



Meeting Minutes #41

(Adopted March 12, 2025)

Swedish Cherry Hill Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC)

February 12, 2025

6:00 – 8:00 PM

(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.)

In-person Location:

Swedish Cherry Hill Campus
Swedish Education Conference Center, Conference Room D
500 17th Ave
Seattle, WA 98122

Virtual:

Webex

Committee Members Present:

Claire Lane
Maureen Devery
Ellen Sollod

Cat Koehn
Kathy Yasi

Swedish Cherry Hill staff:

Camila Level
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City of Seattle Staff:

Nelson Pesigan, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Dipti Garg, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Carly Guillory, Seattle Department of Constructions and Inspections (SDCI)(virtual)
Gordon Clowers, Seattle Department of Constructions and Inspections (SDCI)(virtual)
Ellie Smith, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)(virtual)

Sabey Staff:

Tina Tufts
Theresa Wright

Opening & Introductions

Nelson Pesigan opened the meeting. A brief introduction was followed.

Committee chairperson Claire Lane informed the committee that Bob Cooper, a former vice-chairperson of the committee and nearby neighbor and an active member of the community has passed.

The Committee adopted the May 8, April 10, April 1 and March 13, 2024, meeting minutes from 2024 with amendments. The amendments to the meeting minutes included notification issues and commitments for transparency and collaboration.

Presentation

Committee member Cat Koehn asked if Swedish could designate someone to report about the Annual Report.

2023 Transportation Management Plan

Swedish Cherry Hill presented the 2023 Transportation Management Plan (TMP). The presentation can be found [here](#).

The main goals for 2023 were to increase advocacy for Swedish employees regarding public transportation, continue to explore methods to reduce the drive-alone rate including growing the carpool/vanpool program, exploring incentives to encourage behavior changes, and educating employees on alternative transportation options.

The committee continues to express their concerns about the institution's compliance with the single occupancy vehicle (SOV) rate and potential consequences for not meeting its goals.

The committee noted that SDCI has the authority to deny permits if sufficient progress towards the SOV goals is not made.

5-year MIMP Public Review Meeting

The committee discussed possible venues and date for a public review meeting of the Major Institutions Maste Plan (MIMP).

The committee suggested to have the public meeting at the next Squire Park Community Council meeting.

The Department of Neighborhoods (DON) and Swedish Cherry Hill will coordinate to publicize the event to the community and nearby neighbors via social media notification and a press release.

Sabey Update

There were no updates from Sabey.

Sabey informed the committee that they will send an updated wayfinding instructions on how to access the building before the start of the meeting.

Committee Outreach and Recruitment Update

Nelson Pesigan informed the committee that he extended an invitation to the individual who shared interest to be a volunteer member of this committee to attend and observe the meeting.

The outreach and recruitment for committee members is ongoing.

Hotel Project Update

Carly Guillory informed the committee that the permit was issued on December 5th.

The committee noted that Nelson Pesigan sent an email to the committee on December 10th and stated that the permit is still under review.

The committee expressed about the lack of timely notification from the City.

Public Comments

A public comment was given by Bill Zosel, a nearby resident. Bill Zosel expressed his appreciation of the Committee's work in making the Institution and City accountable for not meeting their transportation management plan (TMP) goals. Bill asked the Institution to consider a major amendment to the master plan to make changes to the current TMP goal.

A comment was given by Joy Jacobsen. Joy informed the Committee that the next Squire Park Community Council quarterly meetings will be on April 19th and July 19th.

Committee Deliberation

The committee deliberated about what enforcement for non-compliance would look like.

SDCI acknowledged the need for improvement and welcomes substantive commentary from stakeholders and the committee.

The city will continue to focus on specific strategies to improve the Institution's commute rates and compliance with the TMP by engaging with leadership and drilling down into details.

The committee reiterated its frustration to the City due to its lack and limited communication and notification on the institution's current projects and permits.

Committee member Ellen Sollod recognized that the TMP not only applies to Swedish Hospital, but it relates to the entire campus including the tenants and buildings not owned but Swedish. It is concerning that SDCI issued a permit to the hotel even though Swedish is not compliant with the TMP goal.

The committee asked to provide an update on the status of the Kidney Center building and the hotel project in upcoming meetings.

The committee asked for an update regarding the crosswalk in front of the former Kidney Center building on 15th that has not been accessible since November.

The committee asked about a clarification about the process and procedure for requesting a major amendment to the TMP.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm