

Minutes #1

(Adopted November 4, 2019)

Kaiser Permanente Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

Monday, December 10, 2018

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Kaiser Permanente – Capitol Hill Campus
Capitol Hill Main Building – D649, 6th Floor
201 16th Ave E
Seattle WA 98112

Members and Alternate Present:

John Akamatsu	Kimberly Gon	Branden Reynolds	Michael Wanderer
Pablo Carasquillo	Jackson Holtz	Kristin Ryan	Sheila Gulati (Voting Alt)
David Dahl	Aarti Khana	Aaron Terrazas	Ian Martinez (Voting Alt)

Staff and Other Present:

Maureen Sheehan – DON Julie Yeager – Kaiser Permanente

1. Opening & Introduction

Ms. Maureen Sheehan opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

This is the first public meeting for the newly formed Kaiser Permanente Standing Advisory Committee (SAC). The City of Seattle Department of Neighborhood (DON) sent out member solicitations and press release during the summer to the surrounding neighborhood of the Kaiser Permanente Capitol Hill Campus. The City received 40 applications and 14 committee members were selected. All members are asked to serve a 2-year term. The Committee meets the 2nd Mondays of the month, and all committee work will happen at this meeting. DON maintains a [website](#) that will post all meeting notices, minutes, presentations and any additional information from Kaiser Permanente.

She added that it is a public meeting, the members of the public are welcome and there will be a public comment period for those who signed in.

2. Member Orientation/Process Overview (14:15)

Ms. Sheehan summarized the purpose and intent of this committee. She commented about the institution's goal to thrive and be an integral part of the community and the input and feedback from the local neighbors about the institution's development plans is an important part of the process to address and mitigate impacts.

She discussed the Major Institutions Master Plan (MIMP), Major Institutions Overlay (MIO) and what it does along with the development standards established by the City and the institution. She talked about roles and responsibilities of this Committee, City Departments, and the Institution to collaborate, review and monitor any development plans that will have affect the MIMP.

3. Review SAC By-laws (30:59)

Ms. Sheehan commented that the Committee's Bylaws are available for review. She also mentioned about the chairpersons that will be running the meetings. the Committee will vote to approve the bylaws and elect the chairpersons at the upcoming meetings.

4. Group Health/Kaiser Permanente History (32:58)

Ms. Sheehan introduced Ms. Kris Greco Thompson, who does government relations and brand communications for Kaiser Permanente Washington, to present a brief summary of Kaiser Permanente's history and role in the Capitol Hill Campus and Washington.

She mentioned the early beginnings and history of both Group Health and Kaiser Permanente and the acquisition highlights and summarized the role of Kaiser Permanente in the state of Washington and how its connected and coordinated care will provide quality care for all its members. She shared its expansion strategy outside of the Capitol Hill Campus including a center at Gig Harbor and new clinics at Ballard, Smokey Point, West Olympia, Gig Harbor and South Lake Union.

She mentioned the importance of the Capitol Hill Campus for Kaiser as well as the surrounding neighborhood it serves. The goal for tonight's meeting is to listen and hear feedback from the neighbors on what they would like to see for the campus and be an important player for the community in providing quality health care.

A question was asked about the number licensed beds currently available on campus and Ms. Thompson mentioned that 18 beds out of 50 are being utilized and these are not long-term admittance beds.

A question was asked about how the MIO and the campus boundary was determined, and Ms. Sheehan mentioned that she will refer to SDCI (Seattle Department of Constructions & Inspections) for more information.

5. Public Comments (50:03)

Ms. Sheehan opened the discussion for public comments.

(Editor's Note: The comments shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in voice recording (.mp3) form)

Comments from Alex Brennan: Mr. Brennan is a resident and neighbor and expressed his gratitude to the Committee members who volunteered their time to represent and be stewards of the neighborhood in this process.

Comments from McCaela Daffern: Ms. Daffern reiterated Mr. Brennan's comments and added that their time and commitment through this process shows how dedicated and invested they are in the community and to the institution.

Comment from Barbara Muller: Ms. Muller is a neighbor and resident and she asked if the \$1 billion investment was specific to the Capitol Hill Campus.

