

West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes June 6, 2018 6:00 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle Space

Meeting was called to order by Treasurer Linda Mitchell at 6:12 PM.

- Members introduced themselves.
- Linda thanked our hosts, Friends of Waterfront Seattle and Pike Brewing, our presenting sponsor, for the pizza and beer donation. Linda also thanked Parker Smith Feek for additional sponsorship.

Presentations:

Rebecca Sorensen, Event Director with Cascade Bicycle Club, introduced the Open Streets program and showed an introductory video based on the Summer Streets program in Manhattan. She showed sample routes in Seattle, including Second Avenue. Event programming includes partial or full closures, engagement activities, and participation by local businesses and transportation services. The goal is to pull in a crowd of 10,000-20,000 people. They would like to introduce the concept downtown in 2019, likely May or September timeframe, working on funding and approvals now. More information is available at www.openstreetsproject.org.

Brad Finegood, Chief Health Integration Strategist for King County Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, presented on the opioid crisis. Overdose deaths associated with heroin are increasing in King County as users switch from prescription opiates to heroin due to costs. The increasing frequency of fentanyl in the field is also a growing concern. He strongly recommended the use of medicine return boxes to rid of unneeded opioid painkillers; available at QFCs, and one is available at the Downtown Public Health Center at 2124 4th Ave.

Laine Ross, David Allen and Phil Tavel of Allied Arts presented on the “Grow Gracefully” program, which looks at how Seattle can integrate design, urban planning, business, government, and arts to grow the City. They are collecting feedback on the plan. There’s another session in June on Beacon Hill.

No July meeting, but will return in August.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.