



# Meeting Minutes #214

(Adopted November 12, 2025)

## City/University Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC)

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:30 – 8:00 PM

*(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.)*

### In-person Location:

University of Washington  
UW Tower, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boardroom  
4333 Brooklyn Ave.  
Seattle, WA 98105

### Virtual:

Webex

### Committee Members Present:

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| John Gaines, Chair       | Portage Bay/Roanoke Park Community Council |
| Don Blakeney             | University District Partnership            |
| Doug Campbell (remote)   | University District Community Council      |
| Kathryn Kelly            | Laurelhurst Community Council              |
| Julie Blakeslee (remote) | UW Staff                                   |
| Kent Willis              | University Park Community Club             |
| Colleen McAleer          | Alternate, Laurelhurst Community Council   |

### Committee Members Absent:

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| Virginia Lehrer | UW Member-at-Large              |
| Jacob Morrison  | Ravenna Springs Community Group |
| David Taft      | Eastlake Community Council      |

### UW staff:

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| Erin Hoard | UW, Director of Regional & Community Relations |
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### City of Seattle Staff:

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| Nelson Pesigan        | Department of Neighborhoods, Design Review Advisor                    |
| Dipti Garg (remote)   | Department of Neighborhoods, Major Institutions & Schools Coordinator |
| Donna Hartmann-Miller | Department of Neighborhoods, Administrative Specialist                |
| Greg Johnson (remote) | Department of Construction & Inspections, Land Use Planner            |
| Sarah Sodt (remote)   | Department of Neighborhoods, Major Institutions & Schools Manager     |

### Attendee:

Vannick Matthews

**Presenters:**

Lara Sirois  
Pasqual Contreras  
Julie Blakeslee

UW Project Delivery Group, Project Manager  
UW, Seismic Project Manager  
UW, Environmental and Land Use Planner

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**Opening & Introductions**

Meeting begins at 6:31pm

Nelson Pesigan reviews Agenda (Welcome & Intros; Chair Report; Presentations, including Committee Q&A; Public Comments; Committee Deliberations; Adjournment); Housekeeping & Meeting Protocol review; Public Comments overview; Roll Call (James Campbell resigned and is being replaced by Dave Taft)

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**Public Comment**

Colleen McAleer (Laurelhurst Community Council): FYI - Laurelhurst CC is now Community Council rather than Club. Reviewed package and LCC in support of sustainability and agree with the solar panels; request a glare and light study and advise to keep the helicopter landing paths in mind with this study.

**Presentations**

(8:40)

**Chemical Sciences Building**

The link to the presentation can be found [here](#).

Presentation

Lara Sirois, Project Manager with UW Project Delivery Group

The goals and objectives of this presentation is to provide an overview of the project scope, site location, consistency with the Campus Master Plan (CMP), talk through the completed Pre-Design Report, and share high-level next steps. Chemistry Department uses Bagley Hall and the Chemistry Library. New building (that will replace the Chemistry Library) is intended to increase collaboration opportunities; improve the size and existing constraints for wet lab instruction; improve HAVAC control; and rehabilitate the aging infrastructure. Project Scope of replacing the building also includes improving and increasing research, increase opportunities for students, enhance recruitment of faculty and grad students, and connect better in proximity to other science interdisciplinary research centers. Campus Integration preserves and strengthens the historic core; creates connections both North-South and East-West; prioritize Campus-First Design; embody NW character; lead on sustainability; and create a cluster of excellence for chemical science and interdisciplinary research. The Project Goals were identified in the Board-of-Regents and Project Executive Committee approved Project Work Plan; these, at a high level, include grow & retain; collaborate, modernize, and innovate. The collaborative Design-Build Delivery Method will be used; UW contracts a builder and both then choose an architect. Scansa is the contractor; design partners are new to the UW and are Payette Architects and EHDDD. The Project Schedule is reviewed; currently in the Project Definition to Construction Documents stage (through end of Spring 2026) Enabling and Construction will be Autumn 2025 thru Spring 2028, with a move-in date in the spring of 2028. Site Location shows the central campus location on a map. CMP Development Standards – there will need to be some borrowing on square footage. Campus connections demonstrated. No footprint has been decided on yet. A Site Pre-design Concept is shown, featuring the east-west connection. Site photos are shared; trees are going to need to be protected. Space Program is in the process of being validated; some assumptions of square footages are shared as well as the program components (numbers of labs, researchers, faculty, students/classroom area). Phasing plans are shared to show how the chemistry department will function during this project. Engagement needs of programs and facilities are being identified. Demolition is planned for Spring of 2026, then starting construction.

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Questions & Answers

Sound Transit vibration concerns are not seen to be an issue, but there will be some tracking going on. A consultant will be coming on to test the baseline, then maybe do some simulated construction activity to understand the impacts during construction and the new needs.

Budget that has been passed at State level is \$124 million, hoping that remains in place. Funding on a Federal level would affect research, not the construction or use of the building.

The Library Use will move to Bagley and a few other groups have also been given notice.

West Campus connection passage through the building; project team is aware of the issue whether there will be through the building (doors) or exterior. Accessible 24-hour connection has strong support.

Tour of building mentioned; And a tour of the Interdisciplinary Engineering Building tour is also still in the works.

