

**MEETING #17: NOTICE & AGENDA
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) FOR
SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY**

Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Location: Seattle City Hall
 600 4th Avenue, Conf. Room 370
 Seattle, WA 98104

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This group advises the City of Seattle and Seattle Pacific University on development of the Seattle Pacific University Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP).

| Time | Topic | Presenter |
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| 6:00 PM | Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Meeting #17 Context | Nelson Pesigan, DON Nancy Ousley & Patreese Martin, co-chairs |
| 6:05 | Public Comments | Public |
| 6:15 | Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plants & Animals • Arborist's Report | Michele Sarlitto, EA Tyler Bunton, Tree Solutions |
| 6:45 | Committee Deliberation | Committee |
| 7:30 PM | Adjournment & Next meeting | Nancy Ousley & Patreese Martin, co-chairs |

Not all agenda items were known at the time of the mailing of this notice and agenda, and items may be added or deleted, and their order on the agenda changed, prior to, and at the start of, the meeting.

For more information, please contact Nelson Pesigan (206) 684-0209



In Attendance

Committee Members

- Eric Hanson, Upper Queen Anne
- Patreese Martin, Co-Chair, Few Blocks South of SPU Campus
- Nancy Ousley, Co-Chair, Queen Anne Park
- Deb Sequeira, Upper Queen Anne
- Jon Stoddard, Illahee Properties
- Sue Tanner, Queen Anne Park
- David Rice, Financial Advisor East of Campus

SPU Staff

- Dave Church, SPU

City of Seattle

- Kelsey Tanner, SDOT
- Nelson Pesigan, DON
- Dipti Garg, DON
- Mase Cone, DON

Welcome & Introductions

- Nelson P.: WebEx housekeeping provided by.
- Nancy O.: For tonight's meeting, we will be hearing from two sections of the pEIS, Plants & Animals and an Arborists Report, in addition to being able to talk about what is coming up next with respect of going through different sections of pEIS. Direct questions from the committee towards staff. Request for videos to be on during comments from committee members.
- Nancy O.: Is there a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting on June 15th? None opposed. Meeting minutes have been approved.

Public Comments

- No Public Comments.

Presentations

- Plants & Animals – Michele Sarlitto
 - Discussion of elements to be studied in pEIS.
 - Presentation on the background of Plants & Animals, including health and wellness to humans and the incredibly valuable contribution native Plants & Animals have on wildlife habitats, etc., in the Pacific Northwest.
- Arborists Report – Tyler Bunton, *Tree Solutions*
 - Presentation on the large variety of tree species on SPU campus, including Big Leaf Maple, Red Maple, and Leyland Cypress.
 - Presentation on the understory underneath these trees, including invasive species, lawn areas, and native vegetation.
 - Presentation on the number of exceptional tree groves within campus boundary.
 - Presentation on environmentally critical areas across the campus.
 - Presentation on regulatory context for tree preservation, which is based on the Seattle Code and based on exceptional trees (heritage, legacy trees). These are determined by size based on the species and also on grove status.
 - Presentation on the number of trees on campus, which is 1,068 – 802 on private property and 266 on right-of-way. There are 267 exceptional trees on campus. In the expansion area, there are an estimated 158 additional trees and 15 of those are exceptional.

- Presentation on the environmental impacts of tree removal based on the alternatives in the draft MIMP, including the number that would be removed. Draft MIMP results in the least number of trees removed compared to alternatives 2-5. Alternative 1 results in the least number of trees removed overall.
- Presentation on mitigation measures of exceptional trees as well as the requirements outlined in Seattle’s Code for removal of trees.
 - Presentation on how construction, utilities, demolition, grading, and revised building footprints could have a considerable impact on overall tree retention.
 - Presentation on recommendations and mitigation measures from *Tree Solutions*, including maintaining individual exceptional trees, as well as maintaining trees with a diversity of size, age, and species. Increasing tree species is integral to forest health. Each proposed potential development project that is built on campus would be required to replace trees that are removed.
 - Presentation on the significant and unavoidable adverse impacts. No significant unavoidable adverse impacts to plant species on-site or proximate to the site are anticipated under the Draft MIMP.

