

## **West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes October 3, 2018 6:00 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle Space**

Meeting was called to order by President Leigh Valentine at 6:07 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:**

Seattle Police Department Captain and West Precinct Commander Thomas Mahaffey presented an update. He described problem areas and the “two-pronged approach” (enforcement/diversion) they are taking. Captain Mahaffey noted that car prowls as a recent high-priority focus. Questions included the problems around 3<sup>rd</sup> & Pike, and noise violations.

Susan Bullerdick, the Director of Capital Projects at the Seattle Aquarium, gave an update on the planned Aquarium expansion. She presented on the Aquarium’s 2017 community impact and mission, and explained the new building’s focus on Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and Malaysia, as well as engaging visitors about “behind-the-scene” operations of the Aquarium. She also presented designs for the Promenade and Overlook Walk area outside of the Aquarium. They hope to break ground in 2021. Budget is \$115M, funded by private donations and maybe some County money.

Meghan Sheppard, Downtown Mobility Specialist with SDOT, and Brian Nielsen, Program Administrator for the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program at WSDOT, presented a Viaduct demolition update. Meghan presented on the project vision and interagency coordination. Brian presented on the closure, which begins January 11, 2019, and will last up to three weeks. He advised to expect long backups on I-5 and throughout Downtown, especially during peak hours. Real-time data collection will be a priority in this project, including in updating commuters during the closure period. There will be area meetings with neighbors when the contractor plan is finalized.

Linda announced that the next WENA meeting will be November 7, and will include a moderated panel on West Edge retail and its future.

Meeting adjourned of 7:30 PM.