



Laurelhurst Community Club

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Comments for the Seattle Children's Hospital Implementation Advisory Committee Meeting
June 26, 2024 -**corrected and aligns with oral public comment**

1. General Housekeeping -The term for the Co-chairs is up and the time for the election of new co-chairs. There have been and still are concerns that an employee of the Major Institution should not be the Chair or Co-Chair due to the potential conflict-of-interest positioning with the employer. Please call for the election of new co-chairs.
2. There are current members listed at the Dept of Neighborhoods website who were chosen to represent the Laurelhurst (impacted) neighborhood on the committee, and at least one has moved out of Laurelhurst. Kim Dales, is are listed as "a resident of Laurelhurst" but has moved, and should be replaced. To clarify, Laurelhurst residents are defined as living on the east side of Sandpoint Way NE, and the west side is the Bryant neighborhood.

There are 16 members listed on the DON website **but there are only 7 now who actually live near the Major Institution:** Ms. Camp, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Vraives, Ms. Mueller, Ms Nielson, Dr. Trask and Ms. Dolan-Waldman. The committee membership was intended to include at least half of its members or more from the impacted neighborhood, and any of those members chosen who no longer live in Laurelhurst should be replaced.

3. The new Metro bus route 31/32 was implemented to provide service for employees and hospital family/patients several years ago. It initially operated until 11:10pm into the Laurelhurst neighborhood, ending service at NE 45th St and 47th Ave NE. This stop at the back corner of SCH is "the end of the line" for 31/32 which means that the bus is "cleared" and all passengers must exit there. After a break, they may re-board (or not) while the route is still in service, but at the last run, they are all expelled from the bus for the night with no re-boarding. Two years ago, without warning Metro added longer service hours with runs at 11:37 pm, 12:07am, 12:30am and 1:04am and 1:34 am without consulting the impacted neighbors. Concurrently, there is Private Security Patrol data that indicates an uptick in property crime around the bus stop after that occurred. Neighbors have been assaulted by a few of these bus riders who have nothing to do with SCH business, and there are often unsheltered riders who get off and sleep overnight and relieve themselves in doorways, bushes, neighbors' yards as a result since this bus route has extended its hours.

Neighbors request that SCH partner with them and LCC to stop this "end of the line" service after 11:15pm which covers the SCH shift. Clearing out the passengers (some all-day riders) in the middle of the night with no services available for them is irresponsible.

4. As SCH plans its final square footage allocation, the SAC requests that it vet it with both the local neighborhood standing groups with SCH prior to forming plans via the SAC to achieve the balance for the hospital's needs for growth and livability for local residents.
5. **A virtual option** for attending the Implementation Advisory Committee meetings should be made available for more equitable access to its members who may not be able to attend in-person, as well as for members of the public to attend or provide public comment.

Thank you for resending our *revised* comments,

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