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April 16, 2026

Convened – 1:00 pm

Adjourned – 3:30 pm

Projects Reviewed

Commission Business

410 W Harrison alley vacation – public trust review

Commissioner's Present

Eric Alipio (virtually until 2:30 pm)

Phoebe Bogert

Kate Clark

Ray Gastil

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Shirin Masoudi (virtual until 1:30 pm)

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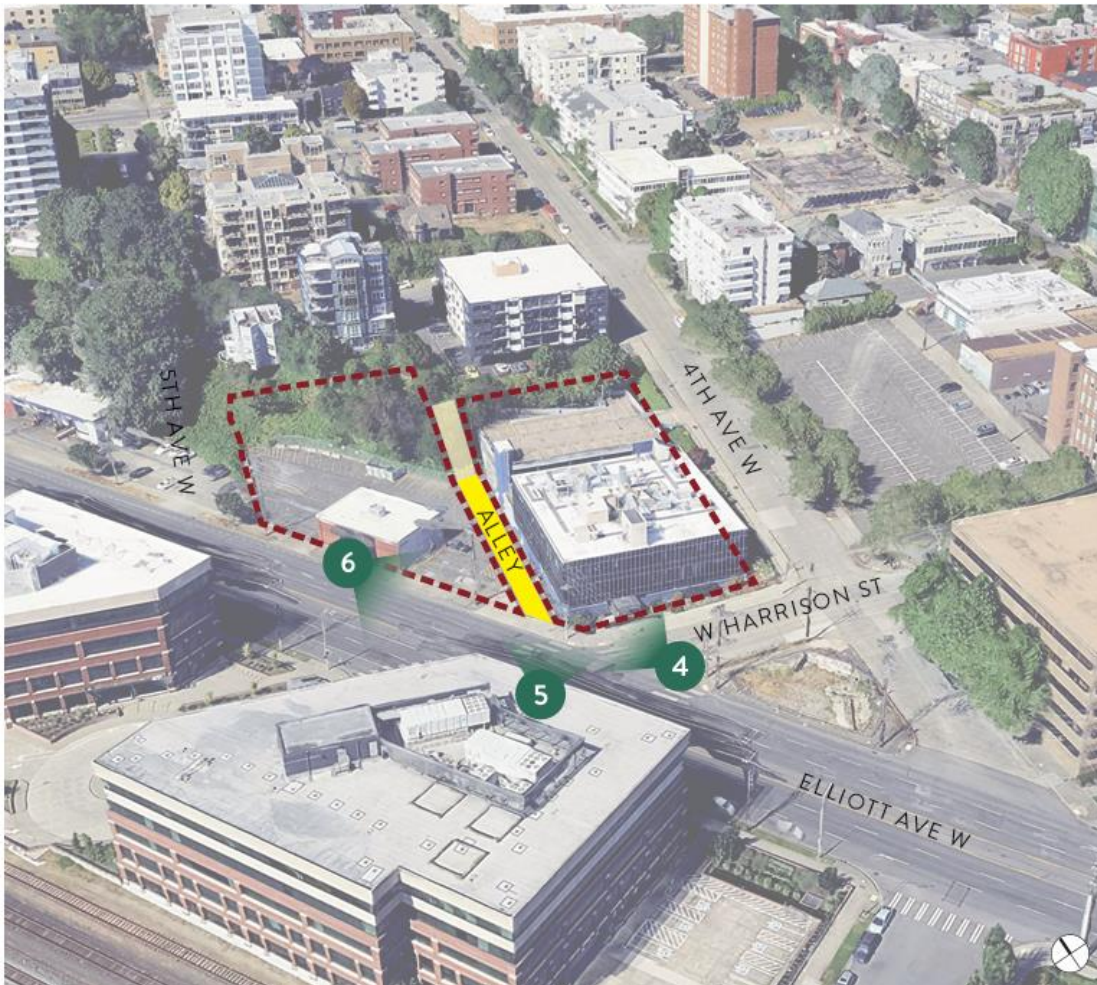
Commission Business (1:00 – 1:30 pm)

The Commission discussed ongoing project work, had a briefing on the projects to be reviewed today and had an update on WSBLE project timelines.

410 W Harrison alley vacation – public trust review (1:30 – 3:30 pm)

The Commission received a presentation on the proposed alley vacation at 410 W Harrison in the Uptown neighborhood. The presentation was focused on public trust review phase of the alley vacation petition. Public trust reviews evaluate the implications of the loss of the right of way on the remaining rights of way.

The proposal is to vacate the southern portion of an alley between West Harrison and West Republican Streets to the south and north, and 4th Avenue West and West Elliott Avenue to the east and west. The northern portion of the alley would not be vacated.



Presenters:

- Brian Runberg, Runberg Architecture
- Jessica Yu, Runberg Architecture
- Christian Gunter, Alexandria Real Estate
- Katie Kendall, McCullough Hill

Attendees:

- Amy Gray, SDOT
- Jackson Keenan Koch, SDOT
- Ciara Ortiz, SDOT
- Sean Ekstrand, Runberg Architecture
- Jason Tran, Runberg Architecture
- Jeremy Febus, KPFF
- Ginger Hutton, Alexandria Real Estate
- Rachel Miller, Hewitt
- Dolores Wiens
- Andrew Martinez-Alegria

The Commission voted 6-0 to support public trust phase of the project. The commission made the following recommendations:

1. Resolve the design of the proposed 5th Avenue West improvements, due to vehicle volumes and traffic speeds along Elliot
2. Continue to advance designs at the SE corner of the project (4th and Harrison), and the access stairs/hillclimb portion of the project, towards the creation of a 3-dimensional space that is connected to the public realm. Solutions to advance the public nature of the space should include the use of materials, public art, plantings, and other solutions.
3. At the next meeting, the commission would like to hear how public engagement is shaping the public benefit package.
4. At the next meeting the commission would like to see how stormwater management strategies are integrated into project designs.
5. At the next meeting, the commission would like to see how Art can be integrated into the project, with focus at the SE corner of the project and along Elliot.