 designated individual landmarks in the city, public and private-owned. A landmark must be at least 25 years old and meet one of six designation standards, possess integrity or ability to convey its significance.
 - b. Preservation Districts include Pioneer Square, Pike Place Market, International Special Review District, Ballard Avenue, Columbia City Review, Harvard-Belmont, Fort Lawton, and Sand Point Naval Air Station. District designation applies to exterior of buildings, right of ways.
 - c. Process of historic preservation
 - i. Nomination before Landmarks Board (12 volunteers)
 - ii. Designation
 - iii. Controls and Incentives Agreement
 - iv. Designating Ordinance
 - v. Certificates of Approval/Administrative Review
 - vi. Environmental Review (Historic preservation component of State Environmental Protection Act)
 - vii. Section 106 Review, for federal funding implications
 - d. Incentives of Historic Preservation
 - i. Tax valuation (provided 25% of value spent on improvements), zoning code relief, building code relief, transfer of development rights and potential, floor area exemption, facade easements, preservation easements, historic rehab tax credits
 - e. Beacon Hill historic sites
 - i. Katie Black historic walk and Japanese garden
 - ii. Pacific Hospital
 - iii. Cheasty Boulevard
 - iv. Fire Station 13
 - v. Cleveland High School
 - vi. First Baptist Church by architect Elsworth Story
 - f. Questions
 - i. Where to get more information? Over 2000 survey and inventory results are on the [City website](#).
 - ii. Is it possible to list a neighborhood block with historic architecture? [King County 4Culture](#) can provide grant money for a culture specialist/researcher to start this process.
 - iii. What is the process of creating a historic district? Survey neighborhood, then talk with lots of neighbors for buyin. Potentially apply to be listed on a national register.
7. [1405 S. Bayview Mixed-Use Development \(Pacific Housing NW\)](#)
 (Tim Abell or Representative, info@pacifichousingnw.com) **Note: Property is a Historic Site**
- a. 7 story, 79 units, 2000 residential, 23 parking. Passed early planning guidance, will be presenting in June. Project will have at least 2 step approval process, and would like to gather community input via BHCS meeting. Design review only has purview over look and feel of building design, not parking or right-of-way.
 - b. Further discussion to be scheduled for June meeting.
8. [15th Avenue S & S Columbian Way Intersection Improvement Project](#) Funded from 2016 SDOT Neighborhood Street Fund (Natalie Graves)
- a. Robert, co chair of Beacon Hill Safe Streets (BHSS) gave a short history of project funding, development, PTA and community input.
 - b. SDOT - Neighborhood Street Fund project - design 2017, construction 2018. Funding must be used during this cycle. Project goal is to simplify crossing and driving.
 - c. Technical design of project
 - i. Original design had flaws, including peak time backups
 - ii. Current design keeps main traffic on Columbian, restricts left and right turns out of Oregon, and creates Northbound traffic gaps due to the crosswalk restricting all northbound traffic.
 - d. Project Status
 - i. Now at 30% design
 - ii. Door knocking for neighborhood awareness started 1.5 weeks ago
 - e. Questions/concerns
 - i. When were surveys conducted?
 - ii. Concern about I-5 short cutters using or abusing Albro

- iii. 28 attendees live on the West side of 15th and are concerned about intersection
 - iv. What about VA hospital outreach and analysis of peak worker arrival times
 - v. Concern about lack of community outreach, including neighbors not receiving letters
 - vi. Walking to Mercer MS is difficult at present
- f. To allow for continued community discussion with SDOT and for the BHC Board to start its meeting, the Board adjourned the meeting and went to another room.
9. BHC Community Meeting Adjourned.
- NOTE: SDOT and community members agreed to meet in 2 weeks close to the problematic traffic area, possibly at Mercer Middle School.

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1. Attendees
 - a. Maria Batayola
 - b. Linda Jensen
 - c. Dove John
 - d. Amy Kaminishi
 - e. Mira Latoszek
 - f. Susan Lee Woo
 - g. Roseanne Lorenzana
 - h. Lee Nathan
 - i. Kathryn Rathke
 - j. Cacima Lee (guest)
2. Maria moved to expedite minute approval process to within one week of meeting, after secretary publishes quick draft of minutes
 - a. All approved, none opposed, none opposed. The motion passed.
3. March minutes
 - a. Statement about a comment from Brian should be changed to Craig Lorch
 - b. Lee moved to approve as amended, Mira seconded
 - c. All approved, none opposed, none opposed. The motion passed.
4. Financial Report & Other (Amy)
 - a. Account balance of \$701
 - b. Amy will pay \$10 to Secretary of State for registration
 - c. Maria was paid \$50 for speaking on BHCS' behalf to LWOP diversity and inclusion
5. Discussion on Next Steps on 2035 Seattle Comp Letter & EIS (Maria)
 - a. Should we work more with mayor's office to drive change?
 - b. Draft EIS expected in mid-late May. Maps released, then 90 days to comment, then final EIS will release (run by PLUZ committee)
 - c. Race and Social justice analysis is disconnected from EIS (run by Mayor's office)
 - d. What in the plan should we focus on with equitable development people?
 - i. What is the follow-through? What is recourse if we reach a dead-end with RSJ analysis through mayor?
 - ii. What is our political capital with the mayor?
 - iii. The State SEPA mandates the EIS and its content.
 - iv. City Council is working on some aspects of our letter's request
 - e. Mira thinks if RSJ comes after SEPA application, it won't hold water.
 - f. How do we drive application of RSJ city-wide?
 - i. Not likely to be driven from north end communities
 - ii. Other south end communities had RSJ analysis en route to receive innovation funds
 - g. Impact on council
 - i. Do we still have opportunity to effect change at city council level, while its still in committee?
 1. Mira will find out where the legislation stands in the process, searching through records
 2. Linda can help with letter writing
 3. Dove can help by going to a meeting
 4. Roseanne can help throughout
 - h. Next steps
 - i. The Board agreed to review the table from Maria by COB Thursday and provide feedback by Friday
 - ii. Should we meet with Equitable Development Team under the mayor?

1. Chairs showed general agreement to meet with them, as they will be our advocates
 2. Afternoon meeting interest was indicated by Roseanne, Dove, Maria, possibly Mira (later in day), possibly Cacima, possibly Linda
6. Action from the Community Meeting (All)
- a. Letter to design board with recommended changes
 - i. Lee agreed to send example pictures to Maria to include in letter
 - b. Amy agreed to continue search for new bank
 - c. Blog
 - i. Action requested to change Calendar to Neighborhood Plan
 - ii. Other changes will be coordinated through Lee by Maria
 - d. Jefferson Park Festival
 - i. There was general agreement to host a table and advocate the organization
 - ii. Attendees showed excitement for 'doing things' around a table
 - iii. Several ideas were suggested about games and sales for fundraiser
 1. Potential committee members included Cacima and Linda