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**Swedish Medical Center – First Hill
Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #7

September 15, 2016

Approved November 1, 2017

Swedish Medical Center First Hill Campus
747 Broadway – 1 East Conference Room
Seattle, WA 98122

Members and Alternates Present

Jeff Dvi-Vardhana	Rexford Brown
Douglas Holtom	Alex Hudson

Presenters

Mark Brands	Site Workshop
Nancy Rogers	Cairncross & Hempelmann
Daria Supp	Perkins + Will

Staff and Others Present

Maureen Sheehan	DON
Sherry Williams	Swedish

I. Opening and Introductions

Mr. Rexford Brown opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

II. Housekeeping

Mr. Brown noted that approval of Meeting minutes #6 dated March 14, 2016 be postponed due to a lack of quorum.

III. Design Team Presentation

Mr. Mark Brands of Site Workshop began the project update presentation for Swedish Medical Center First Hill.

He summarized the public process including meetings with the Standing Advisory Committee, Seattle City Council, Seattle Design Commission as well as the city permitting and community outreach process. He added that City Council approved the Alley Vacation and are waiting for the Council vote on the Skybridge and Tunnel. He noted that they are coordinating with the Parks Department and First Hill Improvement Association (FHIA) regarding the parks project and continue working with other community outreach organizations.

He showed the different angle views of the Northwest Tower. Ms. Nancy Rogers added that at the corner of Marion Ave and Minor Ave view, they made updates to the Swedish identity and developed it further by adding blue lanterns to visually activate the walls and engage the public more.

He showed a diagram of the 2005 Approved MIMP with a summary of planned and potential projects adjacent to the MIMP boundary.

He briefly summarized the alley vacation and noted the different diagrams that compares the alley vs. no alley vacations.

Ms. Rogers showed the various skybridges that currently exist in the neighborhood. She briefly summarized the different needs for the skybridge connection to the existing hospital. Mr. Brands added that one of the critical needs of a skybridge is for the safe transportation of medical equipment as well as patients. Ms. Rogers noted that as part of describing the needs, the Design Commission made sure that project team had explored every possible alternatives to a skybridge.

Mr. Brands summarized the Council conditions for the alley vacation including the conformance to the proposal, utilities, building access and public open space.

He went through and summarized the different public benefits for the Block 95 alley vacation as well as the skybridge. The project team continues to work with SDOT on the First Hill Mile including streetscape elements, improvements, trees and planting, and wayfinding. He added that they did a lot of due diligence on the wayfinding markings with the hope of them being replicated and reproduced by other neighborhoods.

He provided an update on the First Hill park improvements that started in April. He mentioned about the project team being engaged with FHIA to work on the project. A steering committee was formed and created concept plans that would activate and engage the park, encourage circulation, created flexible and open space, provide seating and gathering options as well as enhancing the existing tree canopy. He also showed a diagram of the park's plan.

With regards to public art, Mr. Brands mentioned the following public artists that will be working on the project. Mr. John Grade will be creating a piece for the corner of Minor Ave and Seneca Ave while Lead Pencil Studio will be doing work at the corner of Boylston Ave and Seneca Ave. Each of the artists were allocated \$150,000 as the budget.

He showed a diagram of the voluntary setbacks along Minor Ave and Boren Ave that provide 2,900 sq. ft. of open space as well as the Right-of-Way (ROW) improvements along Columbia St and Cherry Streets that will provide 1,540 sq. ft. of enhanced ROW.

Mr. Brands heard the neighbors' concerns about the pedestrian crossings at Boren Ave and Cherry St. A pedestrian controlled signal is planned for this intersection. Ms. Alex Hudson asked how the north side of Cherry was decided to locate the crosswalk. Mr. Brands noted primarily because that is the property that is being worked on Block 95. Ms. Rogers added that Cherry connects underneath the freeway and it connects all the way to the downtown area core.

Mr. Brands showed a matrix that summarizes the alley vacation public benefits. The matrix has an additional column that shows the cost of each public benefit as approved by the City Council.

He described the public benefits summary of the Skybridge that is clustered along Minor Ave. It includes the Minor Avenue garden as well as raised intersection along Minor Ave and Columbia St and right-of-way enhancements.

The Minor Ave garden and public art provides universal access from Minor Ave and will be a highly visible, safe and secure garden setting. Mr. Claude Zervas will provide public art design work for the skybridge.

A summary of the skybridge public benefits matrix was provided along with the total cost of each of the public benefits.

Mr. Brands provided an update on the work that will be done at the Boylston Triangle including the oxygen tank enclosure concept plan and the screen wall design and functional areas.

Mr. Brands added that the trucks accessing the tank enclosure will occur during off hours and not infrequently enough not to interfere with pedestrians.

Ms. Hudson had had neighbors asked her about the safety of having highly combustible materials so close to the ROW. Ms. Rogers noted that there are specific code requirements. The plaza is more than 50 ft. away around the

actual oxygen tanks as required by code. There is not a lot of planting around the area and public gatherings are prohibited which is why there are no furnishings around the area. No smoking signs will be available around the area as well. Mr. Brands added that the design team believes that this is the best place to put the oxygen tanks within the Swedish property where it can be easily transported and accessed from the hospital without issues.

Ms. Hudson asked if the images, since they are very cosmic and attractive, have been reviewed by SDOT so as not to distract drivers. Ms. Rogers noted that the graphic movement is meant to be subtle and it was geared towards pedestrians and not drivers.

A comment was made about vandalism and tagging and would like to know how this is being handled. Ms. Rogers noted that there have been numerous discussions with Swedish about this issue and she mentioned that the materials are durable and can be power washed, but the graphic will still remain. The design team also looked at designing it not on a flat surface to discourage tagging.

A comment was made about any noise component in the tanks or if it is compressed air. Ms. Rogers noted that there is equipment around the tanks but is not sure about the level of noise.

Ms. Rogers mentioned discussed the construction updates, and Sellen has a website that provides monthly updates, as well as construction information and activities. Mr. Brands added that Mr. Mike Rybert, superintendent for Sellen is the person to contact if there are any construction issues that needs to be resolved.

Ms. Hudson added that updates are also available on the FHIA website.

Ms. Rogers noted construction will begin in fourth quarter of 2016 and most of the foundation and vertical construction will be occurring in second quarter of 2017 and planned occupancy will happen in third quarter of 2019.

Mr. Brands commented that most of the public benefits will happen in late 2018 and 2019. The public benefits project will be monitored four times a year and the project team will meet with SDOT to report on progress and provide update on the activities that have been completed.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Rexford Brown opened the meeting for public comments. There was no public comments.

V. Committee Deliberation

Mr. Brands asked about the frequency of the Committee meeting to provide project updates. Ms. Sheehan noted that the Committee meets once a year, and if the Committee decided that they need to meet twice a year to hear any updates, it will be up to the Committee.

Mr. Brown asked if the project timeline can be modified as the project continues to pick up and get more feedback from the community. Ms. Sheehan noted that the Committee can call a meeting at any point in time if they feel that they need more information and updates about the project.

She also added that the annual report that Swedish First Hill submits will also provide updates to the project.

She noted that the next Committee meeting will occur in September 2017 unless any project changes or updates happen.

Ms. Hudson commented about the illumination of the brand logo on the corner of the building, and if there is any decision about it can be communicated via email.

VI. Adjournment and scheduling of next meeting

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