

# Minutes #7

(Adopted May 4, 2021)

## Seattle Pacific University Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6:00 – 8:00 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:

Eric Hanson	Nancy Ousley	Debra Sequeira
John Lovin	David Rice	John Stoddard
Patreese Martin	John Rush	Sue Tanner

### Staff Present:

Brodie Bain	Perkins and Will
Dave Church	Seattle Pacific University (SPU)
Nelson Pesigan	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Abby Weber	Seattle Department of Constructions & Inspections (SDCI)
Kelsey Timmer	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

- Welcome & Introductions**      **Meeting start time:** 6:05 pm  
Adoption of Minutes      March 2, 2021 Notes      *Adopted 9-0*
- Public Comment** – None
- Preliminary Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP): East & West Sectors, Transportation Management Plan (TMP)**  
Note takers: John Stoddard & Sue Tanner

Per the CAC's concept plan comment (12/1/20, #11 under "Building Heights"), a CAC member asked that presentations showing MIO heights also show the current zoning designation for adjacent parcels.

#### Sector E

SPU reps. pointed out that the area is largely to be used for housing. The school currently owns most of the buildings, which are located on what were once single-family lots. The underlying zoning is now much higher, but the topography affects how the height of buildings in this area is perceived. A CAC member expressed agreement that the topography would play an important part in the design of structures in this area.

There were comments in support of retention of the tree canopy on campus, and particularly for the trees along Dravus St., which could contribute toward the sense of "arrival" at the campus, in the manner of an allée.

## Sector F

The CAC expressed concern about the replacement of the President's house and adjacent vacant lot on Dravus St. with a large student housing structure, and with the ability of SPU to buffer the two SF residences at 7th Avenue W. and West Etruria St. from the planned new student housing structure in the Ashton Hall parking lot. SPU is now exploring whether it can, instead, move the housing density in those two planned student residences to Sector E, between Cremona and Dravus Streets. The CAC expressed strong support for that change. SPU will return to the CAC next month with updated information on the potential revision. The CAC also expressed support for preservation of the tree canopy on the vacant lot on Dravus St.

The CAC raised a question about parking throughout the campus - what will replace parking that is eliminated, and what parking will be underground/above ground? There was also concern about the aesthetics of future parking structures, which SPU reps. said would be addressed in more detail in subsequent parts of the CAC's review of the proposed MIMP.

Returning to sectors addressed in the CAC's March meeting, a CAC member asked whether SPU was considering any measures to enhance view corridors toward the water and possibly a promenade along the shoreline. That may be addressed at a later point in the process per SPU reps.

## General

The CAC briefly discuss letter from neighbor about value of open space near Presidents Residence.

Brodie Bain told the CAC that an arborist had been retained.

Design headcount 4,500 undergrad, 1,500 grads

University willing to forgo (trade?) increased height in some areas as concession for increased height in other areas to lessen impact.

Recurring themes: Focus on the transitions from n'hood to areas within the MIMP boundaries (adjoining hts, etc. will be in the MIMP document)

Continue to explore view corridors, opportunities for shared open space.

The CAC "looks forward to seeing the arborist's report."

Draft MIMP after next CAC meeting

## Sector E (east of 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Exist'g and proposed figure ground was presented and discussed.

Larger footprints-modern

Overall similar configuration to existing.

Uses Education, general, housing.

Parking garage

Open space (2000 MIMP carried over)

Existing tree canopy being confirmed by arborist.

Allee of trees along W Cremona - "ceremonial experience"

### **Sector W**

Uses Primarily housing (residence halls and some small housing)

Open space similar to exist'g

Not formal

Grade along 6<sup>th</sup>...

Tree canopy becoming denser to the south.

Replace president's res with student housing and open space.

7<sup>th</sup> and Dravus-lower hts, increasing to the south.

Hill Beach

Ashton parking lot to 65'

Closure of 6<sup>th</sup> expands open space.

Consolidate parking, underground and structured.

### **TMP – Mike Swenson**

Plan Goals: Reduce trips. Minimize provided parking without causing spillover into n'hood

Parking: Req'd min 1,900 stalls, max 2,500 stalls

2015 approx. 1,500 actuals existing.

Parking reduction strategies:

- Campus transportation coordinator

- Periodic promotional events

- Commuter information center

- Ride matching

- Transit subsidies

- Carpool/vanpool subsidies

- Flex work

- Alternate modes

- Guaranteed ride home

- RPZ's

#### **4. Adjournment: 7:39 pm**