



FIRST HILL
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

THANK YOU!

The First Hill Improvement Association is honored to be the voice of First Hill.

We champion a dynamic and safe First Hill for all, through advocacy on key issues affecting the neighborhood, and by providing a forum for discussion. We program community events and track and communicate important changes and their impact to the community. We connect residents, visitors, and employees to create the best and most livable neighborhood possible.

First Hill Improvement Association (FHIA) is committed to working alongside residents, businesses, organizations, and institutions to address the needs and concerns of the community. Our successes in 2018 reflect the unique and supportive nature of our First Hill neighbors and we thank you for that support.



2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Acquired \$4 million in funding for Terry Avenue as part of the Community Package Coalition
- Formed a Steering Committee to begin implementation of the redesign and community engagement for Terry Avenue
- Acquired public and private funding to renovate First Hill Park in 2019, including public art that will reflect unique First Hill history
- Managed design development, permitting, and installation of artworks on 12 signal boxes throughout First Hill
- Collected donations for Compass at First Presbyterian through a wintertime event
- Curated and implemented a 14-part summer community event series
- Hosted six community meetings and two community clean-ups
- Worked with Urban Artworks to re-paint the artwork on the columns under I-5



COMMUNITY EVENTS

For the fourth year, FHIA programmed a summer series of free public events. These events create an opportunity for neighbors to meet and activate public space throughout First Hill.

- Valentine's Day Party
- First Hill Fidos
- Neighborhood Tree Walk
- Street Bingo
- Outdoor Movie Night
- Outdoor Reading Parties
- Pop-Up Petting Zoo
- First Hill History & Architecture Tour
- First Hill Urban Sketching
- First Hill Future Tour



TRANSPORTATION

FHIA encourages a variety of accessible and coordinated transportation options to, from, within and through First Hill now and in the future. In 2018, we were successful in advocating for a transit lane on Spring in downtown, maintaining Metro bus routes 3 & 4 on James, improvements to the intersection at 9th & Columbia and the addition of 4-way stops at 9th & Cherry and Minor & Seneca.



URBAN DESIGN+PUBLIC SPACE

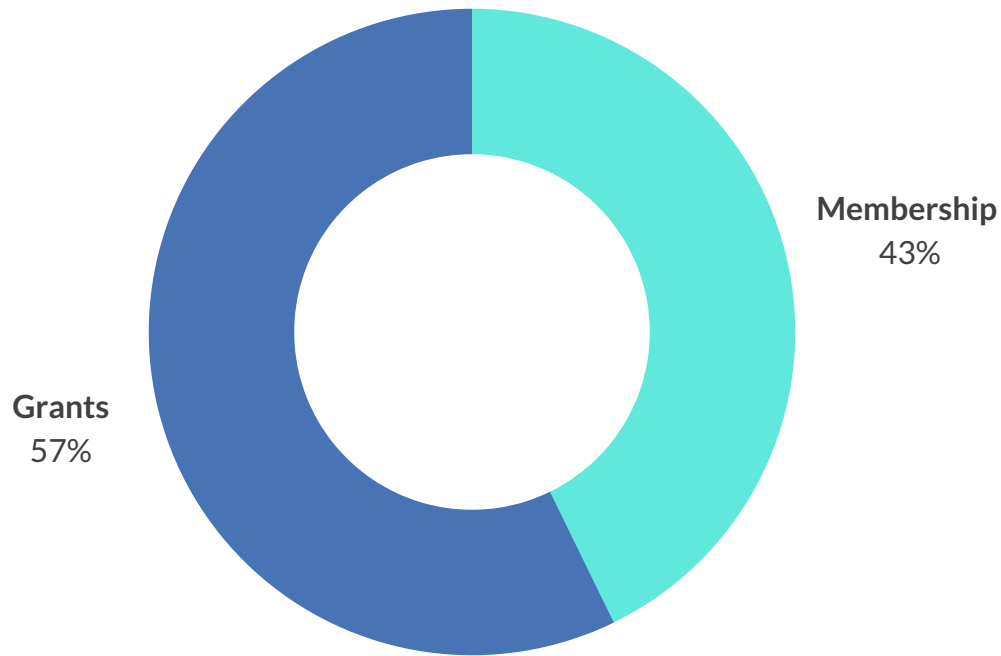
FHIA advocates for an urban environment that is vibrant, accessible, and inviting to all. In 2018, we tracked over 20 development projects from speculation to construction, emphasizing walkability, connectivity and urban design. FHIA worked to improve our parks and open space through advocating for private public open spaces and improving connections and accessibility to existing parks and open space through Park to Park planning. We are continuing to work with Plymouth & Bellwether Housing on their 1400 Madison joint project, which will be Seattle's largest affordable housing project in the city's history.