Committee Deliberation

- From Nancy O.: What is project 2 and where is it located?
 - From Michele S.: Sharing screen and showing where development 2 is located on the southwest part of campus.
- From Patreese M.: When looking at alternates and the shadow study, there was a mismatch. It would be helpful to see alternates overlaid with tree plan.
 - From Michele S.: In the next version of the MIMP, it will be provided.
- From Patreese M.: Can you describe what “progressive urbanization” means?
 - From Michele S.: As more buildings get built on campus and it gets denser. Under some of the alternatives, there are several more buildings needing to be built to handle the anticipated growth.
- From Patreese M.: You describe the condition of trees as “good”, “fair”, and “poor”. Is there anything about maintaining the health of existing trees outside of development areas? Making sure there isn’t more loss than necessary because of maintenance taking place?
 - From Michele S.: Across campus? I believe the university has *Tree Solutions* come by every year to maintain the trees on campus.
 - From Dave C.: Not part of EIS work, but annually we do have someone from *Tree Solutions* come out and identify trees in good condition, those that might be in decline, and they make recommendations for what should be done. We do roughly 90% of the work that they recommend. We also do have a goal to replant the trees that we lose, and we might have to wait as canopies come down. We are working with *Tree Solutions* on trees that they recommend planting to diversify the tree species.
- From Nancy O.: When trees are affected by construction, and when it is practical to take a tree away from a site and returned on the site or nearby afterwards, or furniture is crafted from the wood of trees that have been removed. This is something that can hopefully be considered.
 - From Michele S.: Add to your comments and we can explore further!
- From Dave C.: All of that should be in your comments, and absolutely – we have done that in the past in our current MIMP. We built our current science building, and *Tree Solutions* helped excavate around its roots so that we could try to keep it. It got another 20 years of life before it ultimately failed. We embrace it and do it anyway. We do everything that can be done to preserve our heritage.

Next Meeting

- From Nancy O.: What are next steps, on additional topics?
- From Nelson P.: Mase created an Excel spreadsheet with all of the topics for comments in the pEIS. Please put comments in that spreadsheet.
- From Nancy O.: We are still anticipating seeing additional elements from the pEIS?
 - From Michele S.: At the next meeting, we will present on Land Use and in the August meeting we will present Height, Bulk, and Scale. Transportation is still outstanding and in the review cycle with SDCI and SDOT – hoping to present that in September. The Land Use section will be available to review soon, sometime next week likely.
- From Nelson P.: Big picture with committee members. Land Use is at the next presentation. She will give me the documents for the committee to review and our next meeting is August 3rd, two weeks from now. Document for Land Use for the committee to review prior to that meeting. August 17th, we will present Height, Bulk, and Scale. Transportation will be either the 1st or 3rd Wednesday in September depending on when information is available.
- From Nancy O.: Does anyone on the committee have questions about submitting comments on the shared document that we received?
 - From John R.: Will we review those comments as a committee together at some point?
 - From Nelson P.: We will have the opportunity to review those comments during committee deliberation at the next meeting, perhaps. If there are any clarifying questions that Michele or SDCI needs to provide to the committee, we will go over there. Towards the end, we will compile all of those comments and summarize them for the comment letter to SDCI and SPU.
 - From Nancy O.: Can I ask for the team to put together a timeline to share out as a document for the committee? That would be helpful.
 - From Nelson P.: SPU shared a timeline, but we can revise.
- From Nancy O.: When do we predict the draft EIS would be available for public comment?
 - From Nelson P.: That is an Abby W. question.
- From Sue T.: The next couple of sections are pretty meaty normally, and it would be great if we could get those at least a week before the meeting to enable us to look at it all.
 - From Michele S.: Land Use is smaller, but Height, Bulk, and Scale is pretty long. It will be prepared long in advance.
- From Nancy O.: I will not be available during August 3rd meeting.
- From Nancy O.: I would appreciate having the general timeline that we are working under sooner rather than later.
 - From Nelson P.: Okay. Also, as a reminder, if you are unable to be at the meeting, please let me know and feel free to send in your comments so that you can share still.
- From Nancy O.: Some of us are focusing on a specific section, but if committee members have yet to latch onto a specific topic, please let Patreese, Nelson, or myself know if you want to be a contact or take on a super close look at a particular section.
- From Nancy O.: If no more questions, our next meeting is August 3rd and August 17th. I have been able to see campus and the areas that are potential street vacations, happy to stroll with folks.
 - From Nelson P.: Street vacations are usually under SDOT's realm, so we will know more about those street vacations once the Transportation and Parking sections are finalized.
 - From Sue T.: Everything we do has to take place in public.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:48PM