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**Virginia Mason Medical Center
Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #25

September 26, 2017

Adopted November 13, 2018

Virginia Mason Medical Center
Central Pavilion – Level 4 – Correa C
1100 9th Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

Members and Alternates Present

Jim Erickson	Jessica Kottke	Robert Sepler
James Kirkpatrick	Terry Miller	Ward Wright
Ted Klainer	Jason Robideau	

Staff and Others Present

Maureen Sheehan	DON
Betsy Braun	Virginia Mason

I. Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Maureen Sheehan opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

II. Housekeeping

Ms. Sheehan noted that Mr. Chris Erickson will no longer be the Committee's chairperson since he moved out of the neighborhood. She suggested to have the current vice-chairperson, Ms. Terry Miller to run tonight's meeting.

A motion was made to adopt the August 17, 2016 meeting minutes and it was seconded. Ms. Betsy Braun made a clarification on the notes regarding the housing mitigation payment to the City of Seattle that required a mitigation to provide workforce housing.

She noted that she could not find any information from a Major Institution's Council adopted recommendation that directed the funds to workforce housing. She mentioned that the Virginia Mason's mitigation funds were already allocated to the 7th and Cherry project, Plymouth Housing, and there remain some funds available.

The Committee voted and the motion to adopt the August 17, 2016 minutes passed.

III. Annual Report & Activity

Ms. Braun began her presentation on Virginia Mason's past activities.

It has been relatively quiet. There were no plans to move forward to a new building in the First Hill campus. There were several internal renovations including upgrades to the new air handling system to comply with the new energy and air changes codes for the hospital. She mentioned that you may noticed more equipment on top of the roofs.

Landscaping improvements are planned along Terry, Springs, and Seneca. Several plantings were replaced using the design guidelines in the Landscaping Master Plan as well as installing sprinkler systems in the landscape beds.

There had been major sign upgrades and changes this past summer as part of the campus' brand refresh and to improve the readability of the signs. Ms. Braun noted that she welcomes any suggestions to improve the signage. The campus constantly updates their signs in a quarterly basis.

Regarding the Transportation Management Plan (TMP), Virginia Mason has a partnership with King County and the City of Seattle to offer employees a \$50 multi zone annual pass for commute trips. The campus also did a shower room survey and received 160 responses from employees who are interested in shower room availability across the campus. There is a lot of capacity on campus and this availability would help to make bike commuting more desirable.

The Madison BRT will begin construction in the next six months and Virginia Mason has started pre-construction meetings. She noted that there will be a station at Terry and Madison and they are in talks to make sure that it does not adversely affect ambulance and pedestrian traffic. There will be changes in traffic on First Hill since the two lanes on Madison will disappear.

Ms. Braun noted that they continue to lease parking from their neighbors. The Virginia Mason MIMP indicates that the campus lease about 1000 parking spaces from the nearby neighbors such as the Horizon House and the Sorrento Hotel. The campus also put in a new ticket payment system on the parking garages where the public can now pay parking in the hospital lobbies before they leave the building, which should alleviate any bottlenecking.

There is a need to replace the oxygen tanks since it is in the end of their useful life. The oxygen delivery vendor, AirGas, is looking at replacing the equipment and VM is looking at where along the block to site the new equipment. There is an opportunity to get a bigger tank which would result in tanker trucks showing up less often to fill the tanks. Virginia Mason is currently looking at options and she asked the Committee if there is a level of interest to come back and discuss this project in the upcoming meetings.

Mr. Jim Kirkpatrick commented that Swedish Hospital did a similar project and asked if it will be the same process. Ms. Sheehan noted that it would be similar. The Swedish SAC looked at the screening of the oxygen yard and provided feedback. The SAC can convene and discuss what screening would look like and its impacts. Ms. Braun noted that she would be happy to set-up a meeting later this year to provide updates on the design drawings and the impacts on traffic flow for the oxygen yard.

