

Meeting Minutes #49

(Adopted September 7, 2023)

Harborview Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC)

Thursday, August 17, 2023

6:00 – 8:00 PM

In-person:

Harborview Medical Center (Research & Training Building)
Conference Room
300 9th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Virtual: Webex

Committee Members Present:

Kenda Salisbury	Kristin O'Donnell
Nancy Hong	Carlos Estrada (virtual)
Cathy Jaramillo	
Sandy Miller	

Harborview/King County Bond Program staff:

Ted Klainer	Harborview
Laura Schermerhorn	Harborview
Leslie Miles	King County
Teresa Beran	King County
Mike Swenson (virtual)	Transpo Group

City of Seattle Staff:

Nelson Pesigan	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Sean Conrad	Seattle Department of Constructions & Inspections (SDCI)
Polly Membrino (virtual)	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

(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.)

1. Opening & Introductions

Kenda Salisbury opened the meeting. A brief introduction followed.

There was a motion to adopt the [June 15, 2023](#), meeting minutes as amended, and it was seconded. The Committee voted and the motion passed.

2. Committee's Comments on DRAFT Major Amendment Proposals Letter

Major Amendment Proposal #1: Expansion of Major Institution Boundary

- Cathy Jaramillo: Asked for clarification about the current heliport if it is considered a public space as part of the building plan.
- Ted Klainer: The goal for the heliport is to leave its current use. There is no plan or confirmation about the future use of the heliport.
- Ted Klainer: Due to the rescoping effort and the discussion at the last meeting regarding the height of the new tower building, there is a proposal to increase the height of the building. Harborview and King County will provide the exact height proposal to the Committee.
- Kristin O'Donnell: Request to update the language in the last sentence of the Major Amendment Proposal #1 regarding the property to "property has not yet been acquired" and change "WSOT" to "WSDOT".
- Cathy Jaramillo: What happens if the property is not acquired by Harborview and King County?
- Ted Klainer: Harborview and King County would want to expand the boundary regardless of the negotiations with WSDOT.
- Sandy Miller: Add language to the letter about the extent of expanding the boundary to allow Harborview and King County for future flexibility, safety, and activating the space.
- Kristin O'Donnell: Who is responsible for maintaining and securing the wall?
- Ted Klainer: Will provide more information to the Committee about ownership and maintenance of the wall.

Major Amendment Proposal #2: New Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

- Sandy Miller: Will there be exhibits added to the updated Master Plan as part of the addendum that the major amendments will state that these projects are being considered in the future? Suggested to update the current Master Plan that summarizes the potential versus planned projects.
- Ted Klainer: Suggested to add to the letter that this is what the Committee understood about the available options regarding the planned and potential projects. Harborview will do some clean-up and update of the current language in the 2000 Master Plan
- Cathy Jaramillo: Add a language that the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is consistent with the other health institutions in First Hill.

Major Amendment Proposal #3: Height, Bulk, and Scale

- Kenda Salisbury: Made a note about the proposed change of building height.
- Sandy Miller: Provide validation on why the proposed increase in building height must happen including changes in the adjacent properties in First Hill and Yesler.

Major Amendment Proposal #4: Open Space

- Cathy Jaramillo: Suggested to tell the City to accelerate and step up their improvements along Terry Avenue.
- Sandy Miller: The 2000 MIMP talked about- Terry Avenue and the City's vision for Terry Avenue. There should be an opportunity to emphasize it in the letter.
- Ted Klainer: The goal of Harborview is to get the improvements along Terry Avenue completed, and to get it greener.

Major Amendment Proposal #5: Traffic Impacts & Traffic Mitigation

- Cathy Jaramillo: Felt that the Committee did not get specific answers from the Transpo Group regarding traffic impacts and changes that will happen.
- Ted Klainer: Harborview is preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will identify and analyze more specific traffic and congestion issues.
- Mike Swenson: We are working with SDCI and SDOT to identify the specific locations and studies that will include intersections and roadways. Questions about traffic impacts will be assessed in the EIS which will be completed later.
- Ted Klainer: King County and its consultants are currently working on the EIS to address parking, traffic congestion, etc. The EIS process runs on a different track and the Committee will have the opportunity to review and comment once the EIS becomes available.
- Cathy Jaramillo: Will the EIS address the emergency vehicle routes around Harborview?
- Ted Klainer: Will be looking for more land/space to connect the loop road to James Street for the emergency vehicle route.
- Sandy Miller: Would encourage that the current TMP (Transportation Management Plan) addresses the use of Link Light Rail and improvements along Madison Street.
- Ted Klainer: Harborview will be looking at and reviewing major updates to the TMP.
- Sandy Miller: How would the Committee approve the major amendment proposals and contingent that some projects will take some time?
- Mike Swenson: Will circle back with SDCI and SDOT about the timing of the process regarding the Major Amendment proposals and the TMP that is consistent with the City's code, policies, and requirements regarding the major amendments.
- Carlos Estrada: Agree with the proposal of connecting the ambulance to the exit off James Street. It would better facilitate the space of getting patients into the Emergency Room quicker.
- Sandy Miller: Need to update the language in the current Master Plan since it is over twenty years old.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Committee Deliberation

Cathy Jaramillo: What is the timing of the comment letter?

Sandy Miller: Suggest sending the second draft version of the letter for the Committee to review before the next meeting.

Ted Klainer: Will get the EIS document to the Committee once it is ready to be published.

Kenda Salisbury: Gathered the notes and comments that were discussed at this meeting and will incorporate them into the letter.

5. Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded. The Committee voted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm