



Urban Design and Public Space Committee Meeting – February 6, 2019 – Horizon House

In Attendance

- Jim Erickson, UDPS Chair
- Ann Ormsby, FH Resident
- Anne McCullough, FHIA Director
- Austin Weller, Meng Strazzara
- Betsy Braun, VMMC
- Bob Terrell, FH Resident
- Cathy Jaramillo, FH Resident
- Dana Forhan, Frye Art Museum
- Don William, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, FHIA Coordinator
- Dylan Hogan, St James Cathedral
- Eleanor Forsyth, FH Resident
- Frank Conlon, FH Resident
- Heather Hutchinson, FH Resident
- Jared Jonson, SHA
- John Wilson, FH Resident
- Jose Lzquierdo, Meng Strazzara Architects
- Lee Bennett, FH Resident
- Margaret Griffiths, Frye Art Museum
- Miriam Sutermeister, FH Resident
- Nancy Olsen, FH Resident
- Peter, FH Resident
- Sue Van Leuvan, FH Resident
- Sue Williams, St James Cathedral
- Susan Jones, FH Resident
- Suzanne Hittman, FH Resident
- Ted Klainer, HMC

Agenda

- Cathedral Garden Presentation
- 714 7th Avenue Project Updates
- Yesler Terrace Updates
- News and Updates

Cathedral Garden Presentation

The Cathedral Garden at Terry and Madison serves up to 150 people a day. There are work parties on Saturdays and Sundays. There is work to include fruit trees (apple, pear, plums, marionberries, blackberries, raspberries, and peaches) along Madison Street as weather permits. Lettuce, spinach, kale, chard, beets, carrots, turnips, mustard greens, tomatoes, peppers, mint, parsley, and oregano are planned or growing in the garden.

Organic foods have a higher nutritional value; therefore, the cathedral garden will only grow organic produce. Soil conservation is a high priority at the garden.

If people are in the garden working, everyone is invited to take a tour of the Cathedral Garden. Sue encourages First Hill residents to reach out to St James for the inclusion of deck/common space. There are concerns about liability. FHIA could work in the future to secure a grant for this space in the future.

714 7th Avenue Project Updates

Timeline: Permitting through 2020. Construction beginning in 2020. Construction ending in 2021.



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Zoning for the site is highrise (HR). The building will be 6 stories with 43 units (Small efficiency dwelling units), 0 parking stalls, with a rooftop amenity area. A challenge is due to the adjacency to interstate 5. The project is within walking distance to many First Hill destinations. It is located near bike paths and bus routes.

The site is 4,800 square-feet. The architects explained that the project will include package lockers for tenants to access. These units will have everything except washers and dryers. Some units will include lofts. The sizes range from 275-310 square-feet. This project team worked on the remodel of the Broadmoor at Terry and Jefferson.

The landscaping plan so far includes planters to match neighboring properties, match existing paving, continuation of right-of-way planting strips, bike racks, and shrubs (in the rear). Jim Erickson mentioned that the project should include low-level pedestrian lighting. Bob Terrell suggested that a set-back be included to match 710 Cherry St. Jim Erickson suggested that the project team consider ways to mitigate highway pollution.

Yesler Terrace Updates

Jared Jonson from the Seattle Housing Authority gave a brief history of Yesler Terrace. Before redevelopment, there were 561 units of housing. The redevelopment process is roughly 40% complete. Redevelopment began in 2011. Some parcels are still available to be purchased. A major goal of the redevelopment process was to deconcentrate poverty.

News and Updates

- New signal box artwork has been installed at Boren and University and 7th and James.
- Street sweeping is done weekly, but the city does not require no parking along gutters.
- The Leighton Apartments on Columbia Street is undergoing renovation, with 23 units.