

West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2017 6:00 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle Space

Meeting was called to order by President Leigh Valentine at 6:08 PM.

- Leigh thanked our hosts, Friends of Waterfront Seattle, and Pike Brewing, our presenting sponsor, for the pizza and beer donation.
- Leigh encouraged anyone present to become a member.
- Approval for May meeting minutes will be included with the next meeting.

Panel Speakers:

- **Sheley Secrest**, candidate for Seattle City Council, Pos. 8, spoke to her candidacy. Sheley is a leader in the local NAACP and has a focus on displacement, equity, and bringing residents to the table alongside development on projects.
- **C.J Holt**, SDOT Project Manager for the **Seattle Center City Connector Streetcar**, presented project updates and construction information. He emphasized the connectivity and capacity goals for the streetcar, including 5-minute arrival times, 10-minute travel time from Westlake to Occidental Park, and a projected 20-24,000 riders per average weekday (triple the current line). He also reviewed the timeline and potential construction impact. Questions included the impact of Viaduct demolition, the effects on parking, the replacement of bricks at 1st & Pine, and the streetcar bell noise.
- **Stacy Segal**, Director of the **Center for Architecture & Design**, introduced the membership to her organization and others co-housed in the new facility on Western & Spring St and its programming, including family programs, public presentations (such as their “Living Small” program on micro housing), and exhibits (including “Design for All” on accessible design). They look at elements of urban design, including intersections with social justice and other issues. “Extraordinary Playscapes” (July 13-September 2) will explore the design element of spaces for play. The Seattle Design Festival in September is free and will center around Occidental Mall. The space is also available for rent.
- **WENA vice president Linda Mitchell** noted that the West Edge Neighborhood Association (WENA) will be presenting candidates for local offices over the next meetings. Several who were scheduled did not attend.
- **Sara Nelson**, also a candidate for Seattle City Council, Pos. 8, spoke about her candidacy. Nelson, the co-founder of Fremont Brewing Co., emphasized the importance of having small business owners involved in policymaking. Nelson pointed to environmental issues and climate change as top priorities, and explained that she thinks the City should do more to work with the private sector in forging solutions. The primary election is Tuesday, August 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.