



MEMBERS

- Larry Brouse
- Jim Erickson
- James Kirkpatrick – Co-Chair
- Ted Klainer
- Terry Miller – Co-Chair
- Ward Wright
- Ex-Officio Members**
- Maureen Sheehan
- Department of Neighborhoods
- Betsy Braun
- Virginia Mason

**Virginia Mason Medical Center
Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)
Meeting Minutes
Meeting #27
January 21, 2020**

Virginia Mason Medical Center
Correa B Conference Room
1100 9th Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

Members and Alternates Present

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| Larry Brouse | Terry Miller |
| Jim Erickson | Ward Wright |
| James Kirkpatrick | |

Staff and Others Present

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| Maureen Sheehan | Seattle Department of Neighborhoods |
| Betsy Braun | Virginia Mason |

I. Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Maureen Sheehan opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed.

II. Housekeeping

Sara McVey, previously of Horizon House, has relocated and has stepped down from the Committee.

Ms. Sheehan called for Co-Chair nominations. After a show of hands, Jim Erickson and Ward Wright were elected as the new Committee Co-Chairs.

The Committee approved the November 13, 2018 (Meeting #25) meeting minutes as written.

III. Annual Report & Activity

[09:50] Ms. Braun shared that the City of Seattle requests the Master Plan’s Table of Conditions be used to check on the Institution’s progress. They continue to work on our Transportation Master Plan. Trash and recycle cans have been placed at the bus stops with mixed results. Virginia Mason has found that the public is not differentiating between recycling and trash; as a result, any recycling has been trash. Ms. Braun said they are considering in the next report to the City changing this condition to just adequate trash cans for each area.

Virginia Mason needs to hold a big public meeting every five years. Even though this meeting was promoted as a public meeting, the next large one will be in 2023.

Ms. Braun reported that the Madison retail core is 100 percent rented with no tenant problems. There are alleged illegal activities associated with the small grocery store by the bus stop. Virginia Mason’s property management company, Hunters Capital, is aware of the situation. The businesses have hired a security guard to monitor activity.

Mr. Erickson said that local shopping is an issue in the area since the local population has risen from 10,000 to 17,000. He asked how they can help prepare the neighborhood for an upcoming three-year construction project. Ms. Braun commented no formal discussions are being held at this time. Mr. Erickson also talked about the Madison Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route project. A construction plan needs to be in place for the retail core on Terry. The Terry Avenue Committee appreciates the \$4M public award from the Washington State Convention Center that SDOT is holding for it, however, the funds will not be available until 2028 and the buildings will be occupied in a couple of years. Speaking as a resident, he feels the City should have a context plan regarding Terry and Madison.

[26:35] There seems to be a lot of meetings with a variety of players. Ms. Braun said that this conversation could be held with the First Hill Improvement Association (FHIA) Leadership to see how all of this is coming together. She suggested tabling this item for a later meeting.

Ms. Braun mentioned that a few of Mr. Erickson's remarks are germane to Virginia Mason's MIMP, its commitment to Terry and developing the Public Realm Action Plan (PRAP). She said that the PRAP drew a lot of its design and framework from Virginia Mason's PRAP. There is a lot of synergy there. Virginia Mason is committed to extend the thinking of the PRAP north a block and a half on Cherry north of the hospital.

Mr. Erickson brought up the issue of housing. Page 6, small letter "g" "DPD shall submit all xxx for replacement housing to the Standing Advisory Committee to review and comment." Ms. Braun relayed that the MIMP proposes tearing down the Chasselton Apartment Building. (The building has not been torn down; the City received the money early.) In the process of doing that, Virginia Mason was offered two paths to mitigate the loss of housing. In the first path, VM could pay the City a large amount of money and allow the Office of Housing to use those dollars to develop housing within the First Hill boundary.

The second path was to replace the housing. The requirement to bring replacement housing to the Committee was only if Virginia Mason chose that path; they did not. She referred to a receipt for \$4,460,000 which was accepted by the City in November 2015. There was a window after the MIMP was approved within to elect to take this option. Virginia Mason has met the mitigation requirement. We won't be bringing housing *per se* to the Committee as the issue was resolved. Ms. Braun believes the City used this money for property at 7th Ave and Cherry St (Plymouth Bellwether housing) and a portion was directed to the new Plymouth Bellwether high-rise currently going in. Mr. Erickson asked if a similar report was given back to the Committee to demonstrate what was being given in lieu of lost housing in the neighborhood. Ms. Braun believes that they have received written confirmation from the Office of Housing. She asked Ms. Sheehan to follow-up with the Office of Housing on how the money was spent and how it compares to what was lost. Ms. Sheehan will review past meeting minutes as she believes the topic has already been covered.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said they were happy with the arrangements as the Committee had insisted that the money be spent on First Hill. There were no more responses after Ms. Braun asked for any additional comments on the MIMP Annual Report.

IV. New Business

[33:25] Ms. Braun distributed copies to the Committee of her status report for this meeting on subsequent changes since the Annual Report was adopted. Virginia Mason submitted an RFP to undisclosed developers in October 2018. VM requested a proposal on how they might co-develop two blocks on their property. (The block on Terry Avenue a block and a-half north with Blackford Hall and the MRI Building to the east of Terry.)

V. Committee Deliberation

Mr. Kirkpatrick commented that at the last meeting, the City is trying to be more inclusive. He inquired if the members are closing in on their term that was started in 2011 and having members serve on one committee rather than multiple committees. Ms. Sheehan mentioned that the members would still be limited to serving on one committee at a time.

Ms. Braun commented about having the term start over when a committee transitions from a CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee) to SAC (Standing Advisory Committee), and Ms. Sheehan noted that is does.

Mr. Kirkpatrick commented about crosstown traffic along Boren and if there were any activities or plans to address this issue as it affects the neighborhood.

Ms. Braun noted that she has not heard anything about it. She mentioned that in the MIMP, SDOT required a greater setback on to the Virginia Mason property for future expansion on Boren that would require the existing sidewalk to be reduced in width. Along the 1000 block of Madison it is very narrow, and it would take the right-of-way for an additional lane. The buildings may need to be demolished along Boren and redeveloped to make space. She mentioned that she was not yet been approached about these plans.

Mr. Kirkpatrick asked if the hospital has provisions for electric cars in the garage. Ms. Braun noted that there has not been enough push from employees or patients to justify having charge stations be installed in their garages.

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Miller informed the Committee that they would reconvene again in mid-November to discuss the oxygen tanks and if Ms. Braun has something to present.

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