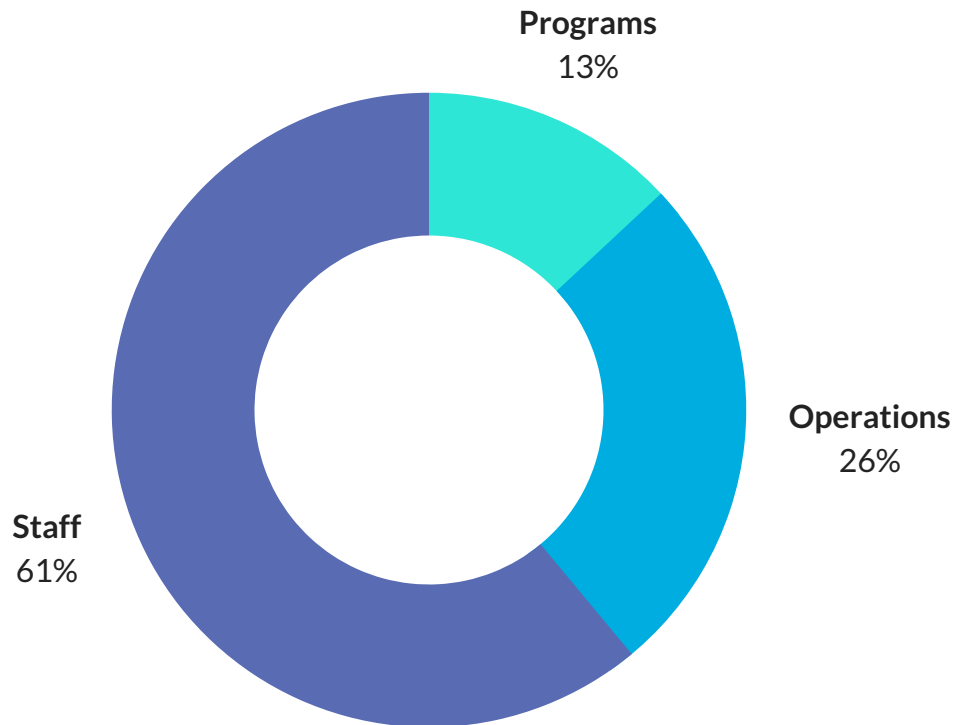
CLEAN, HEALTHY, SAFE

FHIA cultivates an attractive neighborhood that promotes social well-being and an engaged community through events, activation and programming. In 2018, we held a Spring and Autumn Cleanup where over 50 volunteers spent their Saturday morning picking up litter around First Hill. With supplies from Seattle Public Utilities, we made a positive impact in First Hill. In December we collected donations for Compass at First Presbyterian through a wintertime event held at First Hill Park.

FUNDING



EXPENSES



2018 FINANCES

FHIA has successfully developed an organization of community leaders, and engaged staff. We are active in developing sustainable funding to achieve our program goals.

FHIA BOARD

The FHIA Board is elected by the general membership and works to guide FHIA's Strategic Plan and organizational development. The Board represents a broad contingent of First Hill and in 2018 included:

- SARA MCVEY, CHAIR, HORIZON HOUSE
- TED KLAINER, VICE CHAIR, HARBORVIEW MEDICAL CENTER
- BOB TERRELL,, SECRETARY, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- CARLEY CLARK, TREASURER, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- BETSY BRAUN, VIRGINIA MASON MEDICAL CENTER
- FRANK CONLON, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- GORDON WERNER, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- HEATHER HUTCHISON, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- JIM ERICKSON, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- LINDSAY RADLIFF, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- MARY ELLEN HUDGINS, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- SHERRY WILLIAMS, SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER
- TOM BENNETT, FIRST HILL RESIDENT
- SAM RUSSELL, FIRST HILL RESIDENT



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

In 2019 we are looking forward to continuing our event and activation series, completing renovation of First Hill park, working with partners to bring a Homeless Outreach Worker to First Hill, beginning community engagement for the redesign of Terry Avenue, creating a First Hill Business and Resource Directory, and improving accessibility of our sidewalks.