



Minutes #11

(Adopted November 6, 2018)

Swedish Medical Center Cherry Hill Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Swedish Medical Center – Cherry Hill

500 17th Ave – James Tower SECC

Seattle WA 98122

Members and Alternate Present:

Julia Blum

Justin Kliewer

Catherine Koehn

Kevin Klauer

Jeff Dvi-Vardhana

Claire Lane

Staff and Other Present:

Maureen Sheehan – DON

Mike Denny – Swedish

1. Opening and Introductions

Ms. Julia Blum opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

2. Housekeeping

A motion was made to adopt the September 19 minutes as amended, and it was seconded. The Committee voted, and the motion was adopted.

Ms. Maureen Sheehan announced that Mr. Dave Letrondo resigned from the Committee due to work and life commitments. She asked Mr. Jeff Dvi-Vardhana to be a voting member at this meeting. Ms. Julia Blum will serve as an acting chairperson until January 30, 2019.

Ms. Claire Lane asked about new Committee membership process, and Ms. Sheehan noted the code requires a Committee comprise a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve members. This Committee could continue with having six members. She will need to discuss this with Swedish and mutually decide on the next steps. Ms. Catherine Koehn asked about the role of Swedish in deciding Committee membership, and Ms. Sheehan noted that the Standing Advisory Committee is put together by both Swedish and the City of Seattle.

Ms. Blum asked if the Committee would consider having an interim vice-chairperson, and Ms. Lane commented that having a vice-chairperson is not her concern. Since the Committee is a small group, it is important having all members present at the meeting. If a Committee member is unable to attend a meeting, the meeting should be rescheduled. Ms. Lane mentioned that she will not be available at the next meeting on November 14. Ms. Blum mentioned that she will work with Ms. Sheehan to find an alternative meeting date for November.

Ms. Sheehan mentioned that Ms. Ann Sutphin of SDOT will respond to the Committee's question about parking and will submit to the Committee by a memo.

3. Meeting #10 Follow-up

Ms. Blum opened the discussion on Meeting #10 follow-ups and updates.

Campus Activity Updates

See attached.

Communication Plan

Ms. Sheehan commented that she has not received any updates from Swedish. Mr. Kliewer asked if the communication postcards went out, and Swedish mentioned that the postcards did not go out and will speak with Ms. Sherry Williams for an update.

Schedule & Context

Ms. Sheehan mentioned that the Committee will work on the draft comment letter at tonight's meeting and finalize the letter at the November meeting.

Ms. Catherine Koehn asked if the neighbors had the meeting regarding about the fence with Sabey, and Sabey noted that the meeting has not taken place yet and they are working with a list to ensure that everyone is able to participate. Sabey mentioned that they will be scheduling a Wednesday night meeting.

Ms. Blum mentioned that the entrance door to the building to come to this meeting was locked and reminded Swedish to maintain the door open since this is an open public meeting.

Ms. Lane commented her appreciation to Swedish for having the pedestrian cross flags along Cherry and Jefferson for the last two months.

4. Public Comment

Ms. Blum opened the discussion for public comments.

(Editor's Note: The comments 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 voice recording (.mp3) form)

Comments from Mr. Bob Cooper – commented that the draft comment letter is going in the right direction and addressed some of the concerns he raised. He asked the Committee to emphasize in the letter that the proposed building fails to reflect the overall campus building design and its historical context. The dominant feature of the other institutions in the neighborhood is brick and that should be reflected in the proposed building. He added that he appreciated the entrance to the sidewalk and noted that to engage the public at a street level, the design should open to the street on 18th or at the corner of Jefferson. He also added that the MIMP calls for a campus wide doc management plan. There was discussion in the draft comment letter

about the loading docks and a requirement for an overall campus wide doc management plan that the Committee needs to see and review on how the different plans are going to move forward in the process.

Comments from Ms. Melissa Flynn – commented that she agrees on Mr. Cooper’s comments. She commented that brick is a cultural and historical part of Seattle. She felt that the design she has seen were very foreign and does not fit to the character of the neighborhood. She also added that she would like to see a state-of-the-art building and having a solar panel on top of the entire building is beneficial to the City of Seattle and the community for energy savings.

Comments from Ms. Abil Bradshaw – commented and she is very concerned about the loading dock and the noise it will create late at night and early in the morning. She noted that the loading dock is contiguous to her property and she is appalled that a loading dock will be behind her house and she hopes that there will ways to mitigate the noise that will be coming out from the loading dock.

Comments from Mr. Larry Knopp – commented about getting updates from Sabey about the Spencer Technology project in future meetings.

Comments from Ms. Mary McLaughlin – commented that she did not get any notification about a meeting regarding the fence. She also commented about the Metro holding bus area on 18th and 19th, and the buses at the area are idling continuously daily between 3-8 pm. She would like to have this bus holding area away in front of the neighbors

5. Committee Deliberation – 18th Ave Building Comment Letter

Ms. Blum opened the discussion on committee deliberation.

The Committee deliberated on areas that have the consensus of all members as well as other outstanding issues that does have any clarity. Ms. Lane mentioned about the pocket park, and issues about the seating areas along 18th, and the health walk. Other issues that were discussed and deliberated were regarding the pedestrian versus street scale around the color, panel, glazing and palette context of the building and whether these items should be revised based on the design guidelines.

The Committee discussed focusing on the historical context of the neighborhood as presented by the public comments. Ms. Koehn added one recommendation to look further at the color and historical context design of the building. Mr. Kliewer agreed about the color and materials should better represent the surrounding neighborhood institutions. Ms. Lane added that it is not the job of the Committee to design the building but to provide feedback and recommendations from the surrounding neighbors and base the decision on the design guidelines.

Ms. Sheehan recommends that each Committee member assign a section and work on fine tuning and refining the language. She will consolidate the updated language and will bring a revised draft at the next meeting to finalize the letter.

Ms. Lane emphasized to the Committee to not lose focus on what they heard from the public comments including the loading dock. She also mentioned the issue of lighting that were not clearly explained during the previous presentations since it affects privacy. Ms. Koehn suggested when reviewing the draft comment letter to focus only at the bulleted recommendations and provide feedback. Ms. Blum noted to be explicit about reviewing the issues regarding color, scale, façade, palette, solar panels and street activation. Mr.

Kliewer added that these design process will need to go through the MUP process and public comments and suggested that as a Committee, they could submit public comments as well.

Ms. Blum reminded the Committee that they will review the revised draft comment letter and continue the final discussion at the next meeting.

6. Meeting #12 Agenda & Adjournment

Ms. Sheehan will send a doodle poll survey to determine the next meeting.

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