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**Seattle Children's  
Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting #19**

**July 18, 2017**

**Adopted TBD**

Seattle Children's  
4800 Sand Point Way NE – Ocean Cafe  
Seattle, WA 98105

**Members and Alternates Present**

Janice Camp	Gina Trask	Shelley Hartnett
Richard Loo	Judith Neilson	Wendy Paul
Josephine Pompey	Karen Wolf	

**Staff and Others Present**

Maureen Sheehan	City of Seattle, DON
Emily Ehlers	City of Seattle, DOT
Colin Vasquez	City of Seattle, SDCI
Todd Johnson	Seattle Children's, Facilities & Supply Chain
Katy Chaney	AECOM
Tobin Thompson	ZGF
Jim Keller	Site Workshop

**Note:** Children's led a site walk of the site where Forest B is proposed to be located from 5:15 – 6 PM.

**I. Opening and Introductions**

Ms. Karen Wolf opened the meeting and summarized the agenda items. Brief introductions followed.

Mr. Todd Johnson introduced Mr. Russ Williams, the Chief Administrative Officer of Seattle Children's. He has been with Seattle Children's since January 2017.

**II. Housekeeping**

The Committee voted and adopted Meeting minutes #18 from June 12, 2017.

**III. Full MUP Submittal Design Review**

Ms. Wolf opened the floor to discuss project updates.

Mr. Tobin Thompson of ZGF presented a brief overview and the latest iteration and proposal for the MUP submittal design review. The focus of the presentation was on the site plan, building elevations and sections, status on the MIMP conditions, and the design guidelines.

He showed a diagram of the status of the campus as well as the Phase 2 footprint. He also showed the various levels of the hospital and the different views of the building elevation and sections.

He emphasized that the major entrance appears at Penny Drive and will remain there, and the circulation from Sand Point Way and 40<sup>th</sup> will enter at Penny Drive. Access to the site at 40<sup>th</sup> will be Emergency Department users. All other users will be encouraged to use Penny Drive. Shuttles currently enter and exit at Penny, in the proposed plan half will leave at Penny Drive when going north and the other half will leave through 40<sup>th</sup> when going south, which will be a reduction in shuttle traffic leaving out of 40<sup>th</sup>.

He described the status of the key conditions under the MIMP. He noted that Children's continues to track on the square footage and the FAR against the campus limit of 1.9 million. Children's also continues to track and document progress toward the 30% SOV target by improving the rideshare programs, encouraging bus, bicycle, and pedestrian modes. Ms. Jamie Cheney, transportation director of Children's mentioned that Children's SOV rate is at 37.4% as of the 2015 study.

Mr. Thompson added that they are following their compliance with the MIMP conditions and they will be documented as part of the MUP submittal. Mr. Johnson added that he highlighted the status of the MIMP conditions at the last meeting.

He described the specific design guidelines. These guidelines were reviewed by a subcommittee of the Design Commission and the draft will be referred to SDCI for final approval. These guidelines relate to site design including the campus character, public entrances and access points, streetscape, pathways and sidewalks, landscaping, safety and lighting and parking. It also includes architectural character that describes height, bulk and scale, architectural elements and features and rooftops and finish material.

Mr. Thompson introduced Mr. Jim Keller, landscape architect, to describe the landscape strategy for Forest B.

Mr. Keller mentioned that the landscape strategy for the Forest B project does not change from Forest A. The real driver for the campus is its plant diversity, and the goal is to have plantings for all four seasons that give a welcoming experience for patients, their families, and staff. Children's will continue to curate the plant materials and continue the same garden environment throughout Forest B.

Mr. Richard Loo inquired about the upcoming schedule and next steps for the Committee. Mr. Thompson noted that they are looking for the Committee's input about the presentation and begin to draft a letter for MUP intake on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Sheehan added that the goal of the meeting is to gather the Committee's comments about what was presented. At the next meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Committee will finalize a letter that will be submitted to Mr. Colin Vasquez of SDCI so he can incorporate the information into his MUP review.

#### **IV. Public Comment (00:49:26)**

Ms. Wolf opened the floor for public comments. There was no public comment.

#### **V. Committee Deliberation (00:50:00)**

Ms. Wolf opened the floor for committee deliberation.

Ms. Sheehan reiterated that the Committee's comments for the final letter that will be submitted to SDCI for consideration in the MUP review and submittal will include areas they like and do not like about the building plans or any changes that they would like to emphasize.

Ms. Judith Neilson commented that Children's has done an excellent job on the landscaping and she was hoping that it will continue with the new additions. She also would like to see the rooftops to have more greenspaces and an outdoor space that is close to the patient's room.

Ms. Pompey commented on having ADA accessibility on the Boeing Garden.

Mr. Loo commented on the thoughtful view of the site plans as it relates to the adjacent buildings. He would like to look and emphasize at the plans for pedestrians and their access to the campus and how it affects campus circulation. Mr. Johnson commented on Mr. Loo's comment that Children's will be installing an access point that will be ADA accessible. Mr. Loo added that since Children's put a lot of thought to it, that it should be highlighted.

Ms. Wolf commented on the separation of modes for bicyclist and pedestrians that is separate from the shuttle which should invite more people to walk on campus.

A comment was made about having the bus stop along 40<sup>th</sup> be moved so it does not interfere with the shuttles turning left on 40<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cheney mentioned that they are working with Metro to move the bus stop.

Dr. Trask made about the helistop and how it will use the newest technology to minimize the lighting and noise and she would like more clarification on how they would enforce it.

A comment was made about the two building design concepts that were presented and it would be nice to know which direction Children's is focusing on.

Mr. Loo commented about the two massing studies and the debate on trying to match the materials of the adjacent buildings. He noted about a better approach to tell a subtle difference between Forest A and Forest B. He added that he prefers a slight different on the treatment of the massing between the adjacent buildings.

A comment was made about the plantings to improve the transition from the big structure to the adjacent neighborhood.

Ms. Camp made about continuing the treatments along the front edge with green planting and she would like to see more of it as it provides a physical and emotional barrier from traffic. She added that like having the tall trees and plantings that cools off the buildings during summer. She added that her concerns were on the planting choices and she hopes that will be more options to alleviate any added maintenance on these plants.

A comment was made about having the seating areas in various places and she would like to see more green spaces that is accessible for families.

A comment was made about having a better signage and ground directions on the backside of the campus to invite more neighbors to engage with the campus.

Ms. Pompey commented on the pedestrian crossing and how much traffic will be going in and out of the crossing. Mr. Thompson commented that it will be less and Ms. Chaney added that it will be less due to less shuttle traffic that will be coming in and out. She mentioned that the full traffic study is available in the EIS.

Mr. Loo commented that the landscape designers should think about having colored or concrete structures that signifies a change in use of the driveways.

A comment was made if Building C will have retail. Mr. Johnson mentioned that the project has evolved and decided to pull those plans.

Ms. Pompey commented about having people sleeping at the bus stop by Sand Point Way and suggested if someone can monitor bus stop. Mr. Thompson mentioned that the security officers are up to the task if they see that people are not behaving properly.

Ms. Sheehan briefly summarized the elements that the Committee discussed and the Committee voted and agreed on the list of elements. She noted that she will put together a draft letter will send it back to the Committee for comments or edits.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that they will have refinements on the schemes and the meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> will be an appropriate time to have the discussion and closure.

#### **XI. Adjournment and scheduling of next meeting**

Ms. Wolf mentioned that the upcoming Committee meeting is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>. No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.