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North Beacon Hill Council Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Jefferson Community Center

1. Announcements/Updates
 - a. GDDC update by Stephen Daspit
 - i. Neighborhood Parks and Street Fund Projects were selected: traffic calming on Alaska, traffic calming at 14th and Massachusetts, and 2 marked crosswalks on Airport Way in Georgetown. Neighborhood Streets Funds projects will be decided on Tuesday, May 24th at Georgetown City Hall.
 - b. Grant update by Maria Batayola
 - i. Version 8 of the survey to be approved after this meeting. The survey will be finalized, translated into 5 languages, and delivered to residents in early June.
2. Port of Seattle, Commissioner Stephanie Bowman
 - a. Sustainable Airport Master Plan by Lance Lyttle, Airport Manager and Elizabeth Leavitt, Aviation Planning Director
 - i. 4 projects are active at the airport to accommodate planned future growth. 37M annual passengers and 340k operations in 2014, 66M and 540k in 2034.
 - ii. The Master Plan decides what to do to meet growth and is the first plan nationwide that integrates sustainability. The upcoming planning schedule includes economic development and public outreach.
 - b. Airport Noise by Stan Shepard, Noise Program Manager
 - i. The Port of Seattle implements sound insulation programs, performs community outreach, and responds to noise concerns. The FAA manages air traffic, regulates airports, and funds sound insulation programs.
 - ii. Air traffic is 12% up from 2015 YTD. Seatac is fastest-growing large hub airport in US. Overflight maps show planes flying over Beacon Hill on both North and South 'flow' days
 - iii. 'Greener Skies' is a new technology being implemented by FAA that mandates autopilot for planes with optimized descent, but does not benefit North Beacon Hill due to proximity to the airport.
 - iv. The Day Night Level noise contour is based on operations, flows, aircraft, weather, and terrain. An airport environmental design tool uses input to determine the contour. The airport can implement sound insulation projects to buildings within the zone, but North Beacon Hill is not within the contour.
 - v. Several noise monitors are used throughout Seattle. PublicVue Flight Tracking tool is available on the PoS website. The SeaTac noise office hotline and website are valid noise reporting tools.
 - c. Questions
 - i. What is the frequency of flights over neighborhood?
 1. 1000 operations per day with morning and midday rushes. Peak month is August with 539 departures, which could grow to 825 in 2034. Widebody aircraft operations increase from 5% to 6% in 2034.
 - ii. Is there an increase of mitigation possibilities with increased operations?
 1. Day Night Level Contours are not expected to move much for 2034 plan, but Boeing field has recently started noise plan that may affect Beacon Hill.
 - iii. Can we review the noise data from surveys?

1. The Port has data and could provide it if requested.
- iv. How will aircraft fleet changes affect noise levels?
 1. The Port doesn't anticipate quick changes in regards to quieter fleet aircraft.
- v. What is the maintenance and accuracy of the noise meters?
 1. PoS replaced all meters in October 2015, and there are no plans to add additional noise meters. Meters are calibrated twice yearly.
- vi. What about the 16th and Dakota sensor?
 1. Sensor picks up traffic from all regional airports.
- vii. What is the Port's authority over nighttime operations?
 1. The FAA restricts Port's authority of implementing 'quiet hours,' per the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990
- viii. Why do we perceive volume changes?
 1. Weather and cloud cover can change perceived volumes of planes.
- ix. Are there different standards for passenger vs cargo?
 1. No, all aircraft are treated equally and certified by FAA to Stage 3 noise levels. Military planes do not fall under FAA regulations
- x. How do we know phone calls don't fall on deaf ears?
 1. Commissioners need to answer for the port!
- xi. Are there any considerations for the dense cluster of airports in area?
 1. The FAA is considering Seattle as a 'metroplex'.
- xii. What is the effect of Paine Field opening commercial service?
 1. A small effect on SeaTac operations.
- xiii. Can the port raise Landing Fees?
 1. Airports operate on cost recovery basis. The port has no authority to raise fees, since airport is 'sealed unit' with no taxpayer support.
- xiv. Can we choose to restrict the growth?
 1. Competition for customers is criteria to receive grants.
- xv. 3° angle vs stepdown approach- What is the altitude over Beacon Hill?
 1. Stepdown ends 30 miles outside the runway, not on final approach. Planes fly an angled final approach over Beacon Hill.
- xvi. Why is it called "engines on idle"?
 1. The term is 'flight idle,' or 30% throttle.
- xvii. Idling, gears, and flaps has huge impact on noise. Can port affect timing or procedures?
 1. The airport doesn't want to tell the pilot how to configure his/her plane, and the FAA controls planes in the air.
- xviii. How did Obama's environmental justice executive order trickle down to FAA?
 1. The environmental review mostly impacts plans and not day-to-day operations
- xix. What is the impact of increased traffic on air quality?
 1. This study is part of the plan.
- d. Biofuel with Alaska Airlines
 - i. Port announced funding to support research into biofuels and their delivery.
- e. "What can we do?" by commissioner Bowman
 - i. Expand noise contours, encourage placement of more noise monitors, and explore FAA metroplex designation options

