

Minutes #29

(Adopted 8/30/2023)

Seattle Pacific University Citizen Advisory Committee (DAC)

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 6:00 PM-7:30

In-person: Seattle City Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 370

Virtual: Webex

Remote Meeting via WebEx – video recording is available on request.

Members and Alternates Present:

Nancy Ousley	Debra Sequeira
Patreese Martin	John Rush
Sue Tanner	David Rice

Staff Present:

Dave Church	Seattle Pacific University (SPU)
Cindy Harper	Consulting Planner SPU
John Shaw	Seattle Department of Constructions & Inspections (SDCI)
Kelsey Timmer	SDOT
Beverly Barnett	SDOT
Dipti Garg	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Carol Rozumalski	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)

Consultants:

Mike Swenson	The Transpo Group
Steve Gillespie	Foster Garvey
James Garland	Foster Garvey
Michele Sarlitto	EA Engineering
Kristy Hollinger	EA Engineering

(Transcriber's Note: The notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in video recording and available upon request.)

Welcome & Introductions:

Nancy Ousley and Patreese Martin Co-Chairs

Meeting # 28 Minutes Approved

Dipti G. requests Cindy H. provide clarification of the street vacation locations.

Cindy H. reviews and clarifies the street vacations in the MIMP on page 65. West Bertona will not be vacated. Cindy H. refers to #11 on Emerson and clarifies that is actually a potential street vacation.

Public Comment: Dipti Garg

Comment: D. Garg reads the public comment submitted by J. La Vassar who requests the DAC take a public position on SPU proposal of the street and alley vacations on West Bertona. J. La Vassar would like to see a recorded vote by the DAC on whether or not they support the proposals.

Comment: D. Garg reads a public comment from Sharon asking how and where has the public hearing been advertised? Has anyone on the Queen Anne community counsel been notified? What are the details of the 8/17/23 hearing? Time , location etc....?

Answer: J. Shaw answers the time is from 5PM to 6PM. It is a hybrid hearing. Location is SMT 19th floor meeting room for in person attendance and there is also a WEBEX option. Contact John.Shaw@seattle.gov if you wish to receive the information via email. There were also mailings sent out within a certain distance. Denny Bird, the chair of the land review committee was also notified.

Comment: S. LeVine is concerned about the notification and communication to the public. S. LeVine feels she should have received better communication about the public hearing. The public hearing is happening during a time when people are on vacation and getting ready for holidays. S Levine feels there should have been more outreach to the Queen Anne Community Council.

Presentation Street Vacation: Beverly Barnett

B. Barnett reviews the process of street and alley vacations.

[Street and Alley Vacations presentation](#)

Comment: D. Church states the MIMP is proposing street vacations for needs that might arise in the future. There is no immediate development planned that will call for a street vacation. It is an attempt to be transparent. The MIMP is intended to last for 25+ years.

Question: J. Rush- Is parking and traffic looked at as part of the street vacation process?

Answer: B. Barnett yes, it could be but usually it is considered within the EIS. It is usually with SDCI.

MIMP & EIS Comment Letter N. Ousley

Height bulk and scale: Patreese Martin, Sue Tanner, John Rush

Comment: S. Tanner -Parking garages. I do not agree with the comment regarding below grade vs above grade. I feel the parking garages planned seem appropriate.

Land Use – Sue Tanner, Nancy Ousley, Eric Hanson

Comment: S. Tanner- Would like more information about the new dorm. What is the visual impact?

D. Church- Buffering is something we would work with the neighbors on.

C. Harper- it will be below 65 ft.

Parking - John Rush, Nancy Ousley, David Rice, Sue Tanner

Comment: No additional comments

Traffic -John Rush, Sue Tanner, David Rice, Nancy Ousley

Comment: N. Ousley reviewed her comments

S. Tanner agrees with N. Ousley regarding Dravus being widened as well as Nickerson Street.

DEIS page 3.5-18 will the Ashton Hall parking lot remain? What controls will be added to assist with traffic safety concerns?

K. Timmer states that SDOT would want to see 40 ft clear from the driveway. There are options for added mirrors, alerts sounds when vehicles are approaching etc.

Street Vacations: Nancy Ousley , John Stoddard

Comments / Questions:

None

Timing/ Next Steps:

- August 17: SDCI is holding a public hearing meeting.
- August 23: Final date for DAC to submit their comments in writing.
- August 30 DAC Meeting (?): Potential DAC meeting to finalize comments. DAC members should be prepared to flag any major concerns you have about the comment letter at this meeting that should be addressed before the DAC votes to approve the letter.
- September 13 DAC meeting: DAC meets to vote to approve the comment letter.
- September 15: Date by which we have to submit the comment letter to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections per code.

Meeting Adjourned 7:32 PM