

West Edge Neighborhood Association
October 14, 2015
Waterfront Space

Meeting was called to order by president Jo Vandersnick at 6:09 PM with introductions.

Minutes for July and September were submitted. M/S/P to approve both.

Shefali Ranganathan from the Move Seattle levy campaign is our monthly speaker. The levy is a \$930 million levy renewal, which replaces the smaller Bridging the Gap levy. Ranganathan described several downtown projects to be funded by the levy, including the Madison Street bus rapid transit corridor. The levy also funds safety, maintenance, sidewalks, and protected bike lanes.

Vice Chair Linda Mitchell asked for any feedback on the bylaws, which were provided by email and posted to the WENA website. No feedback was given. The Executive Committee will vote to adopt the bylaws at their next meeting on Friday, October 16.

William Justen, Chair of the Land Use Committee, announced that the Committee would be speaking on behalf of the alley vacation requested by the Skanska 2&U Project located between 1st and 2nd, University and Seneca. The Land Use Committee is concerned about a planned project at 2nd & Stewart because of congestion and safety concerns with the proposed streetcar on Stewart and about insufficient ground-level retail. They will also be tracking the Selig project on the Federal Reserve site.

Brian Estes, Chair of the Transportation Committee, announced a future program on the BRT corridor. He also mentioned that the City has had recent open houses on the First Avenue Streetcar (Center City Connector), and suggested that for a future program.

Jo Vandersnick announced Gene Burrus as the new Public Safety Chair, Gene was not present.

Linda Mitchell reported on the Downtown District Council meeting. New Seattle Parks Director, Jesús Aguirre, was the speaker and presented info about the Parks system and his vision. He announced 2 new RFPs that would be released soon - one for Westlake and Occidental Parks, and a second for "other smaller parks" that would include Victor Steinbrueck Park. Discussion about how to get involved with that project, being spearheaded by the Pike Place Market Foundation.

Yun Pitre of the City of Seattle's Dept of Neighborhoods announced the draft of the City's Comprehension Plan will be presented at public meetings coming up. The closest location of a meeting for the West Edge is at Miller Park on Capitol Hill. She suggested that WENA and its membership contact the City's Dept of Planning and Development (DPD) to encourage them to hold a meeting Downtown.

The MID speaker was caught up speaking to Belltown Community Council and was unavailable before adjournment.

The next meeting will be November 11th at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Ben Anderstone, 10/14/15