North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Survey Steering Committee Meeting

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1. Intro, Maria Batayola
 - a. Schedule review
 - i. Survey into residents' hands by end of may. Survey period from 2 June-30 June-30
 - ii. A&A M-F
 - iii. Saigon - M-Saturday
 - iv. Volunteers needed
 - b. Survey revision 8
 - i. Many questions eliminated through simplification effort
 - ii. Question about students question
 1. What do we do with resulting data?
 2. This data is in census
 3. There was agreement to leave question in survey.
 - iii. Why bucketize income spent on housing, transport?
 1. Is there a risk of not finishing survey?
 2. 'About what percent' instead of choosing from options for housing and transportation
 - c. Neighborhood PPlan Policy Section
 - i. Change date to 2010 everywhere
 - ii. Include text 'shown below'
 - d. Beacon Hill divisions
 - i. North: Spokane St and north
 - ii. Middle: Graham to Spokane St
 - iii. South: South of Graham St
 - iv. Agreement to strike the map of greater area
 - e. A2 - Integrated art culture and signage
 - i. Changed 'integrated' to 'signs that incorporate elements of art,...'
 - f. A1 - Signage
 - i. Remove traffic slowing intent from 'Welcome' signs option
 - g. A4 Cumulative impact analysis wording changes
 - i. Public health impact analysis from noise and airplane emissions
 - h. A8 Beacon Hill
 - i. 'in' or 'on' Beacon Hill, not 'at'
 - i. B - Policy direction
 - i. 'No matter where you live'
 - j. C- Remove websites from survey, since they are not translated
 - k. Additional question in C - Have you heard of the effort to expand the Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village?
 - i. Agreement to add this question
 - ii. 'Here's a brief description to answer the questions below'
 - l. C2 - 'to reflect an average 10 minute walk from the light rail station'
 - m. c1 and 3 seem like variations of c2. Are they necessary?
 - i. Strike C1.
 - n. D - Change map reference to 'see the map'
 - o.

- p. C,D, maybe B? - Do we need to explain why we're asking questions?
 - i. What if we ask questions and explain why after the questions?
 - ii. What about keeping policy explanation vague as intro?
 - 1. Maria proposes "These questions from 2010 neighborhood plan"
- 2. Volunteers
 - a. Dropoff locations - deadline Saturday, 5/7
 - i. Confirm Library and Station
 - 1. Miguel to ask the Station
 - a. Miguel to ask El Centro about event to share survey
 - 2. Stephen to ask PacMed and Library
 - ii. Pursue New Holly as distribution site
 - 1. Kathryn to ask New Holly and Fou Lee
 - a. Survey awareness event
 - i. Food, translator, help to fill out survey
 - ii. Lee Assoc
 - iii. El Centro
 - iv. IDIC
 - v. Fou Lee
 - 2. Other
 - iii. Dropoffs should support a weekly pickup of submitted surveys
 - b. POsters
 - i. Linda and Stephen to chair
 - 1. Lee, Kathryn can help
 - c. Social Media
 - i. Mira to chair
 - d. Website
 - e. Record time and locations!
- 3. Survey duration
 - a. 4 or 5 weeks?
 - b. Maria prefers shorter rather than longer.
- 4. Contract
 - a. No contract yet.
 - b. Any time we put in before the contract is signed does not count!
 - c. When do we push the schedule back as a result of the city's foot-dragging on contract
 - d. Mira to talk to Maria about contract progress tomorrow, 5/4
 - i. If not signed, Maria does NOT send to translators
- 5. Translations
 - a. DON recommendations
 - b. El Centro recommendations for Spanish