



FIRST HILL
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Urban Design and Public Space Committee Meeting – September 11, 2019 – Horizon House

In Attendance

- Jim Erickson, Committee Chair
- Ann Ormsby, FH Resident
- Anne McCullough, Director
- Bob Terrell, FH Resident
- Cathy Jaramillo, FH Resident
- Christina, FPA Coordinator
- Dan Shieder, Lennar
- Don Glickstein, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, Coordinator
- Elizabeth Hoover, FH Resident
- Helen, FH Resident
- John Daniels, FH Resident
- Lee Bennett, FH Resident
- Lindsay Radliff, FH Resident
- Lynn Lavine, FH Resident
- Miriam Sutermeister, FH Resident
- Nancy, FH Resident
- Nancy Olsen, FH Resident
- Peter, FH Resident
- Riisa Conklin, FPA
- Sue Van Leuvan, FH Resident
- Suzanne Hittman, FH Resident

Agenda

- Lennar Open Space Presentation
- Freeway Park Association Presentation
- First Hill News and Updates

Lennar Open Space Presentation (The Ovation Towers)

Dan Shieder of Lennar Multifamily is building two-twin towers with a total of 548 units. Construction began in December of 2018. 7,000 square feet will be dedicated to retail, which will include a restaurant overlooking the new plaza. Construction is anticipated to wrap up in October of 2021.

Because of an alley vacation that was required to build the parking garage, this project is required to provide public benefits. These benefits include: a woonerf that also functions as an alley, and a privately-owned public space (5,500 square feet) at Seneca and Hubble. The management of the development will manage permitting (for events) and maintenance of the open space. Lennar anticipates that they will own the property for at least 30 years. Town Hall will have 35 stalls reserved for staff members. Lennar has contributed \$35,000 to design possibilities for the intersection.

FHIA, FPA, and Lennar plan to work together with SDOT to ensure pedestrian access and safety (including a permanent traffic light) to and from Freeway Park and the new Plaza.



Freeway Park Association Presentation

Objectives	Strategies/Action Steps	Notes
1. Coordinate safety, security and social service agencies serving Freeway Park through six regular meetings.	a. Plan and create a calendar of bi-monthly meetings that coincide with park tours. b. Work with the SASS Comm chair to produce corresponding agendas to be sent out one week before each meeting. c. Evaluate, add to, and maintain the list of committee members.	
2. Identify and understand the safety issues and perceptions facing the Park.	a. Conduct Park tours at least quarterly with SPR and SASS Comm to determine hot spots of negative activity and areas for improvement. b. Work with Victoria Schoenburg at SPR to design goals of tours. c. Plan and implement a calendar of the tours.	a. Plan for tours to coincide with SASS meetings and consider night walks.
3. Enlist support from Downtown Seattle Association and their MID program, as well as other organizations to enhance safety in the Park by end of 2019.	a. Meet with key DSA staff to explore possible relationships. b. Strategize with F&G Comm to create a budget that supports future partnerships.	a. SASS reps will meet with DSA by September 2018. b. Tim and Riisa will develop a budget by December 2018.
4. Identify new members of the SASS Committee to address social service needs by the end of 2018.	a. Discuss and brainstorm potential partners at the June 2018 SASS committee meeting. b. Reach out to social services and public safety potential partners in second half 2018.	a. Potential and current partners could include Reach, LEAD, and Compass Housing.
5. Create and implement social services strategies and resources in the Park by 2019.	a. Develop a plan informed by walking tours and with help from social service experts. b. Explore de-escalation training for FPA staff.	a. Brian H. and Alex Z. will work with a social services representative to create an initial draft plan by October 2018 to be implemented in 2019. b. Alex Z. will research de-escalation training options and make a proposal of next steps to Riisa and the SASS Comm when relevant.

*Taken from FPA's Safety and Social Services Committee Work Plan

First Hill News and Updates

Terry Avenue: The Terry Avenue Steering Committee selected Berger Partnership to lead community outreach and landscape design

Berger Partnership will work towards a 30% design based on feedback from the community and stakeholders.



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725 Yesler Way: Project approved at early design guidance to continue moving forward to design review with conditions.

Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets is a participatory budgeting initiative in which Seattle residents democratically decide how to spend a portion of the City's budget on small-scale park and street improvements.

There are two projects in First Hill that are up for a vote. Voting ends September 30th.

3C. Project 19-129: Crossing Improvements on the intersection of Union Street, Minor Ave, and Bellevue Ave.

7C. Project 19-299: Sidewalk/Trail Improvements on top of Union steps path that connects to Terry Ave.