

Minutes #179

(Adopted September 11, 2018)

City of Seattle/University of Washington Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC)

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 PM UW Tower 4333 Brooklyn Avenue, 22nd Floor Seattle WA 98105

Attendees/CUCAC Members:

Doug Campbell	Matthew Fox	Ashley Emery
Kay Kelly	Barbara Quinn	Colleen McAleer
John Gaines	Brian O'Sullivan	Barbara Krieger
Sarah Swanberg	Kerry Kahl	Reudi Risler
Staff and Other Present:		
Maureen Sheehan	Sally Clark	Julie Blakeslee

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. John Gaines opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

2. Housekeeping

A motion was made to adopt the June 12 minutes, and it was seconded. The Committee voted, and the motion was adopted.

3. Public Comments (00:04:00)

Mr. Gaines opened the discussion for public comments. There were no public comments.

4. Unreinforced Masonry – Planned Projects and Approach (00:012:26)

Mr. Gaines introduced Ms. Julie Blakeslee to present the unreinforced masonry presentation.

Ms. Blakeslee of the University's Capital Planning and Development shared that the University has been working with the City of Seattle since 2008 regarding an Unreinforced Masonry (URM) policy specific to the UW campus. The University is anticipating that the City of Seattle will pass an ordinance in the future requiring all owners to retrofit their URM buildings, so this work is in anticipation of that. Funding was granted by the State for the University to begin the work.

A total of 1,100 buildings with URM were identified citywide. The University has identified 25 buildings on the campus that would require URM work, and the University is proposing four state-funded cycles for the work to be completed. 11 buildings were identified for Phase 1 work based on engineering study

priorities, classroom utilization, cost, and synergy with Minor Works and Provost-funded projects and building classifications type.

The goal of the project is to stabilize the buildings, brace or stabilize the parapets and exterior walls of the appendages to ensure that they remain in their original positions during an earthquake and connect UW staff with available resources to increase their own seismic resilience. The types and targeted improvements include: load bearing corrections, masonry façade corrections and URM parapet corrections. Clark Construction Group is assigned to perform the project work.

The design and permitting process will begin in July and continue through the end of 2018. Construction is expected to begin Fall 2018 with an anticipated completion for Phase 1 in summer of 2019.

5. UW CMP Hearing Prep (00:01:48)

Mr. Gaines opened the discussion on the UW CMP Hearing Prep.

Ms. Sheehan mentioned that the CMP is going to City Council Committee on July 18 for the Committee to familiarize themselves with the CMP, understand the quasi-judicial rules, and finalize and plan a schedule for next steps. CUCAC does not have to be at this meeting.

The City/University Agreement (CUA) mandated Hearing before City Council is scheduled on July 31 at 9:00 am at City Council Chambers. Only a select few who are parties of record outlined in the CUA can comment. CUCAC has been allotted 25 minutes to speak. If there are questions from Councilmembers the clock will stop for CUCAC to answer, and there will be a clerk present to manage the clock. Hard copies of a presentation can be distributed to the Committee members but use of a projected screen will not be allowed. Any presentation materials must already be in the record. The University will have the first opportunity to speak and will be allotted 50 minutes. The University can defer time to be used at the closing. After the University, the 30 different groups or individuals that petitioned the CMP at the Hearing Examiner will speak up to 5 minutes each. After the petitioners, will be CUCAC and then SDCI will have 5 minutes.

Mr. Jon Berkedal asked if City Council will take action at this hearing, and Ms. Sheehan noted that the Committee will only be listening, and another meeting will follow to deliberate and start the decision-making process. Ms. Clark noted that the next meeting to deliberate may come on August 1st or 15th. The meeting will be public.

Ms. Clark commented that what the City Council is considering is the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner. The City Council receives the findings of fact, conclusion and the recommended conditions as provided by the Hearing Examiner. These findings were provided to the Committee which was also appealed by the various groups. The City Council receives these appeals and the proposed recommendations from SDCI and the Hearing Examiner, and they are asking to act on these recommendations.

Ms. Clark added that there is a two-stage decision-making process. The intent is that the City Council would like to have a preliminary recommended action done by the end of September. This preliminary action is a resolution that gets adopted by the Committee and the full Council which then goes to the UW Board of Regents. The Regents will look and confirm if there is any action or recommended changes that the Board of Regents can do. This goes back to the City Council for review by the end of 2018 or

early 2019. City Council will make their final decision and that goes back to the Board of Regents for their decision as well. Both must happen for the Master Plan to be completed.

Mr. Fox shared an executive summary to the Committee that he will be presenting at the Committee hearing.

Ms. Sheehan mentioned at the May meeting, the Committee discussed and reviewed all the comments the Committee wanted to highlight, and six members were identified to make the presentation. The presenters were: Natasha Rodgers, Doug Campbell, Reudi Risler, Rick Mohler, Matt Fox, and Barbara Quinn.

Ms. Quinn suggested Mr. Fox's comments come at the end of the Committee's presentation.

Ms. Clark recommended focusing on language of the comment letter and the Hearing Examiner's report and not worry about the reference numbers of the report since the Council members will not be able to follow it. The Council's staff members will be able to write these reference numbers down and the Council knows that all is on the record.

Ms. Sheehan summarized the order of the presentation as: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Risler, Ms. Quinn and Mr. Fox, and each presenter will have about five to six minutes to make their presentation.

6. New Business (00:43:43)

Mr. Gaines opened the discussion for Committee's new business.

A question was asked if anyone attended the Special Olympics. Ms. Swanberg mentioned that she brought her kids and the event was amazing and the University did an excellent job hosting the event. Mr. Fox commented that he saw several participants and the event did not have a tremendous impact on traffic around the campus. Mr. Kahl shared that the organizers were estimating an average of 5,000 people on campus and it was about 7,300 a day and peaked around 10,000 people.

Ms. Clark mentioned that Ms. Jan Arntz officially retired from the University and Ms. Blakelee will be appointed for a year to fill Ms. Arntz's role on this Committee to see if it will be a good fit for her. She will begin attending the meeting in September as a member of CUCAC.

Ms. Sheehan mentioned that there will not be an August meeting unless there is an urgent need for the Committee to meet and discuss any important items. Ms. Clark suggested that if the Committee decided not to have a meeting in August, to have the presenters at the July 31st Council hearing provide a brief update on how it all went via an email or any other form of communication.

There was a motion not have a meeting on August and it was seconded. The Committee voted, and the motion passed.

Ms. Swanberg mentioned that she was impressed about the quick turnaround of the letter by the American Campus Community (ACC) to mitigate and resolve the conditions that were presented to them by the residents of Bridges @ 11th. Ms. Clark shared a summary of what was presented by the residents at Bridges @ 11th and their issues with ACC. Ms. Swanberg commented that it was a win for this Committee by providing a forum for these residents and listen to their experience with ACC. Ms.

Sheehan added that the residents of Bridges @ 11th also presented at the Seattle Children's SAC meeting and the Committee is also preparing a letter to ACC denouncing their disapproval of their practices and actions.

7. Adjournment

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