

Minutes #6

(Adopted April 6, 2021)

Seattle Pacific University Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Tuesday, March 2, 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)
Maureen Sheehan	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Kelsey Timmer	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

- Welcome & Introductions** **Meeting start time:** 6:05 pm
Adoption of Minutes January 5, 2021 Notes *Adopted 9-0*
- Public Comment** – None
- Employment Lawsuit Discussion** – No Action
- Preliminary Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP): Central & North Sectors**
Note takers: John Stoddard & Sue Tanner

Sector C

Two members expressed support for the greater heights planned for the south campus (south of West Nickerson St.) and for SPU's expressed plans to move academic functions that are now located north of West Nickerson across the street and cluster all academic functions on the south campus.

CAC members want to see more information about what is to replace the existing tiered parking on the south side of this sector.

There is concern about the intersection of the named alley to the west of W. Bertona St. (called Argand St.) and 6th Avenue W. as it relates to SPU's expressed desire to route W. Bertona traffic headed for West Nickerson St. down 6th Avenue W. to a proposed new stoplight. Traffic from Argand normally exits onto 6th Avenue W., as the intersection of W. Bertona and Argand is difficult due to the volume and speeds of Bertona traffic, the odd alignment of the intersection of Argand and Bertona, and the lack of sight distance up Bertona to the west.

CAC members want to see more information on SPU's plan to request modifications to the alignment of W. Bertona St. as it goes down the hill and across the campus. The plan is to have it changed from a straight street to one that winds down the hill, with several curving sections that, along with some speed bumps, would help reduce traffic speeds.

Sector N

There was support from the CAC for SPU's plan to activate West Nickerson St., potentially on both the north and south sides, with buildings that would involve people frequently coming and going, and with some uses that would attract both the SPU and neighborhood communities.

One CAC member expressed support for SPU's plan to place all recreational uses north of Nickerson, which could help activate the ship canal area and improve safety there.

The current situation with staging/layovers of Metro buses on West Nickerson St. and 3rd Avenue W. is a concern for both some CAC members and SPU. At some times of the day, it creates a dangerous environment as the buses stack up close to crosswalks, especially on 3rd Avenue W., and create blind spots for students crossing the street. SPU encourages the CAC's review and comments on this problem.

5. Adjournment: 7:37 pm