

Minutes #30

(09/13/2023)

Seattle Pacific University Citizen Advisory Committee (DAC)

Wednesday, August 30, 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	Eric Hanson
Patreese Martin	John Rush	John Olensky
Sue Tanner	John Stoddard	

Staff Present:

Dave Church	Seattle Pacific University (SPU)
Cindy Harper	Consulting Planner SPU
Jackson Koch	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Dipti Garg	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)

Consultants:

Mike Swenson	The Transpo Group
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:

Patreese Martin - Chair

Meeting Content Overview- Last chance to review the MIMP Comments and refine them if necessary. The DAC will request two to three volunteers to help draft the letter, and it is due 9/7/23. On 9/13/23 there will be a brief meeting to vote on the letter. 9/15/23 the letter will be submitted.

Meeting # 29 Minutes Approved

MIMP & EIS Comment Letter P. Martin

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

Comments: No new comments or questions.

Land Use: Sue Tanner, Nancy Ousley, Eric Hanson

Comments: No new comments or questions.

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

Comments: S.Tanner reiterated that she is ok with a single use parking garage on the north side of Nickerson Street.

P. Martin added that in the future the DAC would be opposed to single use parking garage on the south side.

P.Martin will be rewriting the comment and add to the draft.

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

Comment: P. Martin requested the 3rd and Nickerson/ 6th and Nickerson comments be edited by the transportation subgroup. Ashton hall comment should be edited to be in the form of a recommendation.

S. Tanner asked for feedback from M. Swenson regarding the intersection of 3rd street, Ashton Hall, 5th Avenue West, West Barrett Street.

M. Swenson will speak with K. Timmer and J. Shaw to see if additional wording needs to be added to the MIMP.

J. Keenan-Koch added that they would take a closer look and will give an update on this after the letter has been adopted.

S.Tanner suggested that there be a recommendation added.

Street Vacations: Nancy Ousley, John Stoddard

Comments: E. Hanson would like to see the information/ definition provided explained in more detail.

N. Ousley referred to the Street Vacation presentation from meeting #29 acknowledging the extensive process. N. Ousley reviewed the potential street and alley vacation and streetscape encampments.

J. Stoddard discussed the two right of ways (legend # 12) and voiced his concern that there wasn't public benefit.

E. Hanson would like the SPU street vacations to be defined more thoroughly.

N. Ousley would like the proposed vacations to be separated out instead of all placed under legend #12.

S. Tanner suggested that there be individual statements for each street vacation, clearly stating why the DAC agrees/ disagrees.

Reference: [4 24 23 MIMP Draft Pg 65](#)

The following vacations are recommended:

Alley east of 7th W between W Cremona and W Bertona

W Emerson—only if reasonably priced parking is available to dorm residents who currently fully park W Emerson in front of the dorm.

N/S alley between W Cremona and W Dravus /3rd Ave W & Queen Anne Ave (subject to further study)

Possibly, southern ROW between 6th W and 3rd W south of the Ship Canal

Not Recommended:

Proposed vacations near the Ship Canal/Trail 6th Ave West

P. Martin read a comment from the chat:

“ There is a new structure being built in the parking lot on the corner of Nickerson, is that change being recognized in the MIMP? Is that relevant? What would the affect be of the two hotels proposed west of 6th avenue? How would that affect the proposed MIMP? “

“Is SPU involved in the building of those two hotels?”

D. Church responded that SPU just became aware of their plan and is at this time, not involved.

J. Stoddard added that there are no firm plans and that if they arise, the DAC will be informed first.

Shadows and Open Space: Patreese Martin

Comments: P. Martin reviewed the recommendations:

The DAC strongly supports the mitigation recommendations outlined in 3.7.3 because tree canopy will evolve over time and small design changes can have a significant impact on overall impact on public and open spaces.

Recommendation: Provide light and shadow studies early in the design and development of new projects to assess impact on neighboring properties and public open space so that mitigation strategies to reduce shadow impact can be incorporated into the design.

Cultural Resources: Nancy Ousley and John Olensky

Comments: N. Ousley and J. Olensky would like to have a detailed survey completed of historical structures.

P. Martin asked the comments be added to section 11 under Cultural Resources.

Plants and Animals: John Lovin

Comments: No new comments or questions.

Noise: No one assigned

Comments: S. Tanner will add a comment to section 13.

Air: Debra Sequeira

Comments: No new comments or questions.

Public View Protection: John Stoddard

Comments: No new comments or questions.

Public Comment: Dipti Garg

Comment: S. LeVine has a concern about the communication to the public. She did not receive any notice of the public hearing. S. Levine is requesting that the public meeting be repeated due to the technical and audio challenges and that the public be thoroughly notified.

D. Church pointed out that S. Levine's comment is to a different process (SDCI).

J. Stoddard added that the hotels come under a completely different dialogue.

J. La Vassar would like to see grade separation added to the MIMP on Nickerson and 6th. With the addition of two hotels, he would like to see the MIMP include and address that future scenario. J. La Vassar thinks there will be a time extension request to allow for public comment.

Timing/ Next Steps:

- Volunteers to assist with the editing of the draft: John Rush, Sue Tanner, John Stoddard.
- Friday 9/1/23 EOB subcommittees review and clean up any changes to the draft. Email to Dipti Garg if needing assistance.
- September 8: Have the comment letter submitted to the DAC members.
- 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 7:04 PM