



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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August 19, 2010

Convened 9:00 am
Adjourned 4:00 pm

Projects Reviewed

King Street Station
Discussion with Mayor Mike McGinn
Midvale Stormwater Facility
Tree Regulations Update
West Seattle Wayfinding System
Walk Bike Ride

Commissioners Present

Mary Johnston, Chair
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August 19, 2010 **Project:** **Midvale Stormwater Facility**
Phase: Concept Design
Last Reviewed: N/A
Presenters: Chris Woelfel, SPU

Attendees: Shelly Basketfield, SPU
 Steve Resnick, SPU

Time: 1.00 hr

ACTION

The Design Commission thanked the Midvale Stormwater Facility team for their presentation. The Commission commended the team for their creative thinking from a very early stage. Because of staff initiative, the facility will be able to provide valuable flood protection, but also go beyond that to provide some water treatment and an attractive open space amenity to the community. The Commission voted a unanimous 7-0 in support of the concept design with the following recommendations:

- Provide as much public access and as little fencing in and around the site as possible.
- Consider the neighborhood context as an urban village and thus, the facility's future role within the community.
- Consider the addition of a crossing through the site as a means of enhancing east-west connectivity through the neighborhood.
- Pay special attention to consistency between the wetland plantings, perimeter plantings, and the fencing.
- While the site is not a destination point, consider the opportunity of a modest artwork to make a gesture to history of the place as Oak Lake