

West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes August 1, 2018 6:00 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle Space

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

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

Presentations:

Jacqueline Gruber, Senior Economic Development Manager for the Downtown Seattle Association, shared an early draft of the new Third Avenue Vision document, a long-term planning effort between the City of Seattle, King County Metro, Sound Transit, and the Downtown Seattle Association (Commute Seattle). The presentation included a comprehensive analysis of the current urban environment and upcoming changes, using available evidence on urban activation to identify the corridor's weaknesses and the impact of established models from other cities. The goal of the project is to identify possible approaches and facilitating a community conversation while identifying "Quick Wins", less costly reforms that can provide quick improvements, such as removing archaic payphones.

Secretary Ben Anderstone presented on the results of the West Edge Neighborhood Association member survey. The survey asked about priorities for the neighborhood and WENA, as well as feedback. Most responders indicated their appreciation for neighborhood updates and the ability to provide feedback on neighborhood issues. Ben noted that the Executive Board will discuss feedback regarding the organization's role in advocacy and moderating advocacy-related discussion at meetings.

William Justen updated the group on the Local Improvement District (LID). The presentation included an update on the schedule for Councilmanic action and efforts to oppose the LID through legal and public relations means. Linda Mitchell provided an update on supporters' efforts, including collecting petitions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.