

West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2016 at Friends of Seattle Waterfront Space

Meeting was called to order by President Jo Vandernick at 6:14 PM.

Jo did introductions and thanked our sponsors, Friends of Seattle Waterfront and our restaurant sponsor, Japonnesa Sushi Cocina. Jo announced that starting next month, the meeting will be held on the fourth Monday, April 25th.

Officer elections: Acting Vice President Linda Mitchell and Acting Treasurer Leigh Valentine have been serving as officers since group formation, and are now up for election. M/S/P unanimously to close nominations. Both Mitchell and Valentine were elected by a show of hands.

Linda Mitchell discussed results of the WENA survey, which emphasized membership interest in reviewing new projects, addressing issues around access, neighborhood safety, and fostering a greater sense of community.

- **Brian de Place** from SDOT spoke about the Access Seattle program, developed with input from a diverse stakeholder group, including downtown residents, which works on tools and policies across city departments to mitigate construction impacts, like: notification, communication, and public-private agency coordination. He also spoke to interagency coordination, pedestrian access rules, and “swift and certain” enforcement. For 2016, he said there would be a focus on bicycle access, and additional resources (including staff) for enforcement and reviews. Downtown construction coordinator is Ken Ewalt and his contact information was distributed.

M/S/P unanimously approval of January and February meetings.

- **Raleigh Dawson** from Martin Selig Real Estate presented plans for 3rd & Lenora building that is in the MUP application process now. He addressed the structural design of the building (including form and seismic protection), parking/alley use, and other questions from the audience.

Risa Lewellyn of Madison Tower announced that she is organizing a group of condominium owners to address livability issues surrounding growth.

Committee meetings were held.

Adjourned at 8:05 PM.