



Urban Design and Public Space Committee Meeting – September 5, 2018 – Horizon House

In Attendance

- Betsy Braun, VMMC
- Bo Scarim, Plymouth
- Casandra Caruthers, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, FHIA Interim Director
- Heather Hutchinson, FH Resident
- Jacob Gelb, Bellwether Housing
- Jean Dearning, FH Resident
- Jim Erickson, UDPS Chair
- JoAnne Coombes, FH Resident
- Jonathan Wilson, FH Resident
- Lee Bennett, FH Resident
- Lindsay Radliff, FH Resident
- Margaret Griffiths, Frye Art Museum
- Marty Lindahl, FH Resident
- Mary Ellen Hudgins, FH Resident
- Meredith Eastman, FH Resident
- Mindy Black, Weber Thompson
- Miriam Sutermeister, FH Resident
- Nancy Olsen, FH Resident
- Sam Russell, FH Resident
- Stephan Petryczka, Bellwether Housing
- Sue VanLeuvan, FH Resident
- Suzanne Hittman, FH Resident
- Ted Klainer, HVMC
- Terry Skoke, FH Resident
- Tim Parham, Plymouth

Agenda

- 1400 Madison Presentation
- News and Updates
- Autonomous Vehicles
- New Business

1400 Madison

Bo Scarim with Plymouth Housing presented about the proposed 1400 Madison project. This joint effort is between Plymouth Housing and Bellwether Housing at a site previously considered for a light rail station at the intersection of Boylston and Madison. Currently, there is a Payday Loans and an abandoned medical building on site.

The project is proposed at 17 stories with 2 retail spaces on Madison and a community facility on Boylston. Outdoor seating is proposed at the corner of Madison and Boylston. The FHIA UDPS Committee suggested that this site maximize density at previous meetings. There will 4 floors of Plymouth Housing (115 units) and floors 6 – 17 will be Bellwether Housing (253 units) with opportunities for family-sized units. The loading/unloading will be in the alley next to Whole Foods. There will be staff parking, but no parking for residents. There will be bicycle parking as well. The building owners are seeking a rezone in case updates to MHA are not passed.

The street edge will include stairs for entrance/seating for the building. There will be 16-foot store front ceilings and overhead coverage. Jim Erickson suggested that sliding windows should be considered for



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the retail spaces. There is 8 feet of grade change on Madison.

Betsy Braun asked about the Madison BRT stop, which is located between Summit and Boylston Avenues and does not touch this property. She also encouraged a small and affordable grocery store in the retail space. Jim Erickson mentioned that the Marion stop of the FH Streetcar is nearby.

It is hoped that the building will be complete and open in April of 2022 with construction starting in June of 2020. Early design guidance is planned for November of 2018 and end of design reviews in June of 2019.

News and Updates

Terry Avenue Promenade is in the process of convening a steering committee for this project. The object is to build consensus, a timeline, roles, budgets, and scope of work, and next steps.

Miriam Sutermeister suggested that property owners and stakeholders along the northern portion of Terry Avenue from University to Union come together to develop a plan for the segment of right-of-way. It could be expanded down to Pike Street.

Yesler Terrace Park is officially open, 707 Terry Avenue is under construction, and the Danforth is now leasing. Signal boxes are currently in the permitting phase with the Seattle Department of Transportation.

Autonomous Vehicles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3Q3GVXnPpk>

New Business

September 7th - Outdoor Movie Night
September 10th - Transportation Committee Meeting
September 11th - Sound Transit Neighborhood Forum
September 18th - Outdoor Reading Party
September 22nd- First Hill Tree Walk
September 26th - 1103 Summit Design Review