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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Urban Design and Public Space Committee Meeting – April 4, 2018 – Horizon House

### In Attendance

- Alex Hudson, FHIA Executive Director
- Ann Ormsby, FH Resident
- Ashley Clark, FH Resident
- Asia Bennet, FH Resident
- Betty Jones, FH Resident
- Bill, FH Resident
- Cathy Jarmillo, FH Resident
- Dana, Frye Art Museum
- Darel Grothaus, Trinity Church
- David Yeaworth, Lid I5
- Don, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, FHIA Coordinator
- Eleanor, FH Resident
- Elizabeth Davis, FH Resident
- Gretchen Thompson, FH Resident
- Jim Erickson, Committee Chair
- John Feit, Lid I5
- Lee Bennet, FH Resident
- Margaret Griffiths, Frye
- Miriam Sutermeister, FH Resident
- Peter Schapiro, FH Resident,
- Phyllis Lamphere, FH Resident
- Sue VanLeuvan, FH Resident
- Suzanne Hittman, FH Resident
- Ted Klainer, Harborview Medical Center
- Tim Perry, FH Resident
- Tom Gibbs, FH Resident
- Wesley Newmann, FH Resident

### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Lid I5 Presentation
- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Updates
- Pipeline Projects Discussion
- New Business

### News and Updates

Seneca and Minor is undergoing a safety study and new signal box artwork has been installed. The Madison Corridor signal boxes have been completed. A new 4-way stop has been installed at 8<sup>th</sup> and Marion.

### Lid I5 Presentation

John Feit, the co-chair of Lid I5 presented information about the Lid I5 study, which is being funded by the Department of Neighborhoods (Central Hill Triangle Collaborative). Lid I5 sees themselves as advocates. The study focuses a Lid over the freeway from Thomas Street to Madison/Marion Street.

There are lids in: Mercer Island, Montlake, Interstate 90 and Freeway Park. There are 22 proposed Lids throughout the nation. Some Lids are privately funded while others are publicly financed. Currently, Interstate 5 divides downtown neighborhoods and Lid I5 seeks to unite these neighborhoods again. The



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Collaborative is looking at Lid ideas for: Parks and Open Space, Walk/Bike Connections, Affordable Housing, Environment Health, Community and Arts.

The charrette for this project began in January of 2018 and it will end in September 2018. FHIA Staff are actively engaged in these charrettes. A presentation was given to the public by each Collaborative Team in early March at Optimism Brewery.

Collaboration #2 is on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Summit on Pike St and Summit Ave.

Suzanne Hittman mentioned that these early renderings were not representative of the demographics of central Seattle. Alex Hudson explained some of the plans that Little Saigon is undertaking under I5. Ted Klainer asked who has the final say of this proposal. The Washington State Department of Transportation will have the final say. Miriam Sutermeister asked about the historic preservation of Freeway Park and Alex Hudson responded that it is a top priority for all teams.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Updates**

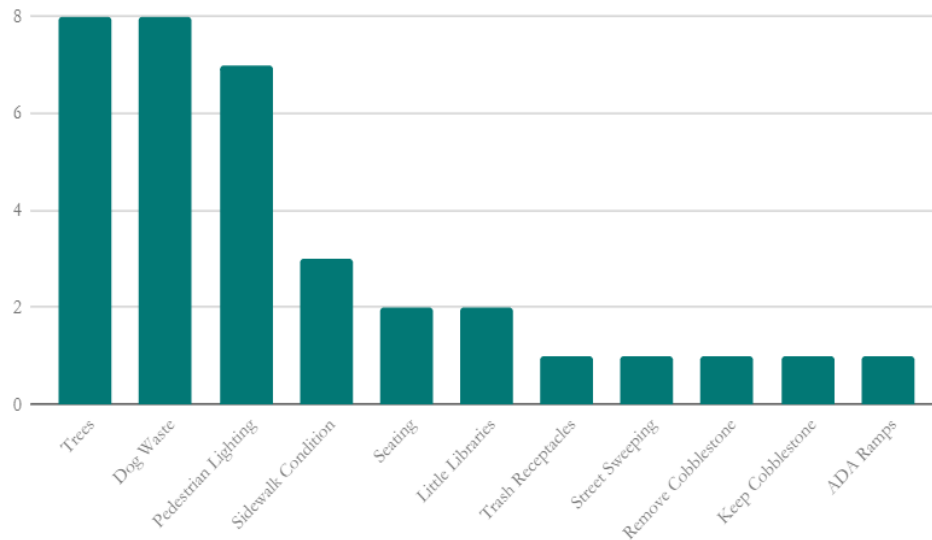
In the Public Realm Action Plan, there are four concept plans for: 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, University Street, Terrace Street, and Terry Avenue. There will be sidewalks improvements along the entire block of Town Hall. Bike racks will be installed upon the completion of the 1101 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, twin tower project. There will be a public open space at Seneca Street and Hubbell Avenue. FHIA is in discussion with First Presbyterian about a potential mural at Spring and Hubbell. FHIA is also actively engaged in getting curb-bulbs installed along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Jim Erickson asked the committee to consider what the priorities should be for pedestrian improvements that could be added if additional public benefits become available.

The 800 Columbia project will be making sidewalk improvements, an open space and a curb-bulb. Skyline is proposing a second development across 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the existing property at 715 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This proposal includes sidewalk improvements, curb-bulbs, wayfinding, and benches with the inclusion of a skybridge. Jim Erickson spoke about putting asphalt over the cobblestones on Columbia Street, which SDOT is not receptive to. 615 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, next to Trinity Church, will be improving sidewalks next to the site. Seating and lighting will be included in the project. SDOT is concerned about curb-bulbs at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and Cherry.

Alex Hudson asked the committee what ideas would make 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue an even better street. Some ideas were: engage property owners along the street, dog waste stations, pedestrian lighting, benches and little free libraries. A chart below shows the responses from the committee:



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8th Ave Community Priorities

### Pipeline Projects Discussion

Alex Hudson guided the group through FHIA's future and existing development. 3 projects are in design review: 1103 Summit Ave, 615 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, and 715 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### New Business

April 16<sup>th</sup> - MHA Public Meeting

April 17<sup>th</sup> - Sound Transit Stakeholder Advisory Committee

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - UDPS Committee Meeting

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