

West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes May 23, 2016 6:00pm at Friends of Seattle Waterfront Space

Meeting was called to order by President Jo VanDerSnick at 6:08 PM

Jo thanked our restaurant sponsor, Pike Place Brewing, represented at the meeting by owner Charles Finkel.

Speakers:

- **Heidi Hughes**, executive director of Friends of Waterfront Seattle, introduced **Kelly Evans** of Sound View Strategies to give an update on the NO on Initiative 123 campaign. Kelly discussed a poll done by the campaign that showed that, w/o any education, voters were split on support for the initiative that would create a PDA to build a new, elevated park in place of the existing viaduct. Once voters learned the specifics of the campaign, they were overwhelmingly opposed. She pointed to three areas of concerns, including the lack of a funding mechanism, the appointment of specific people to a Public Development Authority (which she referred to as “unprecedented”), and that this plan will conflict with much of the current waterfront plan.
- **Chrissy Schrader**, Director of Unico Properties, introduced **Joe Herrin** of Heliotrope Architects, to give us an update on work being done between the Marketplace 1 and 2 office buildings on Western, just north of the Market. He discussed the ground-floor retail changes that retains Cutter’s restaurant with a new entry. Several new spaces, including a restaurant area, will be added. They addressed questions about the design, accessibility, and use of neon lighting. The design team encouraged any feedback.

M/S/P unanimous approval of the April minutes.

Good of the order:

- Carol Stockton encouraged residents to get involved in the Victor Steinbrueck Park redesign. The waterproof membrane under the park/over the garage has failed and the park will be removed/replaced in the next two years. The design team is holding public meetings and taking feedback on the project.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.