



Minutes #14

(Adopted June 15, 2022)

Seattle Pacific University Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:00 – 7:30 PM Remote Meeting via WebEx – video recording is available on request.

In-person attendance is currently prohibited. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line and Webex.

Members and Alternates Present:

Patreese Martin	Nancy Ousley	Debra Sequeira
John Olensky (alternate)	Sue Tanner	John Rush
David Rice		

Staff Present

Dave Church	Seattle Pacific University (SPU)
Cindy Harper	Seattle Pacific University (SPU)
Nelson Pesigan	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Patty Camacho	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Mason Cone	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Kelsey Timmer	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Mike Swenson	Transpo Group
Michele Sarlitto	EA
Kristy Hollinger	EA

Meeting start time: 6:02 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Public Comment
None

Overview of Preliminary Draft EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) Contents

Overview of Section II of Preliminary Draft EIS from Michele Sarlitto

- Proposed MIMP and EIS alternatives.
- Description of the project description and existing conditions.
- Description of the summary of planned and potential campus development, including the square footage to be demolished and added.
- Description of modifications to be required for development standards include expansion area zoning changes, height changes, and building setback modifications.
- Description of EIS alternatives.
 - <u>Q from Sue T</u>.: Can you discuss the basis for the anticipated increases in enrollment and staffing?
 - A from Michele S.: For SPU staff.
 - Note: These numbers are pre-COVID.

- A from Dave C.: Roughly 3,400 students on campus now, and other than occasionally through bond financing, we do not get any significant state, city, or federal dollars programs are funded by tuition paying students. To deal with increasing costs and deal with additional goals from the City and program adds, only way of handling increased costs is through growing student FTE and the lever on tuition. In the long term, SPU is working to design the program to grow. In the long term, SPU will maintain liberal arts education, but expand into other market professional development opportunities. Growth is necessary.
- <u>Q from Nancy O</u>.: It is not clear what the time horizon is.
 - <u>A from Michele S</u>.: Master plans are 15-20 years.
 - <u>Note from Dave C</u>.: This master plan is potentially for the next 25 years.
- Description of alternatives and what they would resemble in implementation.
- Working on addressing comments from the City regarding Elements of the Environment and will get that to the committee and SDCI in the next few weeks.
- Land Use, Height/Bulk/Scale, and Transportation/Traffic/Parking sections will take longer to flesh out. These sections will not be completed in time for the June 1st meeting but will be in time for June 15th or July 6th meeting for distribution to the Committee.
- <u>Q from Sue T</u>.: I wonder Dave if you have more ideas about achieving housing more students on campus, especially for upper classmen?
 - <u>A from Dave C</u>.: We control students that live off campus by policy and by external housing rents, demands, supply, and costs. Freshmen and sophomores are required to live on campus, but juniors and seniors do not need to live on campus unless they are an RA or student leader of some kind. Housing is to be built on demand, but the need is currently not there. SPU believes housing students on campus would be better for the neighborhood.
 - <u>Follow up Q from Sue T</u>.: For those wanting to live off campus, how does SPU achieve getting more students on campus?
 - <u>A from Dave C</u>.: Upperclassmen like a different kind of housing than traditional residential hall that is geared towards freshmen and sophomores. They want more apartments rather than housing. Long term, able to build more apartment-style housing and purchase apartment properties and use them as are for juniors and seniors. Rents from off-campus housing will be more expensive than on-campus housing which may attract people to live on campus.

Committee Deliberation:

- <u>Q from Nelson P</u>.: Do any committee members have any question regarding Section 2 of proposed EIS as presented by Michele S.?
 - No questions, but the committee is deciding topics that they are looking to review.
- Topics of section 2 for Committee members to review:
 - From Nancy O.: I would like to focus on the topics of land use and cultural resources. Although there is not a lot of discussion in this draft on street vacations and it was not listed as one of the decisions going before the City Council, but they are subject to City Council approval, I have looked through policies of street vacations to be proposed and I would like that City document to be shared perhaps someone from SDOT that works with street vacations to be included in a future meetings.
 - <u>From Michele S</u>.: This was prior included in land use section but will move to transportation section.
 - From Patreese M.: I am interested in height, build, and scale and shadow sections.
 - o <u>Q from David R</u>.: What is the significance between the highlighted and blue ink sections?

- <u>A from Michele S</u>.: Anything that is highlighted implies that there is something to look back on, edit, and revise. There is no significance with blue ink.
- <u>Q from Nancy O</u>.: There are highlighted square footages of existing buildings are those ones to be double checked?
 - <u>A from Michele S</u>.: Double checking with SPU on those numbers.
- From John R.: I am interested in transportation/traffic/parking and height/bulk/scale.
- From Sue T.: I am interested in the big three at the end land use,
- transportation/traffic/parking, and height/bulk/scale.
- From Debra S.: I am interested in air quality regarding buildings and proper ventilation during COVID.
- Committee members are not reviewing the following sections: Plants and Animals, Public View Protection, and Shadows on Open Spaces.
- Land Use, Height/Bulk/Scale, and Transportation/Traffic/Parking will require the greatest amount of time to address as they received the most comments.
 - Cultural Resource section does not include historical resources, only archaeological resources.
 - <u>Feedback from Michele S. to Nancy O</u>.: Email Abby W. at SDCI to have that included.
 - <u>Q from David R</u>.: Archaeological refers to if there is an Ancient Indian burial ground, right?
 - <u>A from Michele S</u>.: Something in the ground. There are different areas of campus that need to be analyzed as they have high, medium, and low opportunities for something in the ground.
- From Dave C.: SDCI did an open comment period, and SDCI has chosen what to include in the EIS. Things being mentioned in the committee such as historic preservation or indoor air quality, SDCI has decided to not include this in the process. Regarding historic preservation, there would thus be inclusion of additional departments, such as the Department of Neighborhoods and Historic Preservation team. Regarding indoor air quality, SPU is running all buildings on outdoor air quality with a high filtration system and switching away from fossil fuels. Regarding contamination of the 4-alarm fire north of Nickerson, there are several different cleanups down there and are in a series of groundwater monitoring before it can be worked through ecologies voluntary cleanup program. As for the fire, the Coast Guard, Department of Ecology, and Seattle Public Utilities worked with property owners in the area to come up with a cleanup plan and satisfy people that pollution had been successfully cleaned up.
- <u>From Michele S.</u> regarding the plants and animals' section: An arborist report has been prepared that accompanies the plant and animal section describing all the trees on campus and an analysis of trees in proposed expansion.
- Michele S. believes that items will be prepared for June 15th meeting.
- The next meeting will be on June 15th, the committee will not be meeting on June 1st. In-person meeting location to be accommodated as well as a virtual call-in option.
- <u>From Nelson P</u>.: Beginning June, there will be an update to the OPMA. From June 1st to June 8th, we will be going to pre-pandemic OPMA (in-person meetings to happen and physical location will be required), but there will be an option for public to call in. Effective June 9th, open public meetings should have a physical meeting place as well as a virtual option for those that would like to participate via call-in or WebEx, but not in-person. For SPU, looking for meeting rooms available for committee to meet in-person. If committee members decide to not meet in person, there is an option for folks to participate virtually as well as call-in feature.

Meeting Adjournment: 7:21PM

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