



Minutes #200

(Adopted TBD)

City of Seattle/University of Washington Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC)

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In-person: UW Tower, Board Room

Virtual: WebEx

Attendees/CUCAC Members:

John Gaines	Kerry Kahl (virtual)
Don Blakeney	Colleen McAleer (alternate)(virtual)
Julie Blakeslee	Katy Ricchiuto
Douglas Campbell	James Campbell
Kay Kelly	Kent Willis
Jacob Morrison	

Staff and Others Present:

Aaron Hoard	University of Washington
Nelson Pesigan	City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
Holly Godard (virtual)	City of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

(Transcriber's Note: The notes 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 a video recording file and are available upon request.)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Nelson Pesigan opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

The Committee welcomed Jacob Morrison as a new member representing the Ravenna Springs Community Group.

There was a motion to move and adopt the past meeting minutes at the next meeting and it was seconded. The Committee voted and the motion passed.

2. ICA Basketball Training Facility – Sydney Thiel, UW

The ICA Basketball Training Facility presentation can be found [here](#).

The last time this project was shared with the Committee was back in 2021.

The status of the project is in the finishing stages of pre-design. The development details and materiality of the project will come at the next phase. The building site and design concept will be more private and not an outward looking building. The building will relate to the surrounding context, and it will be masonry

based that will complement the Hec Ed Pavilion design. The upper floor of the building will be translucent to allow more natural light into the facility for daylighting, but not too much direct light that will cause glare.

The new site will affect bigger moves and existing conditions including extending the existing Pavilion pool further to the east and south of the building. There will be a reduction in the E9 parking lot, and there was a recommendation for the removal of two rows of trees. These trees have been carefully evaluated. In its place, there will be new landscaping and hardscaping around the surrounding building. Further design and development of what it might look like will be shared at a future date.

The project is concluding its pre-design phase. The design and pre-construction phase will kick-off in March and the conclusion of the construction phase in August 2025.

Douglas Campbell: Is Hec Ed Pavilion the name of the basketball facility.

Sydney Thiel: The official name is Alaska Airlines Arena at Hec Edmudson Pavilion.

Joh Gaines: Is the building will be pre-engineered metal building.

Sydney Thiel: It will be a steel superstructure and a site-built structure.

John Gaines: It is important to keep the character and visual appeal of the new facility and will be looking forward to learning more about the next phase of the project.

Sydney Thiel: Anticipate coming back to the Committee in late spring to provide development updates.

Don Blakeney: Are there any trees changing on the surrounding property.

Sydney Thiel: The trees that are currently located at the center of E9 will be removed due to the large footprint of the building, the parking reconfiguration, and the current health of the trees. The existing trees immediately adjacent to the Nordstrom Tennis facility is intended to remain as they are mature trees and are not in the affected area of the project. As a new landscaping is developed, there will be new vegetation that will be introduced around the new building. The landscape has not been designed yet.

Holly Godard: When does the anticipated start of construction.

Sydney Thiel: Anticipate mobilizing around March of 2024.

Holly Godard: The City is currently taking intake appointments for June, and it will take more than seven months.

Sydney Thiel: Intake appointments have been scheduled. The demolition and site prep permits have been submitted. The building permit intake is scheduled for June.

Holly Godard: Will work with Julie Blakeslee to make sure that the right City planners are assigned. With regards to the trees, the canopies will need to be replaced by trees.

Don Blakeney: Are there any trees committed by the University.

Julie Blakeslee: The University has a campus wide tree program, and it tries to replace trees on site and in project areas. The University has over 20% of the tree canopies and try to maintain and grow that number as much as possible.

3. Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Improvements – Shane Ruegamer, UW

The Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Improvements presentation can be found [here](#).

The University inventoried the Seattle Campus buildings based on damage potential index, life safety hazard index as well as critical facilities index. The University and the City of Seattle began collaborating in 2008 regarding the unreinforced masonry issue, policy development, and associated historical resources.

There were 25 UW Seattle Campus buildings that have been identified for inclusion in the program. Twelve buildings have been completed in the first three phases.

The types of work and targeted improvements include load bearing work, masonry façade stabilization and unreinforced masonry (URM) parapet bracing.

The scoping documents for the 11 buildings are complete. Currently evaluating the cost to package multiple buildings depending on the type of work and cost.

The inventory of the buildings is analyzed, categorized, and rated based on safety and high impact and these buildings are being addressed as high priority.

Due to limited funding and the amount of funds that are available as well as very few specialized contractors to do the work, it gets into a critical mass scenario.

The scoping documents for the rest of the building should be completed by 2029-2031.

4. Public Comments

Colleen McAleer requested to update the October 11 minutes in the public comments section that she is speaking and representing on behalf of the Laurelhurst Community Club.

5. Committee Deliberation

West Campus Green and Waterfront Trail Concept and Implementation Plan:

Don Blakeney and Katy Ricchiuto shared a draft document summarizing the comments and discussion the Committee had about the waterfront area. The link to the draft letter can be found [here](#) for the Committee to review.

Douglas Campbell commented to add language around public space and flexible assembly.

Don Blakeney will update the document to include that language and circulate it back to the Committee for review. The goal is to have this document adopted at the next meeting.

Nelson Pesigan noted that there will be no meeting on March 14.

Aaron Hoard commented that this is a good opportunity for the University to provide more educational walking tours to the Committee in the coming months. These educational tours include Founders Hall, North Campus Housing, Health Science and Education Building and the Steam Plant.

Aaron Hoard noted that the University will plan and schedule to have a Steam Plant Tour at the April meeting. This will be an in-person walking tour and no virtual option. There will be no business meeting.

Aaron Hoard mentioned that upcoming meetings for this Committee will include a review of the Annual Report and project updates on the basketball facility, and the University Housing properties.

6. Adjournment

John Gaines adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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