APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

October 7, 2010
Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 3:00pm

Projects Reviewed
Elliott Bay Seawall Project
West Seattle Triangle Design Development Study
Golden Gardens Playground

Commissioners Present
Mary Johnston, Chair
Andrew Barash
Julie Bassuk
Graham Black
Brendan Connolly
Malika Kirkling
Laurel Kunkler
Julie Parrett
Norie Sato
Donald Vehige

Staff Present
Valerie Kinast
Tom Iurino

Mike McGinn
Mayor
Diane Sugimura
Director, DPD
Marshall Foster
Planning Director, DPD
Mary Johnston
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Project: West Seattle Triangle Design Development Study
Phase: Concept Design
Last Reviewed: N/A
Presenters: Robert Scully, DPD
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Attendees: Susan McLain, DPD
           Casey Hildreth, SDOT
           Darby Watson, SDOT
           Dave Montoure, West Seattle Chamber of Commerce
           Denny Onslow, Harbor Properties
           Emiko McKittrick, Harbor Properties
           Matt Porteous, Hewitt
           Sharon Meeks, Fairmount Community Association
           Whitenn Bosel, student

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

ACTION
The Commission would like to thank the design team for their clear presentation of the West Seattle Triangle Design Development Study, and unanimously approves the concept design direction, with the following comments:

- Consider extending the treatment of Fauntleroy Way SW to both sides of the triangle, to the northeast toward downtown Seattle and the southwest toward the Junction.
- Develop a concept of Fauntleroy Way SW as a gateway, drawing upon its existing qualities, including the unique character of many of the businesses.
- Do not increase the amount of parking in the area, reduce it or keep the same amount. This will allow other important uses of the right-of-way, such as pedestrian activity.
- Enhance bicycle planning within the triangle and especially near Fauntleroy, 36th and Avalon.
- Focus initial energy on the street right-of-way. Consider creative uses of alleys in future phases.
- Strive for a comprehensive plan of the triangle. Include connections to adjacent neighborhoods to account for nearby planned redevelopment.
- Think about places where city may acquire land for pocket parks and other public uses.
- Consider intersection details at Fauntleroy and main pedestrian crossings. The nature of the sections shown is too simplistic; show how they work together. Look to the Mercer Street design for boulevard precedents.
- Think about the movement of stormwater not just people and cars. Because the improvements will be built in phases, opportunities should be considered comprehensively early on.