

# Urban Design and Public Space Committee Meeting – July 11, 2018– Horizon House

#### In Attendance

- Jim Erickson, UDPS Chair
- Adrian Lam, MG2
- Alex Hudson, FHIA Executive Director
- Ann Milam, FH Resident
- Ann Ormsby, FH Resident
- Betsy Braun, VMMC
- Bob Terrell, FH Resident
- Cathy Jaramillo, FH Resident
- Dana Forn, Frye
- Darel Grothaus, Trinity Church
- Doug Holtom, FHIA Coordinator
- Elik Grin, MG2
- Frank Conlin, FH Resident
- Gordon Werner, FH Resident
- Helen, FH Resident
- Agenda
  - Welcome and Introductions
  - News and Updates
    - o Your Voice, Your Choice
    - o 1103 Summit Avenue Design Review
    - o 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Trees
  - 815 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Presentation
  - Terry Avenue Updates
  - New Business

- Jim Perry, FH Resident
- Joanne, FH Resident
- Joanne Combes, FH Resident
- Judy Kline, FH Resident
- Larry Brouse, St James Cathedral
- Lidia Filonowich, FH Resident
- Lindsay Radliff, FH Resident
- Margret Griffths, Frye Art Museum
- Patricia Bradbury, FH Resident
- Patricia Bradbury, FH Resident
- Phyllis Lamphere, FH Resident
- Ron Mitchel, MG2
- Sam Russell, FH Resident
- Sue Van Leuvan, FH Resident
- Suzanne Hittman, FH Resident

### **News and Updates**

### >Your Voice, Your Choice

A participatory budgeting process that allows residents to vote on projects throughout the city. The UDPS Committee identified many projects that were submitted. There are two projects in First Hill: sidewalk repairs on Summit Avenue between Spring and Madison Streets, and raise the 9th Avenue and University Street Pavement Park with concrete to make the space more accessible. Voting ends on July 16th.

### >1103 Summit Avenue Design Review

A design review was held on June 27th. FHIA submitted a letter focused on materials, setback



departures, landscaping and bicycle parking. The applicant will return for a third DRB meeting, with a date to be determined.

## >8th Avenue Street Trees

2 oak trees in the right of way will be removed. 21 replacement trees will be planted on and off site. A FHIA objective is to leverage instances of tree removal to expand tree canopy throughout First Hill. Shane DeWalt is the person at SDOT's Urban Forestry to answer any question about the tree removal. Sue VanLeuvan suggested that Urban Forestry come speak to FHIA at some time in the future.

### >Signal Box Art Update:

There are 15 signal boxes with art installed on them. FHIA submitted permits to install 6 more. 1 is permitted but needs to be installed (Madison and Minor). 5 remain to be designed, permitted, and installed. Funding is secured.

### 815 9th Avenue Presentation

Ron Mitchell presented the proposal for 815 9th Avenue, with an early design guidance scheduled for July 25th. 815 9th Avenue is proposed to have 276 units at an average 370 square feet with 5 levels of underground parking for 102 cars. All services will be off the alley. The goal is to maintain the street trees on 9th Avenue, as well as the bus stop.

Option 1 seeks a departure to not require a setback from 9th Avenue. Option 2 asks for 5 foot setbacks on the sides, adjacent to neighboring properties. Option 3 seeks for similar departures as option 2. Retail is proposed on 9th Avenue at 4,000 sqft. The terrace on level 4 is expected to have landscaping.

The architects have the intention of designing a 'quieter' building. Sue VanLeuvan said that she did not support the departure. Betsy Braun suggested shuffling the front columns to ensure visual consistency but allow for more pedestrian space. Margaret Griffiths mentioned that she supports setbacks. Bob Terrell said that he supports a setback on 9th Avenue, but questions whether the street trees on 9th can be saved.

Ron Mitchell of MG2 agreed to meet with FHIA a second time. Suzanne Hittman asked if there will be units set aside as affordable, and there will not be. The development will be contributing roughly \$1M to the City's Office of Housing. Lindsey Radliff suggested that the level 1 layout be swapped. She expressed concern about the lack of space for the Envoy and Clarwood buildings' garbage as well as a garage entrance for 815 9th Avenue in the alley. Betsy Braun asked if the community will receive any benefits in exchange for departures, which there will not be.

#### Terry Avenue Updates

Terry Avenue is currently a street concept plan with landscaping and development patterns. The next steps for Terry Avenue are: hire and fund a consultant, develop a steering committee with property owners, stakeholders, and city departments. The objective is to build consensus and understanding of a timeline, roles budget, scope of work, and process moving forward. Suzanne Hittman asked if the Board has approved any funding towards this, and money from the Convention Center is earmarked for this project. It is proposed to use some of that money from the Washington State Convention Center Addition as a down payment.



# **New Business**

- July 11th First Hill Future Tour
- July 16th Your Voice, Your Choice Closure
- July 17th Outdoor Reading Party
- July 25th 815 9th Avenue Design Review
- July 26th Street Bingo
- August 1st- UDPS Committee Meeting