Kaiser Permanente responded that the investment is for Kaiser Washington.

Comments from an anonymous person: A question was asked if the MUP is available to view by the public, and Ms. Sheehan mentioned that she will share the information.

Comments from an anonymous person: A question was asked about the public's influence on this process, and Ms. Sheehan mentioned that this is an advisory committee and they make recommendations based on MIMP development standards, as well as input and comments from the public. SDCI takes the Committee's recommendations, and public comments seriously before taking any actions or decisions.

A follow up comment was made if the public communicates to the Committee, and Ms. Sheehan mentioned that all information is shared in these public meetings. Agendas and presentations are sent in advance prior to the meeting. The public can send comments and questions to her and she will pass it along to the Committee at the meetings. Public comments at these meetings are the best opportunity to share the public's concerns and opinions to the Committee.

Comments from an anonymous person: He is a long-time resident of the neighborhood and he has seen Group Health tear down properties and build parking lots. He also mentioned about the impact of traffic as more people will be coming in the campus and it will create a burden on street parking and he is wondering how the institution will address these issues.

Ms. Sheehan added the issue of parking lot spaces as a discussion item at the upcoming meetings.

Comments from Connie Chaplan: Ms. Chaplan commented about where it is now in the current process and if there were any decisions made.

Ms. Thompson mentioned that the institution decided to listen and learn from the neighborhood about what they want to see that would benefit both the institution and the neighbors. She added that inputs from the public comments, and any recommendations from the Committee is critical and essential to help create a campus space that will be beneficial to the members of the institutions as well as the neighbors.

Comments from an anonymous person: A comment was made about what he heard from a Kaiser Permanente spokesperson about the plans for the campus. The spokesperson mentioned that the any campus expansion or remodel will not be bigger or higher. He expressed his concerns that this may change in the future and he encourage the institution to listen to these concerns.

Comments from an anonymous person: He commented that he has been a long-time resident of Capitol Hill and participated in several development plans around the neighborhood and he has seen changes. He mentioned about monitoring any building or property in the surrounding area that may soon be available for development.

6. Committee Deliberation (1:09:24)

Ms. Sheehan opened the discussion for committee deliberation.

Ms. Sheehan commented that this is an opportunity for the Committee members to share their initial thoughts about the process and the presentation and any questions they need clarification.

Committee members expressed their excitement, curiosity, and interest about the whole process. They shared their interest in improving the institution's footprint as well as addressing the needs and concerns of the surrounding neighborhood. The members agreed that it is important to listen to the neighbors, address their concerns and be partners in the planning process.

The members would like more information about the institution's plans to address parking and pedestrian safety issues, public transportation, status of any buildings or properties within the MIO, and any future development plans on campus. Ms. Sheehan commented that these suggestions are very helpful to include in the agenda at future meetings. She added to stay tune for more presentations from Kaiser Permanente as well as City Departments such as SDOT and SDCI.

Ms. Yeager commented that Kaiser Permanente does not have plans to present to the Committee. Her role is to listen and participate to the conversation, so they will be better informed on the needs of the neighborhood and community and how it fits to Kaiser's development plans. She added to provide more information about the issues that were presented including the parking spaces in the upcoming meetings.

A comment was made about providing a current map of the MIO and the surrounding properties at the next meeting to better understand the existing footprint of the institution.

A comment was made if there is a process were the Committee recommended that the current Master Plan is deficient, and Ms. Sheehan mentioned that any decision to change a certain element of the Master Plan will go through SDCI who will review and decide on the Committee's recommendation. She added that going through this amendment process requires a thorough analysis.

7. Meeting #2 Agenda & Adjournment

Ms. Yeager mentioned that the meeting schedule will be every 2nd Mondays of each month. The Committee will not meet in January. The next scheduled meeting will be in February.

Ms. Sheehan added that she will send out a meeting cancellation and encouraged the Committee members to reach out to their neighbors and inform them about the upcoming meetings. Minutes from the meeting are sent to the Committee members for review before it is shared with the public.

No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.