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|  | DRAFT  MINUTES OF THE MEETING |
| **Bruce A. Harrell** Mayor  **Rico Quirindongo** Interim Director, OPCD  **Jill Crary**, Chair  **Adam Amrhein**, Vice Chair  **Matt Aalfs**  **Phoebe Bogert**  **Erica Bush**  **Elizabeth Conner**  **Ben Gist**  **Kevin O’Neill**  **Puja Shaw**  **Molly Spetalnick**  **Michael Jenkins** Executive Director  **Valerie Kinast** Strategic Advisor  **Windy Bandekar** Planner  **Juliet Acevedo** Administrative Staff | March 16, 2023  Convened at 9:15 a.m.  Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.  Reconvened at 12:30 p.m.  Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.  Projects Reviewed  Bell Street improvements  Commission business - Equity training  Commission business  Commissioners Present  Jill Crary, Chair  Matt Aalfs  Phoebe Bogert  Erica Bush  Elizabeth Conner  Ben Gist  Kevin O’Neill  Puja Shaw  Molly Spetalnick  **Commissioners Excused**  Adam Amrhein, Vice Chair – all day  Ben Gist – Excused from training  Kevin O’Neill – Excused from training  Puja Shaw – Excused from training  Molly Spetalnick – Excused from training  Staff Present  Michael Jenkins  Windy Bandekar  Juliet Acevedo  **Staff Excused**  Valerie Kinast |
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**March 16, 2023** Project: Commission Business sessions

9:15 am to 10:00 am

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jill Crary, Chair; Matt Aalfs, Phoebe Bogert, Erica Bush, Elizabeth Conner, Ben Gist, Kevin O’Neill, Molly Spetalnick and Puja Shaw.

No members of the public attended the Commission business meetings.

The following items were discussed during the Commission business sections:

1. Advanced briefing on Bell Street improvements presentation

Staff provided an advanced briefing on the Bell Street improvement program. The Bell Street improvements will be implemented by Seattle’s Office of the Waterfront. The program will include upgrades to the Bell Street right of way from Elliott to 1st Avenue, including upgraded sidewalks, bicycle track, increased planting areas, and reuse of a piece of sign infrastructure from the now demolished Alaska Way viaduct. Commissioner questions during the advanced briefing focused on details of the proposed ROW features and details around circulation and the location and attributes of public space.

1. Upcoming meetings

Staff provided a brief overview of upcoming meetings on street and alley vacation projects, and a potential series of WSBLE-led briefings

1. Equity matters NW training

LaToya Matters-Ware of Equity Matters NW provided Commissioners with a training focused on principles of equity in their role as Commissioners. The training included use of training materials developed by Equity Matters NW staff that mirror those in the City’s Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) programs. The training was supported by advanced viewing of the three hour vide series Race: The Power of an Illusion. The training included a discussion by Commissioners and staff about how the principles could be applied to the work they do on projects, the work they generate related to policy initiatives, and equity principles they can apply to the structure and format of their meetings.