



Minutes #12

(Adopted December 12, 2018)

Swedish Medical Center Cherry Hill Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Swedish Medical Center – Cherry Hill

500 17th Ave – James Tower SECC

Seattle WA 98122

Members and Alternate Present:

Julia Blum

Justin Kliewer

Claire Lane

Kevin Klauer

Catherine Koehn

Dave West

Staff and Other Present:

Maureen Sheehan – DON

Sherry Williams - Swedish

1. Opening and Introductions

Ms. Julia Blum opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

2. Housekeeping

A motion was made to adopt the October 10 minutes, and it was seconded. The Committee voted, and the motion was adopted.

Swedish/Sabey mentioned that they are waiting for the final demolition permit and will continue to monitor the surrounding construction building area for security.

A comment was made if any of the trees will be coming down, and Swedish/Sabey noted that there is a landscaping plan at work and they will provide an update.

Ms. Catherine Koehn commented about any website and communication updates from Swedish, and Ms. Sherry Williams mentioned that the website is live. She noted that construction updates will be posted. The communications postcard was approved by Marketing and Communications and will be mailed out to the 98122 zip code comprised of about 22,000 residents.

3. Public Comment

Ms. Blum opened the discussion for public comments.

(Editor's Note: The comments shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in voice recording (.mp3) form)

Comments from Vicky Schiantarelli: Ms. Schiantarelli commented that she did not see any questions and answers about the stormwater issues. She added that when Shannon Williams did a presentation, she did not hear back any response or answers to the questions that she asked.

The nearby neighbors had a meeting with Sabey/Swedish to discuss about the fence and will continue to communicate and come up with a consensus that benefits both the residents and Swedish. One of the concerns of a neighbor that lives very close to the proposed fence area if the resident would be able to maintain and access the garage area. She concluded that the meeting with Swedish/Sabey was successful and they will periodically discuss any outstanding issues that affects the residents and neighbors.

She also asked about a light study to minimize any lights that is coming from the vehicles as well as the potential noise that will be coming out from the loading dock structure.

Comments from Mary Pat DeLiva: Ms. Sheehan read an email from Ms. DeLiva about her concerns regarding the noise that will be coming out from the loading dock and if this was considered in the proposed building design.

Ms. Claire Lane asked Ms. Schiantarelli if the neighbors who attended the meeting with Swedish/Sabey be willing to draft a memo to summarize the meeting discussion, and Ms. Schiantarelli noted that she will provide a memo and she will send it to Ms. Sheehan. Ms. Sheehan asked if the memo be submitted by Tuesday, November 13th.

4. Committee Deliberation – 18th Ave Building Comment Letter

Ms. Blum opened the discussion on committee deliberation.

Ms. Blum proposed to focus on the areas that were changed in the previous iteration and make sure it is currently aligned. Ms. Sheehan noted that she will consolidate all the edits completed at this meeting, and she will present the consolidated work at the next meeting.

Ms. Koehn commented on any outstanding questions that need clarification and Ms. Sheehan suggested that she will reach out to SDCI about any outstanding questions. She noted that to put language in the comment letter about any inadequacies of the building design.

The Committee began to deliberate and comment about the street frontage and connections to the street. The Committee discussed about the requirements of a pocket park in relation to the MIMP requirements and recommended enhancing the area to meet the requirements. The Committee also discussed the seating areas and how it was inadequate because of a single bench. The Committee commented about making a statement to address the seating area inadequacies.

The Committee discussed the health walk around the proposed building. Ms. Lane commented that there was not enough substantive discussion about the health walk and she heard that it contradicts what the nearby neighbors want. Ms. Blum suggested making a recommendation about the design of the proposed health walk in future phases of the project. Mr. Justin Kliwer added that the Committee would want to see a proposal be presented to the Committee about the location of the health walk within the campus in future meetings.

The Committee discussed parking and access and the campus wide loading dock plan. Ms. Lane commented that the design team did not fully address the loading dock plan and design especially the public comment about any noise mitigation. The Committee suggested the institution increase the required noise standards and be stricter because of its proximity to the nearby residents. The Committee also discussed the light pollution that will be coming from the vehicles and how the placement and size of the trees would mitigate this issue.

The Committee discussed about the landscaping and private screenings. The Committee addressed the neighbors' issue about the placement of the proposed trees and its impact to the resident's backyards. One of the neighbors commented that her concern about the tree placement also includes the roots spreading. Ms. Blum recommended about a continued conversation between the neighbor and Sabey about tree plantings and placement. Mr. Kliewer added that depending on the assigned landscape planner, any landscape plans has already been approved, but commented that there should be a leeway on the design if an issue comes up. Ms. Koehn added that based on the feedback from the neighbors, that they would like to see additional coniferous trees planted.

Ms. Sheehan commented that she will edit the draft letter and will send out the draft working document at the next meeting to continue finalizing the letter.

Ms. Koehn asked Ms. Sheehan if there were any detailed studies about noise levels from other major institution's letter, and Ms. Sheehan commented that majority of the comments from the major institution's follow what was required in the land use code.

5. Meeting #13 Agenda & Adjournment

Ms. Sheehan commented that a solicitation letter was sent out to fill an open Committee member seat.

No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.