



Minutes #26

(Adopted January 21, 2020)

Virginia Mason Medical Center Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Swedish Medical Center First Hill Campus – Glaser Auditorium

747 Broadway

Seattle WA 98122

Members and Alternate Present:

Larry Brouse	James Kirkpatrick	Sara McVey
Jim Erickson	Ted Klainer	Terry Miller

Staff and Other Present:

Maureen Sheehan – DON Betsy Braun – Virginia Mason

1. Opening and Introductions

Ms. Betsy Braun opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

Ms. Maureen Sheehan provided a brief summary of her role as a staff liaison for this Committee. She mentioned that she will coordinate with the Virginia Mason staff and the Committee to schedule an additional meeting to provide frequent updates about Virginia Mason's development plans.

2. Housekeeping

A motion was made to adopt the September 26, 2017 meeting minutes, and it was seconded. The Committee voted, and the motion passed.

Ms. Sheehan said they are seeking new Committee members across First Hill and asked that if anyone is interested to come and speak with her and add their names to the sign-in sheet for email updates about what is happening at Virginia Mason and other Major Institutions.

3. Annual Report & Activity

Ms. Braun opened the discussion to review the annual report.

Virginia Mason did minor textural improvements around the campus during the past year. VM did not build any new structures greater than 4,000 ft. and they have been cooperating actively with bus rapid transit (BRT) program along Madison. recycling cans were added at the bus stops and shelters along Madison and Seneca to do a better job in neighborhood trash separation.

VM is required once a year to have a standing advisory committee meeting and also required every five years to go and do broader outreach to the community to reach beyond the standing advisory committee, so tonight's meeting fulfills that requirement.

VM has had excellent results on the Madison and Boren blocks in the retail stores, and it has been at 100% capacity. VM continues to do construction, recycling, and noise mitigation and to slowly improve landscaping. They also have been doing lighting improvements within the buildings and actively pursuing LED lighting.

Ms. Braun mentioned the sale of the property at 1111 Summit Street to developers to replace the parking lot with a residential building.

She noted that the TMP (Transportation Management Plan) continues to do well. She receives comments and feedback from employees that the buses are too full during peak times. VM will continue to monitor volume and asked for the Committee's support to advocate for more buses.

VM is contemplating replacing some of the buildings in the First Hill Campus with new buildings. VM has entered an exploratory discussion with developers related to certain parcels in the First Hill campus. In October VM engaged qualified and invested developers for RFP (Request for Proposals) to help formulate potential development opportunities. VM has not committed to any actions and will continue to provide more information to this Committee and FHIA once the proposals have been reviewed. Mr. Larry Brouse asked if the development proposals are for hospital improvements or a development for commercial sense, and Ms. Braun responded that it is for both.

Mr. Jim Erickson shared the retail stores at 1000 Madison have been positive for the neighborhood and relevant to the pedestrians, and what First Hill needs. Ms. Braun commented that Hunter Capital manages the 1000 Madison block on behalf of VM and did an exemplary job finding retail stores that can accommodate the neighborhood.

A question was asked about adding more buses to alleviate the standing room during peak times. Ms. Braun mentioned that all bus services in the region are on subsidies. A bus fare does not cover the cost of providing buses, and it all comes from City, County, State and Federal funding. FHIA was successful in advocating extended bus hours and VM continues to lobby for more buses at the City, County, and State level.

A question was asked about VM as an institution given that the state of the healthcare industry and how VM is sustaining. Ms. Braun commented that as a non-profit institution VM is meeting its budget. VM continues to do well in a challenging health care financing landscape and has taken significant steps in working with different affiliations and alliances including. VM will continue to seek and expand its services because of the never-ending health care demands.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Scheduling of next meeting

No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.