

City of Seattle Resilience District Advisory Group Meeting Notes

Meeting Details

Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Location:	Hybrid In Person and Virtual (South Transfer Station and Zoom)
Participants:	<u>Advisory Group Members:</u> Alissa Campbell, Andrew Schiffer, Ani Jayakaran, Crystal Brown, Edwin Hernandez, JC Clark, Jessica Miller, Justin Howell, Marty Oppenheimer, Matt Carey, Paulina Lopez, Robin Schwartz, Susan Davis <u>City of Seattle Staff and Consultants:</u> David Goldberg, Ann Grodnik-Nagle, Alberto J. Rodríguez, Priya Saxena, Raman Khanna, Seferiana Day, Saumya Kini, Ken Pirie, Stefanie Loomis, and Mike Chang, and Santtu Winter

Follow Up Tasks

- **Facilitators:** Adjust set up for 9/22 Advisory Group meeting (from hybrid to full virtual)
- **Advisory Group Members:** Prepare for upcoming Municipal Finance and Organizational Development meeting on 9/22.

Summary Notes

Please note that due to technical difficulties the virtual portion of this meeting was not recorded. We regret this error and will ensure all future Advisory Group meetings and recorded.

Welcome and Session Overview

- The Facilitation and Sea Level Rise teams welcomed Advisory Group members to the meeting, shared our agenda, reviewed Community Agreements.
- The Facilitation team also shared an update on broad community engagement that was conducted to inform Duwamish Valley community members about the Resilience District and gather feedback on the Guiding Principles.
 - After Advisory Group members, Consultant teams, and City staff worked together to co-create draft Guiding Principles, the City and Facilitation Teams conducted broad engagement with community members in the Duwamish Valley.
 - We connected with 213 community members over four events.
 - Themes we heard on what's important to Duwamish Valley community members includes: infrastructure to support social determinants of health, workforce development support, anti-displacement efforts (for residents and businesses), and more.

Workshop 1: Draft Sea Level Rise Alternatives

- The Sea Level Rise consultant team led a comprehensive presentation on three draft alternatives. The alternatives and associated images do not represent City of Seattle policy or proposals. The descriptions and associated images are intended to facilitate conversations with community, agencies, and decision makers. This work will be refined over multiple phases including: further community engagement, technical and financial analysis, consultations with Tribes and agencies, permitting and environmental reviews, and City Mayoral and Council decisions.
- **The three draft alternatives are:**
 - **Focused:** focuses on industrial and maritime use and multiple benefit elements within distinct areas.
 - Pros: Prioritizes industrial efficiency and green space near homes
 - Cons: Focuses habitat and public access to green space rather than distributed along shoreline
 - **Nodes:** Strategically locates nodes of industrial and maritime activity and habitat / other multiple benefits along shoreline.
 - Pros: Prioritizes clear acquisition strategy and distributed habitat / green space
 - Cons: discontinuous habitat and public access
 - **Continuity:** Invests in a continuous living shoreline, improving the environment and community access while establishing maritime access at strategic locations
 - Pros: river health, continuous habitat and public access
 - Cons: constrained maritime access and challenging acquisition strategy

Workshop 2: Refining Alternatives

- In the second part of our Advisory Group meeting, members split into small groups to share questions and feedback on the three draft alternatives. A few questions and comments are included below:
 - How do we balance prosperity in place for both residents and businesses where there is limited space to work with?
 - How can we take a more “abundance”-focused view to encourage sharing resources?
 - Alternatives that allow for more flexibility can be beneficial for community-centered planning and design
 - Some water-dependent industrial uses are likely to address sea level rise on their own due to the need for continued operations and access to barges.
 - Does the City have a plan for acquisition if that’s needed?

Summary and Next Steps

- The Facilitation Team recapped the meeting, thanked members for being patient with technical difficulties, and helped prepare members for the next Advisory Group meeting focused on Municipal Finance and Organizational Development.