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### **Seismic Improvement Program: Suzzallo Library**

The link to the presentation can be found [here](#).

#### Presentation

Pasqual Contreras, Seismic Project Manager

This program is to improve life safety by preventing collapse in case of a seismic event in all the unreinforced masonry buildings on campus. Suzzallo Library is iconic and the goal is to also preserve the historic elements. Suzzallo is in Phase five, along with Hec Ed Pavilion and the Art Building. Suzzallo work will focus on façade, masonry work, and the sandstone. Corrections of other past work shown. Current Status Mapping of the campus is presented, showing the large amount of work already done. Wear on the building includes breakage at the base from water damage and birds nesting amongst statues. Work will be occurring on the 1925 and 1935 sections of the building as the other sections are in good shape. Work will begin on the terrace (dealing with structural support) just after commencement, then scaffolding will be going up. Vegetation should stay the same, but a few things will require protection. Key dates for the timing: Schematic Design and Design Development are complete; Construction Document, Permitting, and Bid & Award are almost complete; Scaffolding will go up and work should be complete in December 2026. Site Logistics & Scaffolding work areas map is shared; access is to be protected, some rerouting may take place. A Job Trailer will be hidden back behind the dumpsters on the end of NE Grant Lane. How the scrims and scaffolding will be installed and shifted to wrap around the building during the work process. Damage scope outlined. Spec sheets of the detail work shown. Slate roofs will be touched up and water-proofed. Façade restoration priorities include: Life Safety; water infiltration; organic growth; envelope deficiencies; aesthetic appearance. Façade restoration scope includes: masonry repointing, replacement, cleaning, resetting, and waterproofing. Differences of façade scope of work and the seismic scope of work. Current conditions of surfaces shown. Nothing should change in terms of how it looks, only in seismic safety.

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#### Questions & Answers

This portion of the seismic work is ~\$21 million.

Terra cotta and sandstone are being sourced in an involved process to get as much original as possible.

The slate is not being replaced, only waterproofed.

Brace structural/safety of people work was done in 2001.

Bracing in the ceiling (“the bat wing”) anchors the buildings together so they don’t shake apart.

Plans for night-time lighting are not a part of this project.

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### **Solar Canopies**

The link to the presentation can be found [here](#).

#### Presentation

Julie Blakeslee, **UW**, Environmental and Land Use Planner

E-18 Parking Lot being suggested for a Solar Canopy Pilot Program, to improve campus sustainability performance by supporting the electric fleet charging stations. This location is chosen for good connection to electric grid. There will be temporary construction fencing while the equipment enclosure and canopies are installed. Vender examples of canopy shown; cars park under, run-off issues, paint color. Examples of other locations. Project Schedule: Design & permitting process occurring through May; bid results later this month, construction through ~July 2025 (in attempt to not interfere with events, especially football). Public comment regarding reflection will be looked into.

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#### Questions & Answers

This pilot testing over a twelve-month period should provide about 64kw. Looking for grants is looking to be a challenge, so there is a question on what would be available in the future.

This can withstand a very high windspeed. Hefty, strong steel bracing.

Panel production out of country is an unknown.

Two follow-ups to Laurelhurst concerns (flight path and elevations) requested; Julie will follow up and send to Nelson Pesigan.

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### **FIFA Soccer Field Renovation**

The link to the presentation can be found [here](#).

#### Presentation

Julie Blakeslee, **UW**, Environmental and Land Use Planner

UW Soccer Fields will be the practice fields for the teams who will be playing in Seattle. Did not meet regulatory standard for FIFA (including pitch, maintenance equipment), so it will be upgraded in a very quick turnaround. Full renovation will incorporate new drainage; irrigation; natural grass playing surface with synthetic turf perimeter; pitch level adjustments; new concrete stub walls/fencing at grade transitions; lighting changed to LED and better targeted; and ball control netting. Location shown between baseball fields and the track. Floor plan boundaries shown. Project schedule: bid opening May 14; Construction mid-June thru July 31, 2025; Sub Comp August 1, 2025.

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#### Comments

Speedy renovation is impressive. Work being done this year in order to have grass established for next year.

No audience allowed at FIFA practices and will be fenced off; security plans unknown.

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### **Committee Deliberations and Discussion**

Pocock Shell House Renovation update: Still going through permitting since design element continuing. Need to also go through National Park Service, the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic

Preservation, and Seattle Landmarks – in this final stages, but the staffing is being questioned if it will exist. Goal is still later this year or early 2026 to begin work.

Trail along waterfront: In process of working on the section on east campus (from where Clark Road meets Mary Gates Memorial Way, through campus along the shore and all the way around to Montlake). Looking at a signage program; funding will determine how much of the route will be possible, by the end of 2025. Some conversation taking place regarding indigenous tribal names being included.

Update on W27 (a building in the heart of West Campus): situation has changed and that project will not be pursued at this time.

Brooklyn Green Street to Ship Canal will be worked on as development naturally occurs; developers contribute to the fund for it.

A nod to Frank Chopp for his legacy and contributions to the U District.

#### June Meeting

- To review Annual Report.
- Sally Clark has been invited; there is a new division (Safe Campus) she heads up that she could talk about.
- There may be a project to present as well.

#### **Adjournment**

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The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.