

## **West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes September 5, 2018 6:00 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle Space**

Meeting was called to order by President Leigh Valentine at 6:11 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:**

Eric Mott of Perkins & Will presented on their 815 Western (Commuter Building) project, which is being developed in conjunction with Martin Selig Real Estate. The presentation included information on street-level improvements, pedestrian connections, the interface with Western Avenue, potential uses of the building, historic inspirations from the neighborhood, and preliminary site sketches. The overall vision involves transforming the building from one designed for a vehicle-orientation to one with more pedestrian-facing features (e.g., cafes). They will have a public site walk-through on Thursday, September 20 at 6 PM.

Rosie Courtney, with the Public Affairs department at the Port of Seattle and part of the “Cruise Team”, presented on the development of the cruise industry in Seattle. She focused on the history of Seattle’s strategic approach to attracting cruise ships and our current status as a market competitor (especially versus neighboring Vancouver). Questions included the environmental impact of the cruise industry and the logistics of boarding and debarking ships.

Leigh announced that the next WENA meeting will be October 7, speakers will include the Seattle Aquarium on their extension plans, an update from WSDOT on plans for the Alaskan Way Viaduct demolition, and an update from the Seattle Police Department West Precinct.

Meeting adjourned of 7:07 PM.