Minutes #31

(Adopted 4/17/2024)

Seattle Pacific University Citizen Advisory Committee (DAC)

Wednesday, September 14th, 2023, 6:00 PM-7:30
In-person: Seattle City Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 370
Virtual: Webex

Remote Meeting via WebEx – video recording is available on request.

Members and Alternates Present:

Debra Sequeira	John Stoddard
Patreese Martin	John Rush
Sue Tanner	Nancy Ousley

Staff Present:

Dave Church	Seattle Pacific University (SPU)
Cindy Harper	Consulting Planner SPU
Kelsey Timmer	Seattle Department of Transportation
Dipti Garg	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Nelson Pesigan	Department of Neighborhoods
Rebekah Anderson	Department of Neighborhoods

Consultants:

Michele Sarlitto	EA Engineering
Kristy Hollinger	EA Engineering
Brodie Bain	SPU MIMP

(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.)

Welcome & Introductions: Patreese Martin Chair, Nancy Ousley co-chair

Meeting Context Overview- MIMP Comments have been reviewed and the goal is to approve the comments and put them into the form of a recommendation letter. Review each section and have a representative from the subcommittees review them as a large overview and then the DAC will vote on each section and either deny or approve. If there are live changes, we will discuss and then accept or deny.

Meeting # 30 Minutes Approved

Public Comments: D. Garg reads a public comment submitted by J La Vassar:

"Monday marked the new school year opening . On Monday, all the on-street parking spaces in my neighborhood were taken mainly by students. Students were also parking illegally in areas not designed for parking and in front of fire hydrants. Last week before school there was lots of normal on-street parking available. This occurs before the potential

loss of 200 on-street parking spaces due to the potential proposed street vacations. I would ask the DAC members to look at the present parking situation and decide if by voting for street vacations they would want to make things worse than they already are. Promises by SPU to fix the problem over the last 25 years have not resulted in any change for the better- we must not go from bad to worse."

Sharon LeVine made a comment regarding cumulative impact. She requests a section be added that would include these impacts.

Potential vote on Draft MIMP & Draft EIS Comment Letter P. Martin/ N. Ousley

DAC Draft EIS-MIMP Comment Matrix.docx

Height bulk and scale: Patreese Martin
Open Space Impact: DAC approves.
Setbacks: DAC approves.
Zoning: DAC approves.
Residence Hall Height, Bulk , Scale: DAC approves.
Trail adjacent Sites: DAC approves.
Porosity: DAC approves.
Streetscape: DAC approves.

Land Use: Sue Tanner
Street Level Activities: DAC approves.
Expansion of MIO Boundary into Non-Residential Areas: DAC approves.
Impacts due to Reduction in the Amount of Commercial. Industrial/Light Industrial Property: DAC approves.
Correction Concerning Location of SPU: DAC approves.
Proposed New Dormitory East of Ashton Hall: DAC approves.
SPU Property Ownership Outside MIMP Boundaries: DAC approves.

Comment: John Stoddard wants to add that Illahee agrees with the comment.

Parking: John Rush
Above Grade Parking: DAC approves.
Parking Rate and Spillover Parking in the Neighborhood: DAC approves.

Comment: D. Garg shares from D. Rice email showing that he approves of the added comment.
D. Sequeira asks D. Church regarding parking rates being increased by city pressure.

D. Church responds that SPU has a transportation management program which is included in the MIMP. Under the code Sou is required to charge parking to fund the transportation program that includes bus passes etc. that are meant to discourage private vehicle use.

T**raffic and Transportation**: John Rush
Designation of W. Dravus @ 6th being a "gateway": DAC approves.
Intersection @ 3rd and Nickerson: DAC approves.
Intersection @ 6th and Nickerson: DAC approves.
Proposed expansion of W. Dravus: DAC approves.
Traffic calming measures: DAC approves but defers to SDOT
Impacts of Additional Traffic signals on W. Nickerson
Safety issue at Confluence of 5th Ave. W/W. Barret Street/Ashton Hall parking lot driveway: DAC approves.

Bicycle Access: DAC approves.

Comment: S. Tanner regarding 6th and Nickerson, the winter can cause icy conditions and so this is not a good gateway due to the icy conditions.
S. Tanner regarding traffic calming measures, this is a major bus route and so the calming measures might be limited.

Street Vacations: Nancy Ousley, John Stoddard
Vague Language Defining Goals for Street Vacations: DAC approves each individual street vacations:

- Alley east of 7th W between W Cremona and W Bertona
- W Emerson—only if reasonably priced parking is available to dorm residents who currently fully park W Emerson in front of the dorm
- N/S alley between W Cremona and W Dravus /3rd Ave W & Queen Anne Ave (subject to further study)
- E/W alley between Queen Anne and 3rd.
- E/W alley between 3rd W south of the ship canal.

The vague language paragraph has been voted for removal.

Shadows and Open Space: Patreese Martin
Mitigation Measures: DAC approves.
Light and shadow studies: DAC approves.

Public View Protection: John Stoddard
Additional Studies of impacts suggested: DAC approves.

Cultural Resources: N. Ousley
DAC approves recommendation of a survey of the historic structures and trees.

7: 08 PM- The DAC approves the draft MIMP and EIS comment letter.

Public Comment: Dipti Garg
Comment: Online comment asking what does ROW between 6th Ave we and 3rd Ave west. Are you referring to the southern half of West Street?

D. Garg shares MIMP process outline 05/26/23.

Next Meeting : TBD

Meeting Adjourned 7:16 PM