

West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes July 24, 2017 6:00 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle Space

Meeting was called to order by President Leigh Valentine at 6:10 PM.

- Leigh thanked our hosts, Friends of Waterfront Seattle.
 - Leigh thanked Pike Brewing, our presenting sponsor, for the pizza and beer donation. Leigh encouraged anyone present to become a member. For visitors who are not currently members, you can join for half the yearly rate (\$12.50 for individual members or families and \$25 for businesses) between now and the end of December
- Approval for May and June meeting minutes requested, seconded and passed.

Panel Speakers:

The following candidates are running for positions in city government and provided a 2-3 minute summary of their qualifications and issues of interest.

- **Cary Moon**, candidate for Seattle Major, spoke to her candidacy. Cary is an urban planner, engineer, and civic activist. She bring an engineering perspective to the issues that Seattle faces. She described her legislative focus and the approach she would take as Mayor.
- **Pat Murakami**, candidate for Seattle City Council position 9, spoke to her candidacy. Pat described what her legislative focus would be if elected to the City council, including making the neighborhood planning process more inclusive, work to increase the availability of affordable housing, assist the homeless, and work to ensure small business can thrive in the our city.
- **Teresa Mosqueda**, candidate for Seattle City Council position 9 spoke to her candidacy. Teresa provided a brief summary of her background and the issues she is interested in. She is a third-generation Mexican-American, the daughter of educators and social justice activists, and a graduate of the UW, with a Master's degree from Evergreen. If elected, she promises to protect the rights of all city residents, to fight for livability and affordability issues, and to build an economy that works for all.
- **Andre Helmstetter**, candidate for Position 4 on the Seattle School Board, spoke to his candidacy. Andre is a longtime resident of the Central district, with three children in the Seattle Public School system. Andre has been active in the fight for educational excellence by participation in a variety of community organizations. If elected, his goals are to ensure operational excellence of the school system and that the School Board maintains an inclusive and engaging educational experience for all Seattle public school students.
- **Jenny Durkan**, candidate for Seattle Major, spoke to her candidacy. Jenny is a Seattle native, graduating from the UW with a law degree. Her previous position was a U.S. Attorney, appointed by President Obama. Jenny has a history of fighting for progressive causes. If elected she is committed to fighting for more affordable Housing, the creation of workable solutions to Seattle's homelessness problem, ensure Seattle has an effective transportation system, and fight to keep Seattle environmental standards.

Tonight's featured speaker is Michael George, a member of the Parents for a Better Downtown task force (<http://www.downtownseattleparents.com>) gave us an overview of possible sites for a new elementary school downtown. Based on existing demographics and the desire that people have to live downtown, there is a need for a new elementary school in the greater downtown Seattle area. Initially the Federal Reserve Bank site was considered as a possible location, but when that proved

unsuitable, other sites had to be considered. Currently three sites appear promising, two by the Seattle center and the third located on in Denny Park, which currently houses the Seattle Parks and Recreation headquarters.

Leigh announced that the next meeting is on Monday August 28th.
Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.