



Meeting Minutes #6

(Adopted TBD)

Kaiser Permanente Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC)

Thursday, November 30, 2023

6:00 – 8:00 PM

(Transcriber's Note: The notes 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 video recording and available upon request.)

In-person Location:

Seattle City Hall
3rd Floor, Conference Room 370
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Virtual:

Webex

Committee Members Present:

David Dahl (virtual)
John Akamatsu (virtual)
Pablo Carrasquillo (virtual)
Rebecca Fox (virtual)

Kaiser Permanente staff:

Gretchen Benzin
Nicole Pettigrew

City of Seattle Staff:

Nelson Pesigan, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)

Opening & Introductions

Nelson Pesigan opened the meeting. Brief introduction followed.

There was a brief presentation about the Committee's roles and responsibilities.

Presentation:

2022 Annual Report

A link to the presentation can be found [here](#).

Gretchen Benzin mentioned that the Capitol Hill campus location is experiencing a post-pandemic surge in procedures, focusing on deferred appointments and improving security around the campus.

Capitol Hill Campus Updates

The campus has been limited to interior improvements, building maintenance work, and wayfinding.

The two cooling towers fan motors and fan assemblies has been serviced, providing a lower sound level at the residential distance from the roof of the facility.

CTR Survey Results

Nicole Pettigrew mentioned that efforts are being made to reduce drive-alone rates through incentive programs, technology improvements, and transportation alternatives.

The campus did not meet the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) 2022 threshold due to the survey program issues. The next CTR survey will happen in the fall of 2023 and will communicate to all employees to participate and respond to the survey.

Kaiser Permanente has developed a comprehensive Return To Work program that includes an employee commute to work plan to further drive down the SOV rates in alignment with the Kaiser Permanente- carbon neutral goals.

These activities include commute communication campaign, commute roadshows, commute rewards program, commute team expansion and having a commute program consultant to monitor and analyze the program.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Committee Deliberation

David Dahl commented that the map that was presented in the meeting is inaccurate and needs to be revised. There is a need to clarify the boundaries and suggest including street names on the map.

A suggestion was made to clarify and spell out the acronyms such as RPZ, BIA, DAR.

There is ongoing discussion about the parking issue and the need to reduce parking demand in the neighborhood.

Gretchen Benzin mentioned that the parking demands is tied to the development plan of the campus. It is a challenge to address the reduction of these parking lots and parcels until there is a better understanding of the future for the campus.

David Dahl encourages Kaiser that any plans for this campus should not involve additional parking spaces that are not currently being utilized.

Pablo Carrasquillo asked about any long-term plans for the campus at the North Building and the various parking lots around Capitol Hill.

Gretchen Benzin mentioned that due to the financial situation of the healthcare system, there is work underway to identify the growth projections and delivery plans for the whole Western Washington region including the City of Seattle, and Capitol Hill. Currently, it is challenging to provide a definite timeline. Kaiser is working on a facilities strategy that will be shared to the community and this committee once it is available.

John Akamatsu addressed concerns about the lighting in the parking lots and the surrounding area is causing light pollution to nearby residents and disrupting the wildlife. Another concern is the lights were installed without any permits and about the lack of oversight.

Kaiser suggested to schedule a meeting to John Akamatsu to identify and discuss these concerns.

David Dahl commented about the vacant retail store frontage along 15th avenue.

Nicole Pettigrew mentioned that there are plans to address the vacant retail frontage on 15th avenue with a focus on supporting small businesses along with community opportunities. Kaiser plans to share these activities in future meetings.

Kristin Ryan asked about future projects for the campus.

Gretchen Benzin noted that the current plan for the campus are ongoing maintenance improvements and replacement work.

David Dahl suggested to have a walking tour around the Capitol Hill campus for committee members to see the potential areas of improvement and concerns.

Gretchen Benzin noted that Kaiser will follow up and will communicate and schedule about a future walking tour around the campus.

Nelson Pesigan commented to defer adopting the November 1, 2022, meeting minutes at the next meeting due to the current committee's attendance is below quorum.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded. The Committee voted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.