She mentioned that Virginia Mason merged with Yakima Memorial Hospital last year and it is now Virginia Mason Yakima. She noted that she is starting to see patient flow in Yakima and they still have a huge unmet demand and as part of the partnership, Virginia Masons goal is to bring these demands to Seattle.

Virginia Mason started negotiations with CHI Franciscan and the first task was to develop a cross referral network with their providers. Virginia Mason continues to look at partnership in the region and these are all in the operations and business relationship. She does not see anything that would lead to a significant facilities issues yet.

Mr. Kirkpatrick asked for an update on Metro Bus #2 and #12. Ms. Braun commented that she has not heard anything from King County Metro regarding these bus lines. Mr. Erickson noted that there might be potential impacts on VM regarding Metro Bus lines #3 and #4 that may be rerouted. Mr. Ted Klainer commented that a potential reroute for Metro Bus lines #3 and #4 may not affect VM and there are six different bus lines that will be coming out of south Seattle, but he is not aware if these will have impacts to Virginia Mason.

Mr. Erickson commented about looking for more public space on First Hill especially in the intersection of 9th and University. He noted that this Committee needs to understand that there will be impacts on traffic and inquired if Virginia Mason has made any plans on having this as a recreational area.

Ms. Braun noted that in the MIMP, Virginia Mason proposes a major open space as part of the open space allocation for the campus. There is plans to redevelop the HRB Building and replace it. The MIMP proposes a new L shape building to fill the space and they have had negotiations with Horizon Housing about the shape of the building. At some point in time, a transportation demand study needs to occur to analyze how the public will get in and out of the garage since it is too close to the intersection to meet the City's requirements.

Ms. Sheehan mentioned that the institution does an annual report that goes over what the institution has done in the past 12 months and how it is meeting their conditions and goals of their MIMP. She will provide electronic copies to this Committee.

A comment was made about the crosswalk issue along Terry and Spring and if there were any updates. Ms. Braun mentioned that she has not heard anything about it and she may go ahead and escalate the concern.

The City enacted a skybridge ordinance 22 years ago that is a permitting and public process, the permit is 30 years long and a renewal every 10 and 20 years. The Virginia Mason skybridge met its 20 years plateau two years ago and they have submitted all the requirements to the City.

This will allow the Virginia Mason skybridge for another 8 years. In about six years, VM will have to go out to the neighborhood and go through a full formal skybridge renewal process.

IV. Public Comments

Ms. Miller opened the discussion for public comments, and there was no public comment.

V. Committee Deliberation

Ms. Miller opened the discussion for committee deliberation.

Mr. Kirkpatrick commented that at the last meeting the City is trying to be more inclusive and he inquired if the members are closing in on their term that was started in 2011 and having members serve on one committee rather than multiple committees. Ms. Sheehan mentioned that the members has not reached its maximum term and would still be limited to serving on one committee at a time.

Ms. Braun commented about having the term start over when a committee transitions from a CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee) to SAC (Standing Advisory Committee), and Ms. Sheehan noted that is does.

Mr. Kirkpatrick commented about cross town traffic along Boren and if there were any activities on plans to address this issue as it affects the neighborhood.

Ms. Braun noted that she has not heard anything about it. She mentioned that in the MIMP, SDOT required a greater setback on to the Virginia Mason property for future expansion on Boren that would require the existing sidewalk to be reduced in width. Along the 1000 block of Madison it is very narrow, and it would take the right-of-way for an additional lane. The buildings may need to be demolished along Boren and redeveloped to make space. She mentioned that she was not yet been approached about these plans.

Mr. Kirkpatrick commented about if the hospital has provisions for electric cars that are parked in the garage. Ms. Braun noted that there has not been enough push to justify having charge stations be installed in their garages. They have not heard anything from their employees or patients that they would want an electric car charging station just yet.

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Miller informed the Committee that they would reconvene again in mid-November to discuss the oxygen tanks and if Ms. Braun has something to present.

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