



# Minutes #8

(Adopted February 5, 2019)

## Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) for Seattle University

Thursday, September 13, 2018

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Seattle University

Student Center, 1000 E. James Way, Room 130

Seattle WA 98122

### Attendees:

David Arnesen

Wolf Saar

Wes Wheless

John Feit

Pam Stewart

Bill Zosel

Michael Mead Yaqub

Mark Stoner

Manette Stamm (Alternate)

Michelle Moore

### Staff and Other Present:

Maureen Sheehan

Colleen Pike

Amy Lindemuth - Mithun

Lara Branigan

Robert Schwartz

David Thomas - EYP Architecture & Engineering

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### 1. Opening and Introductions

Ms. Pam Stewart opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

### 2. Housekeeping

A motion was made to adopt the February 6, 2018 minutes, and it was seconded. The Committee voted, and the motion was adopted.

### 3. Chair & Co-chair Nomination

Ms. Stewart has been the Committee's chairperson for over two year and she was nominated for the chairperson position, and Mr. John Feit was nominated as the Committee vice-chairperson. The Committee voted, and Ms. Stewart was re-elected as the chairperson and Mr. Feit as the new vice-chairperson for the Committee.

### 4. Seattle University 2018 Annual Report

Ms. Colleen Pike summarized the annual status report for the period beginning July 2017 to June 2018. Ms. Sheehan added that the role of this Committee is to review the annual report and ask the University questions or clarification in the report.

Ms. Pike highlighted the activities in the annual report including updates to the MIMP conditions, and the transportation management plan, and any development activities in the MIO.

There were questions raised regarding the use of parking lots and minimum parking requirements, ORCA transit passes for faculty and students, SOV goals, and the CTR survey. Ms. Stewart suggested the City invite a representative from SDOT and the University's Transportation program to answer the questions and concerns that were raised since there is an interest from the Committee to hear more about parking and transportation issues related to the campus.

## **5. Center for Science and Innovation – New Sciences Building Schematic Design)**

Ms. Lara Branigan provided an update on the Center for Science and Innovation. A presentation was made at the February SAC meeting and the Committee finalized comments related to the design guidelines and recommended approval of the minor amendments to the MIMP guidelines.

Ms. Branigan introduced Ms. Amy Lindemuth of Mithun to provide an update on the project site. One of the recommendations from the Committee was for an elevated entry to be included in the minor amendment due to the sloping grade of the sidewalk where the building is located. She also added that there will be no basement on the building due to the history of flooding along 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.

She noted the landscape design for the site and its importance to the campus gateway experience that will provide a safe and convenient pedestrian connection for students and staff. One of the recommendations was to provide a primary circulation and pedestrian mid-block entry that will provide exposure to the STEM along the path and access to the coffee shop and gathering area in the market space entry. She also mentioned the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue frontage, streetscape, accessible path of entry, and directional signage for the service entry to make it clear that it is not an accessible entrance. She also commented about the elevated terrace at the mid-block entry and how it provides a clear sightlines and details of the landscape.

Mr. David Thomas of EYP Architecture & Engineering mentioned the different programs that will occupy the new building. He summarized the building exterior and landscape including the entry and façade, the relationship of the new building and Sullivan Hall, the planting palette, as well as the campus gateway building and courtyard architecture. Mr. Wolf Saar asked about the different types of glass being used and Mr. Thomas noted that it is a spandrel, opaque piece of glass. It is more of a gray looking glass that has insulation and it is similar to a solid wall.

Mr. Saar commented that the pedestrian entry off from 12<sup>th</sup> avenue was much improved from the last version. He added that it is important to have two sets of doors.

Ms. Sheehan commented that this project has been presented to the Committee several times. The Committee submitted a comment letter to the SDCI on the design of the building. The SDCI planner takes those comments into consideration when issuing a building permit. A Master Use Permit (MUP) application has been submitted and the comments are being considered with the application. The Committee does not need a formal response from tonight's presentation, but overall feedback is encouraged.

Ms. Stewart commented about any activities at the back of the building and Ms. Lindemuth noted that the west courtyard will provide a gathering space with elements to make it more intimate.

Mr. Saar commented about the two conference rooms at the south entrance on 12<sup>th</sup> and how to activate its use afterhours along the street side. Ms. Branigan noted that the Center for Community

Engagement reprogrammed its space by subdividing the meeting rooms to maximize utilization and the larger meetings room with entry to the central hallway available after hours for students or campus meetings.

Mr. Bill Zosel asked about the pedestrian street lights along the west side and asked if the University can investigate maintaining the identity and consistency of the lights. Ms. Branigan noted that they will look at the street lights to ensure they are consistent with the pedestrian street lights.

Mr. John Feit commented that the entry to the main building that faces 12<sup>th</sup> avenue makes sense and added that he is curious about how the design team could make the architecture at the campus entry and the landscape be more connected.

Mr. Michael Yaqub commented about the coffee shop and Ms. Branigan noted that the vendor for the coffee shop is the same vendor that does all the catering for the campus. He echoed the comments by Mr. Saar that the use of conference spaces by the CCE be open in the evenings for students to encourage more eyes on the street.

Ms. Branigan noted that they are not planning to cut the scope of the project and are focusing on the interior finishes at a certain degree. There will be no major changes to the overall exterior or the plantings in the site. Ms. Stewart asked if the canopy design at the back of the building part of the budget and Ms. Branigan shared it was not part of the current budget. It will be added when funding becomes available.

Ms. Stewart commented that it was great that the design team was able to incorporate the comments and feedback from the Committee.

## **6. Public Comments**

Ms. Stewart opened the discussion for public comments. There were no public comments.

## **7. Committee Deliberation (01:04:20)**

Ms. Stewart opened the discussion for committee deliberation.

Ms. Stewart mentioned that the Committee will be getting an invite from the University about the grand opening of the Vi Hilbert Residence Hall. The grand opening is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Sheehan commented about having the next meeting at the residence hall, and Ms. Branigan will check for space and availability.

## **8. Adjournment and scheduling of next meeting**

Ms. Stewart opened the discussion to schedule the next meeting. Ms. Sheehan commented that if there are no new projects in the pipeline that the Committee can review, the Committee can review the annual report and any project updates at the next meeting.

Ms. Stewart suggested inviting a person from Transportation to give a brief presentation and discuss the transportation issues around the University at the next meeting sometime early next year and any

project milestones. She added that she will work with Ms. Sheehan and Ms. Branigan for agenda topics. Ms. Sheehan noted that she would like to include Mr. Zosel about any transportation questions that can be answered in the transportation presentation. Ms. Sheehan also suggested the next meeting can be held at the Vi Hilbert Residence Hall.

No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.