Capitol Hill Design Guidelines Update – Work Group meeting #4

Meeting Summary
October 17th, 2017

Work Group Members present
☐ Leslie Bain ☒ Jess Blanch ☒ Whitney Fraser ☒ Mike Mariano
☒ Brian Baker ☒ Lana Blinderman ☒ Hannah Faires ☒ Erik Rundell
☒ Matthew Benedict ☒ McCaela Daffern ☒ Phyllis Gretchenuk ☒ Saunatina Sanchez
☒ Don Blakeney ☐ John Feit ☐ Rob Ketcherside ☐ Alicia Daniels Uhlig

Staff present
☒ Christina Ghan (SDCI) ☒ Patrice Carroll (OPCD) ☒ Aaron Hursey (OPCD)

Additional Attendees
☒ Melissa Wechsler (Consultant)

On October 19th, 2017, the fourth work group session was held at 12th Ave Arts (1620 12th Ave) in the Capitol Hill Neighborhood of Seattle. This meeting was cohosted by the City of Seattle’s Office of Planning & Community Development (OPCD) and Department of Construction & Inspections (SDCI) and the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict, a project of Capitol Hill Housing. The work group, which consists of over a dozen renter, homeowners, and business owners who live, work, and/or socialize in the Capitol Hill Neighborhood, will help with the update/revision of the current Capitol Hill Neighborhood Guidelines. The goals of the meeting were to 1) discuss community outreach opportunities for the community meeting 2) provide feedback on community presentation materials and 3) discuss the work groups involvement with the community meeting.

The meeting was attended by seven work group members, three city employees, and one staff member from Runberg Architecture Group, the project consultant. The meeting was facilitated by McCaela Daffern, of Capitol Hill Housing; Patrice Carroll, of OPCD; and Christina Ghan, of SDCI. Aaron Hursey, of OPCD, and Melissa Wechsler, of Runberg Architecture Group, also presented material to the work group. The meeting began with an update of city staff. Work group members and staff then introduced themselves, approved meeting minutes from the September 19th work group meeting, and began discussing outreach opportunities for the upcoming community meeting. Patrice Carroll shared that the community meeting will be organized as an open house format, with information boards and materials located throughout the meeting room. Online materials will be available for community members who are not able to attend the open house. Work group members and city staff then began to list which community groups should be notified in order to broaden community outreach opportunities.

After the discussion, city staff presented examples of the presentation boards for the community meeting. Boards will provide an overview of the City Design Review Program, Citywide Design Guidelines, Neighborhood Design Guidelines as well as information related
to the Capitol Hill Design Guideline Update process. Work group members provided feedback and suggestions on board layout and content.

Christina Ghan then lead a discussion themes that were identified as a result of previous mapping exercises, walking tours, and work group discussions. Work group members agreed the themes were appropriate to present at the community meeting. After this discussion, Melissa Wechsler lead a discussion on how to adequately represent each theme in order to receive detailed feedback from community members who participate in the open house and/or online survey. Work group members and city staff then discussed how work group members will participate in the community meeting.