

West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2017 6:00 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle Space

Meeting was called to order by President Leigh Valentine at 6:12 PM.

- Leigh thanked our hosts, Friends of Waterfront Seattle.
- Leigh thanked Pike Brewing, our presenting sponsor, for the pizza and beer donation. Because Charles Finkel and his lovely wife were in attendance, Leigh thanked them personally for their continued support.
- Leigh reminded everyone that we are not collecting dues and will start collected them again during our first meeting in 2018.
- Approval for the October meeting minutes was requested, seconded and passed.

Presentations:

We had two presentations:

- An overview of the Josephinum building, its history, its current use and it's mission. The presentation comprised three speakers:
 - The Rev. Paul Magnano gave an overview of the building, how it was taken over by the Catholic Community services, and how it transitioned into Christ Our Hope Catholic Church.
 - Pete Mills – congregation member and downtown resident, gave an overview of the architectural features of interest in the Josephinum.
 - Lauren Pusichm, the Immersion/Events Coordinator for Christ Our Hope Catholic Church, provided an overview of the low-cost housing that the church provides to formerly-homeless people. She also provided an overview of the Woman's Wellness Center (WWC), which provides meals and other hygienic services to homeless women in downtown Seattle.
- Hal Ferris, Principala at Spectrum Development Solutions, presented the latest design for a boutique hotel to be located at 1st and Pike, replacing the Hahn building, which currently houses small businesses and the Green Tortoise hostel. Hal presented the design and took questions from interested attendees.

Leigh announced that the next meeting is the fourth Monday in January. There will be no meeting in December use to the Christmas holiday. ***[Note: The executive board subsequently moved WENA meetings to the first Wednesday of every month, with the next meeting to be held in February – on Wednesday, February 7. Meetings will continue to be at 6 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle's Western Avenue showroom.]***

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.