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|  | DRAFT  MINUTES OF THE MEETING |
| **Bruce A. Harrell** Mayor  **Rico Quirindongo** Interim Director, OPCD  **Vinita Sidhu**, Chair  **Elaine Wine**, Vice Chair  **Matt Aalfs**  **Adam Amrhein**  **Erica Bush**  **Amalia Leighton-Cody**  **Elizabeth Conner**  **Jill Crary**  **Puja Shaw**  **Molly Spetalnick**  **Michael Jenkins** Executive Director  **Valerie Kinast** Strategic Advisor  **Windy Bandekar** Planner  **Juliet Acevedo** Administrative Staff | February 16, 2023  Convened at 9:30 a.m.  Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.  Project Reviewed  Garfield Superblock  Bitter Lake Reservoir  Commission business  Commissioners Present  Vinita Sidhu, Chair  Elaine Wine, Vice Chair  Matt Aalfs  Adam Amrhein  Erica Bush  Amalia Leighton-Cody  Elizabeth Conner  Jill Crary  Molly Spetalnick  **Commissioners Excused**  Puja Shaw  Staff Present  Michael Jenkins  Valerie Kinast  Windy Bandekar  Juliet Acevedo |
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**February 16, 2023** Project: Commission Business

9:00 am to 10:00 am

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Vinita Sidhu, Chair; Elaine Wine, Vice Chair; Matt Aalfs, Adam Amrhein, Erica Bush, Amalia Leighton-Cody, Elizabeth Conner, Jill Crary, Molly Spetalnick. Vinita did not attend the portion of business during advanced briefings on Garfield Superblock, as she is recused from that project. Adam Amrhein did not attend any of the discussions around WSBLE as he is recused from that project. Puja Shaw was excused from the meeting.

No members of the public attended the Commission business meetings.

The following items were discussed during the Commission business sections:

1. Comments by Amalia, Elaine, and Vinita

This meeting is the last Commission meeting for Amalia Leighton Cody as transportation planner, Elaine Wine as architect and Vice-Chair, and Vinita Sidhu as landscape architect and Chair. Their terms end on February 28, 2023. They provided comments on their term and roles with the Commission.

1. Introduction of new Commissioners

Phoebe Bogert, the Commissions new landscape architect, Ben Gist, the Commissions new architect, and Kevin O’Neill, the Commissions new transportation planner, attended the meeting. Their terms begin on March 1, 2023, so their attendance was as participants and not voting commissioners.

1. Vice Chair selection

Adam Amrhein was selected as Commission vice-chair due to the departure of Elaine Wine as Vice Chair. He will join Jill Crary, the Commission chair for 2023-2024

1. Staff briefing on project reviews for Garfield Superblock and Bitter Lake Reservoir

Staff provided advanced briefings for the two projects reviewed by the Commission in today’s meeting. The Garfield Superblock advanced briefing provided Commissioners with an update on the project since the Commission’s initial April 2021 review. The briefing included information on the advancement of the project following the Commission’s previous recommendations. The Bitter Lake reservoir briefing focused on the proposal for a new SPU facility at Bitter Lake and the project relationship and integration with the proposed park component of the project, to be developed by Seattle Parks and Recreation.

1. Staff updates

Valerie Kinast gave an update to Commissioners on the status of her staff work on the City’s internal work groups for WSBLE. She also provided an update on upcoming commission meetings to evaluate advancement of bridge designs for West Seattle, guideway segments, and future board actions on station locations.

1. Approval of updated Commission policy on subcommittee review

The Commission has updated their policy on how subcommittees are created for projects they review and how project reviews occur for subcommittees. The policy will be finalized and posted in March 2023.

1. Update on upcoming Commission meetings (March 16 training)

At the March 16, 2023, commission meeting, the commissioners will receive a training on advancing equity and RSJI principals in their work as commissioners. The training will be led by Equity Matters NW, a DEI consulting firm.