



## Urban Design and Public Space Committee Meeting

**October 4, 2017 – Horizon House**

### **In Attendance**

- Alex Hudson, FHIA Director
- Alex Zeiler, Freeway Park Association
- Betsy Braun, VMMC/FHIA Board
- Darel Grothaus, Trinity Church
- Gordon Werner, FH Resident
- Jim Erickson, UDPS Cmt. Chair
- Lindsay Radliff, FHIA Board
- Margaret Griffiths, Frye Art Museum
- Mary Ellen Hudgins, FHIA President
- Sam Russell, FH Resident
- Sue VanLeuvan, FH Resident
- Suzanne Hittman, FH Resident
- Team from Johnson and Carr
- Tom Bennett, FH Resident

### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Updates
- 1103 Summit Avenue Project
- First Hill Tree Canopy
- Other Business

### **Updates**

- FHIA is working with Daniels Real Estate to move the city design review process forward expeditiously by challenging the City's assessment of changes to the public open space as a major change.
- Some elms have been removed near St. James due to fungus and will be replaced.
- WSCC public benefits package is almost a done deal—big announcement to come!
- Construction fencing art is being added at both 1001 Minor and 620 Terry projects. The developers have been connected with Urban Artworks by FHIA.
- FH Park is at 65% construction design drawings and now in a fundraising phase led by FHIA to supplement the \$500,000 Swedish Hospital public benefit.
- First Hill Neighborhood Banners are being designed for installation along Madison using Only in Seattle grant funding. Designs will be shared at the next meeting. In addition, five more signal boxes will be painted with First Hill designs. Planned lighting for the holidays along Madison will not occur due to technical and cost issues.

### **1103 Summit Avenue Project**

Jay Janette, Johnson and Carr representative, made a design review presentation on their 1103 Summit project. It will have a 7,200-square foot footprint, 90 workforce housing units of 250-275 square feet each, plus a few live-work sites on the ground floor of 450 square feet. It will be 70 feet high with 7 floors, 2 concrete floors topped with 5 floors of wood construction,



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with a common area roof deck. No parking, bike room, garbage and recycle on the alley at the west end of the building. The Committee responded with several reactions and recommendations:

- Be aware of foot and vehicle traffic related to THS along Summit
- Developer's preferred design C was not well received—too severe, blank wall, inconsistent with neighboring buildings, two story lobby design not useful
- Proposed area near garbage/recycle could invite drug users, etc. Need a gate
- Street trees along Spring were favored over a cut out for cars
- Concerns were raised regarding no parking for moving vans, service vehicles
- Look to neighboring buildings for possible off-street parking for residents
- Be familiar with the PRAP and the BRT plans near the project site

The early Design Review meeting for the building is November 15 at 8 p.m.

### **First Hill Tree Canopy**

Tom Bennett made a report on the First Hill Tree Canopy project, focusing on establishing target areas where we will want trees and the type of trees to be installed. Alex noted that the Transportation Committee will be walking the Park to Park Path to assess needed improvements for an October grant proposal and suggested the two projects be coordinated. Gordon Werner and Lindsay Radliff indicated an interest in being involved in the Tree Canopy project. Betsy indicated that the VMMC person in charge of landscaping might like to join and Alex will identify similar employees at Swedish and Harborview to involve them. City criteria for where trees are and are not allowed is needed, as is the list of acceptable types of trees.

### **Other Business**

Park Acquisition was reported on by Alex Hudson who had consulted with Chip Nevins at Parks Department. The City has not given up on acquisition and is talking with Cabrini about the property at the corner of Madison and Terry. The last price mentioned was \$6 million. It was suggested that there might also be mitigation money from the BRT project and/or from King County Parks that could be used for acquisition and/or build out of a park there.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.