

COLONNADE PLANNING AND DESIGN STUDY
MEETING NOTES FOR STEERING COMMITTEE AND AGENCY GUIDANCE MEETING
HELD APRIL 14, 2015 AT THE AGORA CONFERENCE CENTER, 1551 EASTLAKE AVENUE

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A. Introductions

- Bonnie Tabb, Eastlake renter seat/sustainability advocate
- Shelly DeRonche (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center seat)
- Emily Perchlik, Capitol Hill resident/ business seat and running advocate
- Sharon LeVine, Citizens for Off Leash Areas seat
- John Stewart, Feet First seat
- Mike Sidwell, Evergreen Mountain Biking Alliance seat
- Sean Kelly, skateboarder seat
- Adam Amrhein, attendee, works at International Living Future Institute with Bonnie
- Lorena Eng, WSDOT Northwest Region Administrator
- Ed Pottharst, agency liaison for Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods
- Pam Kliment, agency liaison for Seattle Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- Chris Leman, administrator (volunteer) for the current planning and design project; president of the Eastlake Community Council
- Art Tuftee, community design liaison (under contract to ECC)
- Emily Griffith, designer, J.A. Brennan Associates (under contract to ECC)

B. Discussion Item – background on the Eastlake Community Council’s 10/6/14 NMF application, its 12/22/14 agreement with the Department of Neighborhood for conveyance of the \$25,525 award, City, the consultant selection process, and ECC contracts with Art Tuftee (3/29/15) with J.A. Brennan Associates (4/14/15) [these documents all available on request].

- There was discussion of the scope of contract with J.A. Brennan Associates
- Emphasis of the need to obtain soon from the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation and from WSDOT any available geotechnical and topographic information to ensure the best quality of deliverable products

C. Discussion on Steering Committee membership and procedures

- The proposed list of Steering Committee seats and their occupants was discussed, as follows:
 - Eastlake Homeowner (Jens Madsen)
 - Eastlake renter (Bonnie Tabb)
 - Eastlake apartment owner and adjacent landowner (Robert Breskovich)
 - Largest adjacent private landowner and commercial business (Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.)
 - Largest adjacent non-profit landowner (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center)
 - Capitol Hill/Melrose resident and Greenways (Mike Kent)
 - Capitol Hill/ Pike-Pine resident and runner (Emily Perchlik)
 - Dog owner (Sharon Levine, Citizens for Off Leash areas)
 - Bicyclist (Mike Sidwell, Evergreen Mountain Biking Alliance)
 - Skateboarder (shared by Ryan Barth, Nancy Chang, Sean Kelly, and Micah Shapiro)
 - Nonprofit land donor and broker (Trust for Public Land)
- Discussion of potential missing stakeholder groups and missing agencies
 - Will contact potential representative for rock climbers

D. Guidance from and discussion with public agencies

- WSDOT
 - Currently WSDOT has a lease with the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation for administration of 7.5 acres; any new area will need a lease with whoever will be responsible for the area
 - Under the terms of the existing lease, the land managed by the City is called an open space, not a park
 - Under state and federal law, primary use of the right of way is for the freeway. Any new use or design must be compatible with that primary use
 - Provide ADA accessible trails whenever possible in major programming features. Some recreational trails and trails on steep slopes may not be ADA accessible, but look for opportunities to create one or more north-south or east-west ADA accessible trails.
- Seattle Dept. of Parks and Recreation
 - This is a planning and design study, and will not produce a master plan
 - Need to find economical and sustainable maintenance regimes for existing or added features on land managed by the Parks Department. Could some features be added in the potential expansion area without the need for Parks Department involvement?
 - Written comments have also been received from the Seattle Department of Planning and Development, Financial and Administrative Services

E. Planning for future public events, steering committee meetings, and agency liaison meetings

- Additional public workshops
 - Off leash area workshop added
 - Running/exercising workshop added

F. Discussion of site analysis: issues, concerns, and opportunities

- The meeting concluded with preliminary brainstorming toward a first draft.