

Urban Design and Public Space Committee Meeting

January 11 – Horizon House

In Attendance:

- Jim Erickson, UDPS Cmt. Chair
- Alex Hudson, FHIA Director
- Douglas Holtom, FHIA Coordinator
- Tim Parham, Plymouth Housing
- Bob Terrell, FH Resident and FHIA board
- Susan Hitmann, FH Resident
- Gretchen Thomson, FH Resident
- Ted Klanier, FHIA Board
- Gordon Werner, FHIA Board
- Frank Conlin, FH Resident and FHIA Board
- Lindsey Radliff, FH Resident and FHIA Board
- Susan VanLeuven, UDPS Cmt. Member
- Derel Grothaus, UDPS Cmt. Member
- Jared Johnson, Seattle Housing Authority

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction:

- WSCC Addition
- Park to Park Walking Loop
- First Hill Park Redesign
- Development Rundown

Updates:

515 Minor Avenue (6-story Medical Office)
-Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.

620 Terry Avenue (24-story Senior Housing)
-Wednesday, February 8, 8:00 p.m.

WSCC Addition:

- Presented our Terry Avenue woonerf proposal on December 7 public open house
 - FHIA is coordinating with other applicants to avoid competition
 - FHIA expects to see the proposal in the coming weeks
 - There is a design commission meeting in February
- Gordon Werner asked where does working with other applicants work? Alex replied that we're collaborative with the other applicants, but FHIA's job is to get the project funded and completed.
- Susan Hitmann asked how much the woonerf project would cost. Alex replied that it would cost ~\$3 million.

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- Gordon Werner mentioned that Terry Avenue and Madison Street will be under construction due to the platform of the Madison BRT project.
- Alex Hudson gave information about the Terry Avenue woonerf presentation at the WSCC Addition. Essentially, Terry Avenue will be similar to Bell Street, which can be explored here: <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/bell-street-park>
- Jim Erickson said that WestBank (707 Terry) would be willing to construct the woonerf, but not pay for it.

Park-to-Park Path:

The project is ready to go, but is waiting on weather conditions. Jim Erickson mentioned that the loop goes through Freeway Park and Alex Hudson gave a run-through of the Park to Park Path.

Skyline residents are facing disinterest with little libraries.

Ted Klainer explained that the first draft of the map has gone in for second round design. After the second round of map design, the steering committee will make further edits and suggestions for the final draft. Printing costs of the map have been set-aside in the budget for this project. Bob Terrell asked if there are signal boxes on the path that are not getting painted, and Ted Klainer said no.

First Hill Park Redesign:

FHIA is renegotiating the matching funds with the Department of Neighborhoods and Swedish Medical Center.

Project Pipeline:

There are 19 projects planned or under construction, 10 of these projects include retail. Alex Hudson gave a rundown of each project that is in the works. Jared Johnson said that construction on 808 Fir should be starting construction later this year. Yesler Park property is now owned by Seattle Parks. 221 10th Avenue will open in June.

2017 Priorities:

- Acquire funding for Terry Avenue woonerf
- First Hill Tree Canopy Expansion: Jim Erickson suggested that we discuss a metric to measure regression or progression in the tree canopy expansion.
- Install two street benches and four street libraries. We need to find locations for the two benches.

Harborview Hall: King County is determining what to do with the building. It is currently vacant. King County will preserve Harborview Hall (County Council and County Executive). A possible use for the building would be to house the homeless. Susan Hittman would like to draft a letter to public officials to show support for the project. Ted Klainer mentioned that a significant amount of work needs to be done to make the building habitable (seismic work etc) at this point. There are complications with this project, due to many stakeholders.

- Alex Hudson suggest that we reach out to learn more about.
- Tim Parham suggested that writing a letter to Dow Constantine would be a good place to start this process.

Other Business:

The next UDPS Committee Meeting is on February 1st. Jim Erickson asked if 620 Terry Avenue

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developers should be present at the meeting- the committee agreed that they should be invited. Susan VanLeuven wants to talk to city officials about light pollution from construction projects. Gordon Werner mentioned that many light poles around Boren and Madison are non-functioning.