

## **West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes November 11, 2015 Waterfront Space**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Linda Mitchell at 6:12.

Linda thanked Jasmine Mac, owner of Nijo Sushi, our evening's restaurant sponsor.

Linda introduced Chris Gorley of Friends of Waterfront Seattle to speak about our hosts.

President's Report:

- Pleased that Move Seattle levy passed in the November General election (October speakers).
- Sally Bagshaw was elected as the representative for Seattle City Council District #7 (downtown). We will invite her to speak to the group soon.

Land Use Chair William Justen gave an update on the Land Use Committee, including their support of Skanska Commercial Development's 2&U project at 1201 2nd Ave (the block between 1st & 2nd Avenues and University and Seneca, excluding the Diller Hotel building). William introduced Christian Gunter and Dan Matheson of Skanska, the building's developer. Christian and Dan presented the project that will require an alley vacation and answered questions.

Lillian Sherman, Executive Director of the Pike Place Market Foundation, joined us to present an update of the MarketFront project. Lillian shared about the construction contingencies of the expansion, the public space, incoming retail tenants (brewery, chocolate shop, and others), the increase in housing and affordable housing, and public art.

William Justen gave a presentation on Seattle in Progress ([www.seattleinprogress.com](http://www.seattleinprogress.com)), highlighting growth in the downtown and its relationship with business cycles. He also gave a brief overview of the City of Seattle Department of Planning's Design Review process. He invited members to join him on the Land Use Committee, and announced that Greg Smith of Urban Visions will be joining us next month to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> & Pike project currently under construction.

Gene Burrus, new WENA Public Safety Committee Chair, reported that he is working with SPD to learn more about how the committee can work with the department, and make use of city reporting apps.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.