



# Minutes #185

(Adopted September 10, 2019)

## City of Seattle/University of Washington Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC)

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Odegaard Library

4060 George Washington Lane NE

Seattle, WA 98195

### Attendees/CUCAC Members:

John Gaines

Barbara Quinn

Ashley Shook

Colleen McAleer

Sarah Swanberg

Jon Berkedal

Ashley Emery

Amanda Winters

Kerry Kahl

Julie Blakeslee

### Staff and Other Present:

Nelson Pesigan - DON

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### 1. UW Campus Walking tour

Mr. Jim Goodspeed of the Seattle Architecture Foundation (SAF) led a UW Campus Tour for CUCAC members, alternates and guest. The walking tour includes the Parrington Hall, Gates and Burke Buildings, Paccar and Denny Hall, Liberal Arts Quad, Architecture Hall, and the Red Square.

Mr. Goodspeed provided information about the architectural history of the buildings. Several CUCAC members expressed their appreciation and thanked Mr. Goodspeed for providing a very informative and insightful view about the campus architecture.

### 2. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. John Gaines opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

### 3. Housekeeping (00:34)

A motion was made to adopt the May 14, 2019 minutes, and it was seconded. The Committee voted and the motion was passed.

### 4. Public Comments (00:57)

Mr. Gaines opened the discussion for public comments. There were no public comments.

## 5. Committee Deliberation (01:01)

Mr. Gaines opened the discussion for committee deliberation.

Mr. Doug Campbell commented if the Committee is interested in doing a similar tour that focuses on the different neighborhoods and historical places in the U District.

Mr. Gaines asked if the Seattle Architecture Foundation (SAF) does similar tours for the neighborhood, and Ms. Barbara Quinn responded that having a neighborhood tour will be a huge undertaking. Mr. Gaines commented that if there are resources available, he would like to continue and pursue the request. Mr. Kerry Kahl commented that having a tour around the neighborhood will provide an insight to this Committee about the upcoming upzone.

Mr. Gaines commented that he believed the UW Campus Tour was helpful and provided a different perspective of the University's architecture and landscape. He noted that at the September meeting, he would like to have a work planning session to discuss the scope and responsibilities of this Committee moving forward and identify the areas this Committee can be impactful.

Mr. Campbell mentioned about an EIS scoping meeting in August to discuss the second upzone in the U-District. He encouraged the Committee to get active and engage since the decision could affect certain areas of the neighborhood around the U District. He added that he is no longer a representative of the U District Partnership and he was elected in the U District Community Council. The Council is opposed to the upzoning of the Ave. Ms. Barbara Quinn echoed Mr. Campbell's comments that it is appropriate for this Committee to be actively involved.

Mr. Kahl asked Mr. Campbell if he could provide the information about the scoping meeting and suggested that whoever goes to the meeting to present the finding at the next meeting. Mr. Campbell commented that he will pass along more information about the meeting to the Committee.

Mr. Jon Berkedal commented about his concerns regarding the high-rise buildings that are being built in the U District particularly related to luxury student housing. He is interested to know the City's perspective on the impact of these high-rise towers not only to the U District but to the surrounding communities as well. Mr. Gaines asked about who from the City they could invite and talk about these projects.

Mr. Berkedal commented that these could impact parking and transportation as more and more students come and live in these buildings. Mr. Gaines commented that he will investigate who from the City that the Committee can invite so they can present the impacts of these building. He added that it will be beneficial to this Committee knowing that their input about these projects are effective and what areas of these projects should the Committee focus on.

Mr. Berkedal commented that he has a responsibility to the neighborhood that he represents. He added that the reason why he attends this meeting is to gather information about the projects that are happening in the U district and its impacts so he can communicate it to his neighborhood. He believes that this Committee is created and structured to have an open conversation between the City, University and the surrounding communities about these impacts.

Mr. Gaines agreed with Mr. Berkedal and he noted that it will be up to this Committee to redefine its roles and reach out to the City about possible resources and tools that the Committee could use to be more effective in providing advice and recommendation to the University and the surrounding neighborhoods. He also commented that he believes that everyone on this Committee is committed to the work the University does to the surrounding community.

Mr. Pesigan commented that he will reach out to Ms. Kjris Lund if she could help facilitate the work plan session in September.

## **6. New Business**

Mr. Gaines opened the discussion for new business.

Mr. Gaines commented about having a co-chair for this Committee. He noted that he will keep reminding the Committee about their interest in being a co-chair.

Mr. Pesigan asked the Committee if it would be helpful to invite a facilitator to facilitate the work plan session in September and he suggested inviting Ms. Kjris Lund if she could help facilitate. He commented that he will reach out to her if she is available.

## **7. Adjournment**

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