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Members and Alternates Present

Matt Fox	Brett Forsaker
Doug Campbell	Jan Arntz
Barbara Quinn	Mark Christianson
Emma Slager	Jean Amick
Betty Swift	

Staff and Others Present

Steve Sheppard	Theresa Doherty
Dave LaClerque	

(See sign-in sheet)

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was opened by Matthew Fox. Brief introductions followed.

II. Housekeeping – Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without substantive changes.

III. City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Dave LaClerque

Mr. Fox introduced Mr. Dave LaClerque to give a brief presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Mr. LaClerque mentioned that several City departments are involved in the evaluation of possible Comprehensive Plan changes for the University. He noted that an Environmental Impact Studies (EIS) has been completed for this action. This conversation has been going on since 2012 and has included many groups including DPD is finished with the EIS process and the next step is to forward a recommendation to the City Council concerning zoning land use policy Changes.

The EIS covers a range of possible scenarios including building heights

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Around the light rail station. Before City Council takes action, DPD will have to revisit the comprehensive plan and its relationship to the Neighborhood Plan. He noted that the Comprehensive Plan for the City is a high-level policy document that sets goals and polices for the City as a whole and for specific sub-areas, i.e. urban centers. Local actions must be compatible with this document. The Land Use map for the Comprehensive Plan is a simplified version of the zoning map that determines which areas are single, multiple or mixed residential areas.

Most of the Neighborhood Plan for the U District is still relevant, but a number of goals and policies appear outdated. For example, the plan reference the monorail expansion, which is clearly no longer relevant. That plan also includes policies concerning a large central open space a New Heights Community Center, and park improvements along 50th Avenue, etc. These are no longer the main conversation even though people still like these things. Currently, the focus is on advocating a plaza or urban space and a central location for an open space.

There are places where heights and density in the core of the neighborhood south of 45th Street no longer align with the Comprehensive Plan, the current direction being considered by DPD and input from the community. Thus, changes to the comprehensive plan are required prior to considering any of the proposed zoning amendments.

Mr. LaClerque handed out some documents to the Committee to review the amendments and changes. These amendments do not change the zoning. Zoning changes will occur no earlier than late summer or fall. However, before the process goes forward the comprehensive plan must be amended. Changes to the future land use maps within the Comprehensive Plan have been presented to the Roosevelt Neighbor Alliance as well as to the U district Partnership. This presentation is part of the ongoing effort to inform neighborhood groups concerning this action.

Mr. LaClerque briefly went over the changes to the Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Map as shown below.

Mr. Matthew Fox asked for clarification concerning the relationship of the U-District Neighborhood Plans to the Comprehensive Plan and specifically if the City Had adopted the Neighborhood Plans and then amended the comprehensive plan afterwards., or vice versa.. Mr. LaClerque responded that zoning could not be changes if it conflicts with the future land use map in the comprehensive plan. The Council requires that they agree. He said that the sequence is as follows: 1) change comp plan; 2) change zoning map. This was done for the neighborhood plans as they were adopted. Mr. LaClerque noted that this is not a re-zoning and the EIS will cover both the comprehensive plan revisions and the zoning changes. Most of the zoning changes does not require changes to the future land use map.

The next steps on the zoning will be draft proposals from DPD on the spring and City Council review on the fall.

III. Draft Schedule for 2018 Campus Master Plan – Theresa Doherty

Ms. Theresa Doherty informed the Committee that the University of Washington is commencing the process to update its Campus Master Plan. The last update of the Campus Master Plan too about four years to complete. The university has completed a preliminary

schedule for this new process. That schedule projects a three and a half year time to complete the Ms. Doherty then went over the preliminary Schedule.

The first quarter of 2015 involves working with various consultant teams including EIS Consultants, Transportation consultants, architects and urban planners. The second quarter involves identifying how much sq. footage needs to be built in the next 10 to 20 year. The last two quarters will involve working with CUCAC, DPD, SDOT, and DON to formal scopes of work etc. In 2016, a preliminary draft master plan and draft EIS will be completed and it will involve a comment period, several draft iterations, public hearings and then the final EIS and master plan. The final plan will likely be published in the winter of 2017 with the Hearing Examiner Hearings and initial City council decision in the fall of 2017.

The process to develop the plan is governed by the City-University Agreement and included University Board of Regents review of the City Council preliminary decisions followed by the City Council's passage of enacting legislation. This will likely occur in the spring of 2018. Mr. Fox stated that he appreciates seeing the overall schedule at an early date.

Ms. Doherty mentioned that she met with Steve Sheppard and Karen Gordon of DON in order to make sure that there are representatives from different organizations and community groups be involved in this process, and she acknowledged that there is a good turnout from several community groups at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Sheppard stated that CUCAC's role would become more important during this process as. CUCAC has a very crucial and central role. Each membership organization in CUCAC will need to identify members who can fully participate in this important task.

IV. Update on South Campus Study II – Lyndsey Cameron

Ms. Lyndsey Cameron, Principal Architectural Architect from the University of Washington Capitals Project Office provided a brief update on the ongoing South Campus Study II. This is the second in a series of studies for the School of Public Health. It is intended to develop a vision of what the school might look like in the future. It anticipates possible expansion of the complex to include the rest of the Health Sciences. The University could not build such building without incorporating other departments and schools. The team is considering adding density and development to the area. The study will incorporate the work that has been done under the campus master plan and the west campus design framework, and the goal is to integrate and synergize these efforts.

One of guiding principles for the study it to make sure the personal well-being of the students are addressed, as well as provide an existing balance, diversity, connectivity and collaboration among the different schools. The Study has a six-month turn around and is currently half way through the process. The next steps will include identifying spaces and inventory development for the Health Sciences group.

The study is looking at existing conditions, as well as historical analysis of the buildings and the engineers are on board to look at these buildings. Ms. Cameron noted that parking remains a huge issue and they are in the process of mitigating that challenge. IN addition, any development in this area will have to be carefully coordinated with the West Campus Design Framework.

V. Adjournment

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

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