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Eastlake Community Council,

On behalf of Aegis Senior Communities and the design team, thank you for the opportunity to present the “Crew House” concept for Aegis Lake Union at your meeting. We really appreciated the discussion that ensued. The passion for the community by the residents was clear.

I think the local theme we’ve picked for this building is so timely. We want to honor the “Boys on the Boat” team which challenged conventional wisdom and won the gold in 1936. As the design evolves, you can be assured we’ll be meeting more to discuss how exactly that will be done, but if you visit our new Rodgers Park community on Queen Anne you’ll get a sense of our commitment to design. As part of the Living Building Challenge, this Aegis at Lake Union will also be open for tours and we’ll have a space for community gatherings so the story of the crew will expressed and shared, not just for residents.

The Living Building Challenge is appropriately named. It is a challenge. We embrace that in the spirit of who we are honoring with the building. It’s not easy, but we believe it would be fitting that the assisted living community in Lake Union that honors the 1936 Olympic Gold medal winning team also be the nation’s greenest assisted living community. A building with ethos complimentary to its crew narrative. Our focus on water, energy and materials will be unsurpassed.

As last night’s meeting informed us, one challenge will be scale, especially for neighbors to the east. We lowered the building already along the East elevation out of respect to those neighbors, but we’re going to dig in to that aspect to see what else we can do to further minimize that scale while still achieving the performance necessary for the Living Building challenge. We look forward to updating you again on our progress at another ECC meeting. We’d like to get on your schedule for that at the earliest time.

To reiterate, the access off Eastlake is critical to allow an assisted living use (or any use that will have internal parking, plus the loading required for assisted living). The site topography simply dictates that location as an access point if we are to do on-site parking and loading. However, the City staff has explained they believe the code limits access to Newton, and that even the reuse of the existing curb cut on Eastlake and closing of the one off Newton, will require a design departure from the Design Review Board. We believe strong support from the citizens of the Eastlake Community will assist in that request at DRB. As we described, a building with access off Newton, translates to a building with no vehicular access at all, so I believe we have shared motivation to support access from Eastlake for Aegis’s small amount of parking and absolutely necessary loading function.

Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss our proposed new community in your neighborhood. We’re looking forward to meeting again,

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